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Meeting Minutes Thursday 5 July 2018 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Tornbins

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1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Andy Cowie (AC); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (EM); Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR) In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG) Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7 June 2018: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	Police Report: The June report, due early July, has not been received at time of meeting.	Police Scotlan
5.	Finance Report: Balance at 5 th July is £2,800.11, including remaining £2,128 ring fenced for TERP.	ED
6.	Planning Matters: 6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: Application APP/2018/1330 Installation of Ground Based Electronic Communications Apparatus for Smart Metering Site At Junction Of Craigmyle Road And Woodside Road Torphins Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4GF ED noted a range of concerns about this application, which has received two objections from local residents. The statements filed by the applicant state there has been pre-application engagement with the Ward Councillors and Torphins Community Council, which has received no response. In fact TCC has not received any pre application communication at any time. The mast will be obtrusive at this location and more suitable locations could be found. Maintenance activity on the site could inhibit access for Addison's trucks. New materials have been added to the application after the date for objections. This is not considered proper process. ED will file objections on behalf of TCC, noting we have now had the opportunity to discuss in the meeting of 5 July 2018. 6.2. Tree Preservation Orders: Tree Preservation Orders for Annesley Grove and 4 William Street, replacing the existing orders for these sites, were reviewed. This is understood to be a routine review to extend the effective period. TCC agreed to respond positively to the Council regarding the orders.	ED

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7.	New Items:	
'	7.1. South Marr Community Safety Group Meeting:	НВ
	HB of TCC is Chair of the Group. At a recent meeting concern was expressed	
	regarding the lack of members from certain other Community Councils. The Group	
	needs support for its work on key matters: Vulnerable or at risk people in the	
	community; Safety in the environment; Working and engaging with young people and	
	older people.	
	HB advised the Group has funds for appropriate projects and suggested the Torphins	
	School playground as an appropriate target for improvement. Cllr. PA advised the	
	Aberdeenshire Council will work on improvements to Torphins School playground this	
	summer, addressing safety and other concerns. An alternative initiative was raised,	
	that of providing grit bins, particularly where one had been requested on Kincardine	
	Road.	
	Concern was expressed about safety at the junction to south of Torphins at Mid Beltie	
	where the link road from A980 meets the B993. Visibility is restricted due to growth	
	of hedges and trees.	
8.	Open Items:	
	8.1. Community Action Plan:	LM
	No new report.	
	8.2. Newsletter and Welcome Pack:	JL
	The Newsletter has been printed ready for distribution. Copies were distributed to	
	attendees. Cllr. PA specifically remarked the Newsletter is excellent and	
	congratulated TCC on the production.	
	JL solicited members to distribute the Newsletter to households in TCC area. It was	
	agreed to finalise the assignments after the meeting and immediately distribute the	
	Newsletters. It was also agreed to post the Newsletter on the TCC website, post a link	
	on TCC Facebook, and post on the notice board.	
	The Newsletter will be followed by development of the Village Welcome Pack.	
	8.3. Torphins Emergency Response Plan:	JL
	No new report except that SSEN have requested a progress report which JL will	
	address.	
	8.4. Notice Board:	ED
	The notice board has been delivered and is awaiting a date from Aberdeenshire	
	Council for installation.ED will contact Lumphanan CC again about the old board.	
	8.5. Roads:	
	8.5.1. Extension of 30 mph limit north of village:	NP
	To be addressed when AC summer focus on road dressing is complete.	
	8.5.2. Closure of informal layby east of Campfield Filling Station:	NP
	To be addressed when AC summer focus on road dressing is complete.	
	8.5.3. Proposed mirror at Campfield tee junction.	NP/CG
	The proposal was discussed at some length. AC will not provide this equipment as it is	Cllr. PG
	not within their policies. It was agreed Cllr. PG will approach the Police for feedback	
	on the matter of provision by local community.	
	8.6. Overgrown Hedges and Vegetation:	Cllr. PG
	Inspection of the locations by an Aberdeenshire Council official is in process to	
	determine required action.	
	8.7. Festive Lighting Update:	ED Clin DA
	The Infrastructure Services Committee considered this matter on 21 st June 2018. The	Cllr. PA
	decisions were made to implement the safety recommendations with some	
	modifications to the original proposal, and that the Aberdeenshire Council will	
	continue to fund the cost of electricity for festive lighting. The funding decision is	
	welcomed. The committee paper is available at:	
	http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=495&meetid=19	
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8.	8.8. Japanese Knotweed:	
	Cllr. PA has reported the matter to AC and awaits the response.	Cllr. PA
	8.9. Learney Hall Curtain Repair and Cleaning Quotes:	
	AC has obtained a quote of £3,000 for repair and will seek a comparative quote for	Cllr. PG
	replacement.	
	8.10. Learney Hall Clock:	
	TCC is pleased to note the clock is now going, however the time is set five minutes	AC
	fast and requires correction.	
	8.11. Old School House:	
	The property is now under offer.	Cllr. PA
9.	Correspondence:	WM
	9.1. Email received from Garioch Area Manager thanking Community Councils for	
	input to LDP process and explaining the process.	
	9.2. Communication received inviting comments to the consultation on Review of	
	Licensing Policy Statement. No comments from TCC.	
	9.3. Notification of Supporting Communities event on Saturday 15 September 2018 in	
	Woodhill House, Aberdeen, which is open to all community councillors.	
	9.4. Communication from Learney Estate confirming their woodlands planting plan.	
	This is welcomed and the Secretary was asked to respond appropriately.	
	9.5. Reminder about Snow Warden Scheme from Marr Area Manager was noted.	
10.	AOCB:	
	10.1. Gala:	
	The preparations for TCC attendance at the Torphins Gala were discussed, with a	JL
	decision to include the Guess the Whisky board and a new feature The Human Fruit	
	Machine as fund raisers on the day. It was agreed to organise a separate meeting to	
	finalise arrangements.	
	10.2. Grampian Terrace:	
	ED expressed concern about the difficulty delivery drivers and others have finding the	ED
	houses on Grampian Terrace beyond the junction with Innermarkie Wynd. ED	
	enquired if AC can provide a sign indicating the addresses beyond this point. Cllr. PA	
	advised this is outside the scope of AC activity and suggested TCC could pursue this	
	itself.	
11.	Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 6 th September 2018 (August is summer break)	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:22 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes:	
	These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 9 th July 2018 and	
	adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed	
	at the meeting on 6 th September 2018.	
	Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore	