

Torphins Community Council

Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Meeting Minutes Thursday 5th January at 07.30 pm Learney Hall. Torphins

	Learney Hall, Torphins	_
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM), Norman Morrice, Apologies: Jayne Clarke (JC), Nick Poulton (NP), Colin Rouse (CR), Cllr. Geva Blackett Not Present: Sarah Fraser (SF), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1 st December 2016: Approved: John Lucas, Seconded: Liz Moore	
4.	Finance Report: The balance at bank is £1269.99. The donations at the Carols Around the Christmas Tree totalled a record £218.44, which is much appreciated. The net expenditure was £104.64, given a number of donations in kind were also received. Liz Moore requested the minuting of a special thanks to Eric and Eleanor Day for an excellent job organising on the evening, and appreciation of the many other helpers was also noted.	ED
5.	Planning Matters: Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: Nothing of note for Torphins	ED
6.	Annual General Meeting 2017: 6.1. The AGM will be on Thursday 2 nd February 2017 in the Learney Hall at 7:30 pm. 6.2. The agenda was agreed and will be issued shortly with the meeting notice. 6.3. The meeting reviewed the retirals arising at this time according to the constitution, being members co-opted during the year (LM and NP) and members who have completed three years since election (SF). Additionally Norman Morrice advised his decision to retire now. There are two other open positions therefore there will be five positions open in total. Following discussion on the constitution and process TCC decided to advertise in January for nominations for the open positions in the interest of continuity. The Secretary agreed to contact Marr Area Office to confirm the process and request the appointment of a Returning Officer.	JL
7.	2017 Schedule of TCC Meetings: 5 th January 2017 2 nd February 2017 (AGM) 2 nd March 2017 6 th April 2017 11 th May 2017	TCC

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	1 st June 2017	
	6 th July 2017	
	7 th September 2017	
	5 th October 2017	
	2 nd November 2017	
	7 th December 2017	
8.	Open Actions:	
	8.1. Road Safety and Speeding:	
	8.1.1. Proposed Mandatory speed limit at Campfield – TCC has requested a 40	PA
	mph limit. No further information has been received and we await the	
	outcome of the Aberdeenshire Council assessment.	
	8.1.2. Proposed roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to	AC
	encourage improved behaviour – Awaiting further information from	
	Aberdeenshire Council.	
	8.1.3. Contact with Torphins School on road safety will proceed in January.	LM
	8.1.4. It was noted the temporary speed monitoring equipment on St Marnan	JL
	Road appears to be reducing traffic speed at that point entering the village.	
	This of course provides a false picture of speeds before the equipment was	
	installed, but does suggest a permanent sign of this type would be helpful.	
	There is ongoing concern about speed heading north on St Marnan Road. A	
	similar speed monitoring sign is requested to be installed on the northern	
	headed side of the road.	
	8.2. Torphins Park:	
	8.2.1. Jubilee Stone Planting Plan – HB has identified stones to be installed and	НВ
	will advise when work is to proceed.	
	8.2.2. Drainage – No further update at this time.	JL
	8.2.3. Park gymnastic equipment way forward decision – confirmed ED will	ED
	approach the school headmistress in January for feedback on preferences for	
	equipment.	
	ED has written to The Big Lottery Fund regarding possible funding for park	
	equipment and other projects. Awards for All and Investing in Ideas are two	
	potential funds that would each offer up to maximum £10,000 if appropriate	
	projects can be planned and submitted for approval.	
	8.3. Notice Board Map of Torphins:	
	Comments on the draft have now been completed and consolidated so work	CR
	on completing the map will proceed during January.	
	8.4. Second PAD for Village:	
	The PAD equipment has been received and is available for installation when	WM
	MDC is ready. NM agreed to review the equipment to plan installation	NM
	requirements for his firm to support when the time comes.	
	8.5. Torphins Community Resilience Plan:	
	Janelle Clark, Marr Area Manager, and Colin Gray, Emergency Planning Officer	JL
	will attend the February or March meeting of TCC to discuss community	
	resilience planning.	
	8.6. Paths Project: The next meeting of the joint committee is on 12 th	Paths
	November.	Group
9.	Correspondence:	
	WM advised we have received today a Winter Services Briefing Note issued to	WM
	all community councils by Philip D McKay Head of Roads, Landscape Services	
	and Waste Management, Aberdeenshire Council. WM to distribute the note	
	and post on TCC website and Facebook page.	
10.	A.O.C.B.	
	10.1. LM expressed serious concern about the recent increase in dog fouling	TCC, SF
	on Beltie Road and in the Park. The anti dog fouling campaign will be	
	reinforced, including additional chalk spraying.	JC, JL
	10.2. HB advised the broken water meter identified near MDC has been	НВ
	reported and is being addressed.	

	10.3. HB is going to contact Brian Ness of Learney Estate regarding the	НВ
	recommended relocation of the existing gate at the entrance to Torphins	
	Wood at MDC.	
	10.4. ED requested we seek confirmation of the calculation of the grant to TCC	WM
	from Aberdeenshire Council and to seek an increase. Secretary to follow up.	
	10.5. ED requests confirmation for future of drink licensing requirements for	ED
	Carols Around Christmas tree event.	
	10.6. JL to request a waste bin to be installed in the vicinity of the bus shelter	JL
	on Beltie Road, since bins that were previously there seem to have been	
	removed.	
	10.7. JL has already contacted Aberdeenshire Council about the glass recycling	JL
	mess in the park where bottles have been left on the ground when bins are full	
	over the festive period. A reconfiguration to increase the number of glass	
	recycling bins has been requested. NM will additionally provide JL with a	NM
	contact name at the Alford office of AC.	
	10.8. Concern has been received from a resident about the reduced gritting in	JL
	the village. This is due to the Aberdeenshire Council review last year which	
	was publicised. Please now refer to the Winter Services Briefing Note recently	
	issued and referred to at item 9. Correspondence.	
10.	Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 2 nd February 2017 at 8:00pm at The	TCC
	Learney Hall, Torphins	
	AGM: Thursday 2 nd February 2017 at 7:30 pm at The Learney Hall, Torphins.	
11.	Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.	
12.	Adoption of Minutes:	TCC
	These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6 th January	
	2017 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption	
	will be confirmed at the meeting on 2 nd February 2017.	
	Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas	