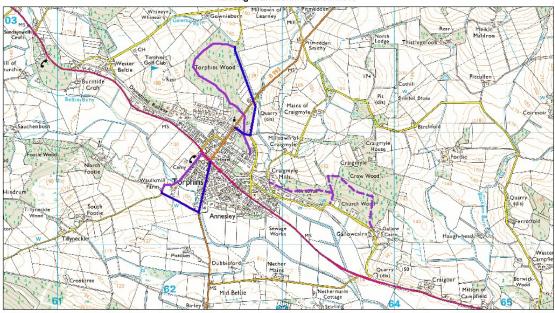
Torphins Joint Paths Group

Second Meeting of Torphins Joint Paths Group Thursday 12th January 2017 at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins

Learney Hall, Torphins			
Item No.	Description	Owner	
1.	Present: Marsaili Aspinall (MA), Hamish Booth (HB), Dr. Neil Campbell (NC), Ann Conroy (AC), Eric Day (ED), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM) (Chair), Dawn Tuckwood (DT)		
2.	Introduction: The work of the previous meeting was reviewed briefly by LM, and the attendees introduced themselves. HB, ED, WM, LM are members of Torphins Community Council; Marsailli Aspinall, Environmental Planner/Outdoor Access Officer, Environment South Team, Aberdeenshire Council; Dr. Neil Campbell, GP, Torphins Medical Practice; Ann Conroy, Torphins Patients Participation Group, Torphins Medical Practice; Dawn Tuckwood, Area Public Health Coordinator (Marr Area), Torphins Medical Practice.		
3.	 Report Back on Action Items from 17th November 2016 per 12th Jan. Agenda: In principle there was general agreement to develop a dual strategy, including identification and pursuit of funding when plans have been developed: Shorter term, plan and implement easy walking and cycling paths around Torphins area. Longer term, and concurrently, plan, develop, and construct a walking and cycling path to link to the Deeside Way DT has identified Peter Craig as the contact point for the Tarland Way. MA will email PC to request a meeting with him for the group to learn more about the path development process. There was no feedback to date on contact with Torphins School. JE to contact Torphins School regarding the transport strategy and Safer Routes to School initiative. DT has confirmed Marr Area Partnership may provide support towards a Paths Project. DT will request Torphins Paths to be incorporated into the Community Plans by Marr Area Partnership. DT introduced Marsailli Aspinall who was welcomed to the meeting. MA presented information on Core Paths in Aberdeenshire, including in Torphins area (see map below) and on the significance and definition of Rights of Way (see map below for AC identified ROW around Torphins). Core Paths, which can take any form, are defined in the Land Reform Act requirement to provide an adequate network of paths around communities. Core Paths have a statutory status but Aberdeenshire has no plan to review the Core Paths plan, and no maintenance requirements are defined. On the map blue paths are public roads, solid purple are adopted, and dotted purple are aspirational. Rights of Way are defined under the 1967 Countryside Act Scotland S.46, supporting responsible access over open ground. Each of four requirements must be met to qualify a Right of Way. The route has been used for over 20 years The route is clearly defined There i	MA, Group JE DT DT, MA	

	HB has contacted Learney Estate Head Forester Brian Ness and conducted a	НВ
	general discussion on Torphins Wood. There are plans for felling in the	
	wood due to maturity of the trees and this could impact path plans.	
	The meeting reviewed the local maps provided by NC along with the other	Group
	maps provided by DT.	
	• TCC members HB, ED, JL, WM, LM, NP did perform site visits on Friday 25 th	Group
	November 2016 to evaluate and decide on focus path locations in and	
	around Torphins. William Street to Monboddo Road and St Marnan Road,	
	and Torphins Woods paths were visited to begin the evaluations.	
4.	Action Items:	
٦.	There was wide ranging discussion around the feedback and additional	
	information arising on the above responses (item 4) to the action items of the	
	previous meeting. Fundamentally the project needs additional active	
	participation in the group, with strong active community support, to enable a	
	drive forward to create new paths and to maintain in the long run. The meeting	
	agreed a number of new action items to pursue.	
	 MA to contact Peter Craig of the Tarland Way to request a meeting in 	MA,
	Tarland with members of the Torphins Paths Group.	Group
	 Conduct a path audit to identify and document existing paths, including 	
	Rights of Way, and to help define future path plans	
	 MA to provide maps to be used to mark up and document 	MA
	identified paths	
	 Consider conducting an Open Day, or other forms of public and 	Group
	groups consultation, to identify paths and to consult on public	
	needs and interest; and to engage active community involvement.	
	It was agreed a "Quick Win" is needed to generate interest and active	LM
	involvement. LM to send an email to group and TCC to request submission	
	of proposed short easy paths to focus on for "Quick Win".	
	DT to submit Torphins community paths project to Marr Area Partnership to	DT
	be included in their Community Plan, which can release funds for a	
	feasibility study.	WM
	WM to contact Murray Swapp of Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust who can	00101
	assist with land ownership investigations.	DT
	DT to contact Helen Wilson at Paths for All regarding funds available.	
	HB to invite Brian Ness to the next meeting to discuss Core Paths etc. and	НВ
	Learney Estate. Note that Core Paths are statutory so cannot be ignored in	
	felling and replanting plans, and the Group may ask for recreational	
	consideration in felling and replanting plans.	15
	Obtain feedback from JE on Torphins School travel plan etc.	JE
	Other support available to be pursued in future:	
	 Conservation Volunteers provide insurance for path work by group, 	
	cost being covered by Aberdeenshire Council.	
	 Aberdeenshire Council can provide small grant towards equipment 	
	for path development	
	Adopt a Path initiative	
	 Scottish Access Technical Information Network 	
	o Paths for All	
5.	Next Meeting: Thursday 23 rd February 2017 at the Learney Hall, Torphins	
6.	Meeting Closed: at 9:00 pm	

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