



Torphins Community Council

Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Carol Reid (CRd); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS) In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG) Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Adoption of minutes of meeting 5th December 2019: Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Eric Day	TCC
4.	Police Report: The December Police Report is not yet available. The Secretary was requested to contact Police regarding two months absence of report.	PS WM
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £3,666.06 with £921.58 free funds, £2,500.00 reserved for Festive Lights and £244.48 reserved for TERP.	ED
6.	Planning Matters: 6.1. Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report. 6.2. Developer Obligations: Nothing new to report until after the presentation by Adam Sime, Developer Obligation Officer, at the February meeting.	ED AM
7.	Community Safety Report: 7.1. HB attended the latest Community Safety Group meeting. The latest initiative is about Being Seen. TCC urges all to wear suitable clothing and illumination to be seen when out on the roads in the dark and poor visibility. 7.2. CRd will obtain the poster on Being Seen from the Scottish Community Safety website for posting on the TCC notice board and online.	HB CR
8.	New Action Items: 8.1. Festive Lights - Village Lights, Column Supported. See ED report attached and addition No. 2002 to Open Action Log. 8.2. 2020 TCC Meeting Dates - Confirmed as per attached schedule.	ED WM
9.	Open Action Log: All items were reviewed and updated, with No. 1908 Weeds at Learney Hall and No. 1911 Parking on Verge at Campfield being closed; and No. 2002 Festive Lights and No. 2003 Newsletter being opened.	TCC

Report to TCC by E Day - Village Lights - Column Supported .

FACT : We have 13 in number Lamp-post Motifs or Silhouettes, which we display every Festive season.

Five (5) in number are new and are probably ten years old now. They meet the requirements laid down by Aberdeenshire Council.

Eight (8) in number (second hand) are of indeterminate age. They DO NOT meet the requirements laid down by Aberdeenshire Council.

Aberdeenshire Council have deemed that all festive lighting should meet certain criteria and that Communities should endeavour to replace existing old style motifs.

Criteria:

Units must be less than 10 kg in weight

LED lights only.

Units must have a windage factor of 0.3 or less.

We have acquired funding from Bread of Life to the amount of £2500 specifically for Festive Lighting so we have to decide how best to spend it.

We can purchase new or we can consider second hand. Personally I would prefer purchasing **new**.

Importantly we have to decide what we would like to see adorning the lamp-posts in the village.

There is a tendency in some communities to opt for Festoon Garland lights, which spiral down the lamp-post from the power source, and possibly fashioned into a circle or similar such as the Banchory display in these past few weeks.

- We could consider the lamp-post motif (or silhouette) similar to what we have at present. Modern units are much lighter.
- We could consider a bit of both styles and alternate the scheme along the main road - ie motif - garland - motif - garland etc.

So before we advance with the project we need to agree which set-up best suits our village.

Following on, we will have to cost the exercise to see if further match funds are available and from where.

I have discussed possible requirements with Blachere, and they can offer the 'bare ' festoon at £110 - this provides a 7.5 metre length of lights on a steel support wire. Blachere also offer Motifs around £250 , however they do look un-inspiring (my opinion only)

I have also spoken with another company today and they can offer similar, and will cost equipment around our specific requirements if necessary.

Crunch time :

What would you like to see within the village during the Festive season ?

I think the way forward would be (following decision) to form a small project team to review equipment availability and attempt to clarify what the whole exercise is going to cost.

Remember of the £2500 donation, £500 will be taken up with VAT, which reduces the spending power quite bit.

Seeking further funding is a minefield , takes up lots of time , throws up lots of obstacles . Therefore we have to start making plans **now**.

Your thoughts?



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Meeting Dates 2020

First Thursday of Every Month Except August

(January 2020 2nd Thursday)

At 7:30 PM at Learney Hall, Torphins

Members of the community are most welcome to attend meetings

9th January 2020

6th February 2020

5th March 2020

2nd April 2020

7th May 2020

4th June 2020

2nd July 2020

3rd September 2020

1st October 2020

5th November 2020

3rd December 2020

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4th June 2020