



**Torphins Community Council**  
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

<b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 07.30 pm</b> <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b>		
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1.	<b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED), Sarah Fraser (SF), Ruth French (RF), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Colin Rouse (CR) <b>Apologies:</b> Denis Christie (DC), Jayne Clarke (JC), Norman Morrice (NM), Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF) <b>In Attendance:</b> Peter Argyle (PA), Liz Moore (LM), Brian Murray (BM) (Website presentation)	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None	
3.	<b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015:</b> Approved JL proposed and ED seconded.	
4.	<b>Resignation, and proposals for new appointments:</b> <b>4.1.</b> Denis Christie has intimated his resignation as member and chair of Torphins Community Council forthwith, due to personal commitments. The Council records thanks for the contribution of Denis as Chairman since he rejoined TCC in 2015 at a time of crisis due to loss of members. <b>4.2.</b> John Lucas, Vice-Chair, intimated his willingness to assume the position of Chair. WM proposed, RF seconded and JL was duly appointed Chair. <b>4.3.</b> Liz Moore intimated her willingness to rejoin the Community Council. Elizabeth Moore, "Sunningdale", 22 Beltie Road, Torphins, AB31 4JT, was duly co-opted to Torphins Community Council; proposed John Lucas and seconded Eric Day. LM was then appointed Vice Chair; proposed JL and seconded WM.	JL
5.	<b>Finance Report:</b> Balance £2,144.74	ED
6.	<b>Planning Matters:</b> <b>6.1.</b> Weekly Planning List includes planning application in principle for five house development at Sundayswells by Learney Estate, reference APP/2015/3818. Following extensive discussion of the proposals and public objections, TCC resolved to lodge an objection on the basis that the development is not within the scope of the local development plan. <b>6.2.</b> Station Garage and Station Square applications are noted as still in progress and being monitored. <b>6.3.</b> Schoolhouse Land and Buildings proposals were outlined by PA. Aberdeenshire Council has agreed to market the majority of the site with outline permission for demolition of the school house and construction of approximately four townhouse style private residences parallel with the Beltie Road. The plan is to market in spring 2016 with ring-fenced share of proceeds for the benefit of the community.	ED  WM  JL  PA

	<p><b>6.4. Tornaveen Hall Development by Tornaveen Community Association.</b> TCC agreed to contribute £200 (50%) toward the planning application fee for the development of Tornaveen Hall in support of the project, which is positively supported by TCC. Proposed WM and seconded JL.</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b></p> <p><b>7.1. Review of Torphins Community Council Website:</b> Brian Murray presented the proposed strategy he has prepared for the TCC Website and Facebook, together with an overview of the website developed to date and next actions to complete. TCC members strongly endorsed the proposals and agreed as follows: A unique TCC domain name will be purchased for £100-£300 with 2-4 dedicated email addresses BM will make necessary contacts to develop links etc. CR will obtain the historic electronic information from old website for BM TCC members will support finalisation of maintenance strategy etc.</p> <p><b>7.2. Community Garden and Orchard:</b> It was decided TCC will canvass community opinion and support for a Community Garden and Orchard using the website and facebook when available, to assess interest and way forward.</p> <p><b>7.3. Notice Board Map of Torphins:</b> PA to send CNP contact details to WM for follow up.</p> <p><b>7.4. Roads: Follow up on various items from 5<sup>th</sup> November:</b> Ice signs beyond Learney Crossroads – potential monitored by AC – closed. Extension of 30 mph speed limit on north entry to village will require electronic monitoring of traffic by AC prior to a decision. The road is now listed for monitoring. Other general road defects are to be reported using the standard AC website process as recommended by PA.</p> <p><b>7.5. Torphins Park:</b> Cutting of Area at West End of Park – actioned December and closed Recycling Bin area surface – actioned December and closed Recycling Bins – PA will recommend to AC a review of mix of available bins to rebalance to more glass Drainage including rear of Village Farm Court – further identification of area to be provided by JL for monitoring Play Equipment and Funding – ED has met with AC officials to identify AC funding (£15K available) and will meet with Braemar team who developed a successful co-funding strategy for a successful development there.</p> <p><b>7.6. PADs:</b> Funding and Location Additional PAD – Additional funding will be sought from Marr Area to augment the funds already raised from Bread of Life £500, John and Mary Watson Christmas Market stall £250, and pledged by First Responders £400 and wound up Torphins Men’s Club £130; with the funds to be flowed through TCC bank account on behalf of TPPG action for another PAD. Training Update – Five TCC members attended training by Torphins Health Centre. The First Responders will provide public training in the Learney Hall, which TCC endorses and hopes will generate high public participation.</p> <p><b>7.7. Torphins Bus Services:</b> PA will provide details of Bus Forum to enable future participation.</p> <p><b>7.8. TCC Logo:</b> closed</p> <p><b>7.9. Ward Forum schedule for 2016 and TCC representation plan:</b> The schedule is available and TCC decided LM should be TCC representative attending, with at least one other member to also attend each session.</p> <p><b>7.10. Learney Hall maintenance:</b> Carry forward for future decisions based on funding availability when known.</p>	<p>BM</p> <p>CR TCC ED</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>PA</p> <p>JL</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>PA</p> <p>LM</p> <p>ED</p>

	<b>7.11. Date for TCC May meeting</b> (Learney Hall not available 5 <sup>th</sup> May): Reschedule to 12 <sup>th</sup> May.	WM
8.	<b>Correspondence for Action and Other Updates:</b> <b>8.1. Scheme of Establishment review and comments to submit:</b> Proposals will be circulated to members again for comments if any to be sent to WM for submission to AC by 31 <sup>st</sup> January. <b>8.2. Special Landscape Areas submission:</b> Additional information will be available from AC by 15 <sup>th</sup> January for comment back by TCC by mid February <b>8.3. Torphins Post Office changes and comments:</b> After discussion it was agreed WM will submit the following comments for TCC via the Post Office website: Ensure privacy and security are protected Ensure service level maintained through adequate training and staffing Verify all services available during all opening hours	TCC   WM   TCC/WM
9.	<b>A.O.C.B.</b> <b>9.1.</b> To recognise work by Robert Reid in maintaining village flower tubs it was decided to pay Robert £150. Proposed ED and seconded JL <b>9.2.</b> TCC members expressed their concern for the flood victims on Deeside and recognize the excellent effort of the public and voluntary services. TCC decided to donate £100 to the Ballater Chiels, who are fund raising for the Ballater flood victims. Proposed ED, seconded JL.	ED  ED
10.	<b>Annual General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b> <b>Next Ordinary Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016</b>	TCC
11.	<b>Meeting closed at 09:25 pm</b>	
12.	<b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 and adopted by email on 10th January as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: John Lucas, Seconded: Sarah Fraser	TCC