



Torphins Community Council

Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Meeting Minutes Thursday 1 June 2017 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (EM);</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle; Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Anne Bichard & Leonie Gordon, for Torphins School Parents Council; Iain MacAuley, Resident; Steven Riach, for junior football.</p> <p>The four public attendees were heartily welcomed and new Cllr. Paul Gibb welcomed for attending his first community council meeting by visiting Torphins.</p> <p>Apologies: Jayne Clarke (JC); Linda Manning(LM); Campbell Gillies (CG), Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	<p>Intimation of noted interests – John Lucas advised he is a neighbour of the planning applicants for 3 Village Farm Court, therefore he will express no views on the application.</p>	JL
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4 May 2017: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Hamish Booth</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: TCC has invited the Police to the next meeting on 6 July 2017</p>	Sgt. Andy Cruickshank
5.	<p>Finance Report: The balance at bank is £251.15. The Aberdeenshire Council annual grant to TCC has been approved in the amount of £535.19. On receipt in the near future the bank balance will be £786.34.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: 6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: APP/2017/1223 - 3 Village Farm Court, Torphins. Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Including Raising Roof Level, Formation of Balcony and Car Port) No objection APP/2017/1262 and APP/2017/1350 - Land To North Of North Footie Torphins. Erection of Dwelling House No objection</p>	ED
7.	<p>Torphins School Parents Council: Leonie Gordon and Anne Bichard introduced themselves and explained their attendance to improve community links in the effort to improve the playground at the school and increase funding opportunities. The playground is in very poor condition relative to the size and quality of the school and justifies a community project to apply for funding with a broader community benefit. Staff, parents, open days, consultation, and request for parent volunteer effort are all utilised. Plans are professionally prepared and signed off by school, including climbing trails, nature areas, etc. Grass is to be replaced by re-turf and grass mats. TSPC have funds for re-turf but are seeking funds up to £20k from various sources for</p>	

	<p>other works. Cllr. PA will enquire of Aberdeenshire Council if they can address the improvements, and will also request Marr Area Partnership to directly send funding information to TSPC.</p> <p>Later the discussion of paths and cycling to school led to focus on the fact children from P6 who have passed the cycling ability test are allowed to cycle to school but there is no place to store bicycles at school. Discussion led to a proposal to create a cycle shelter area in the unused area behind The Learney Hall. This idea will be discussed with the head teacher by TSPC and Cllr. PA will advance the idea with Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>The TSPC were thanked for attending and facilitating productive discussions.</p>	<p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p>
8.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>8.1. Torphins Emergency Response Plan finalisation The final plan has been reviewed by members and approved, with thanks to the preparers, J Lucas, L Moore, L Manning. The TERP will now be submitted to Marr Area Office for review.</p> <p>Outstanding matters are feedback on how the Police emergency response system functions in case of power cut and how TERP plan would communicate; and requests for funding to Marr Area and SSE to cover the cost of ideal required equipment costing around £2,500.</p> <p>8.2. Forward Plan progress report – No report</p> <p>8.3. Opening of Waulkmill Bridge and Torphins Paths Group launch open day Confirmed and thanked Cllr. PA to open the bridge, recognising successful replacement after campaign by TCC. Opening to be followed by launch of Torphins Paths Group with Open Day at Torphins Health Center supported by Torphins Patients Participation Group, and several attending organisations.</p> <p>8.4. Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village Cllr. PA has discussed concerns in detail with the new Marr Roads Manager who has taken careful note and is reviewing the situation.</p> <p>8.5. Notice Board Map of Torphins</p> <p>8.5.1. Finalisation of map The final version of the map was reviewed and approved, with thanks to Louisa Carrigan and Colin Rouse for completing this excellent product which will be published in the new noticeboard and online.</p> <p>8.5.2. Sourcing and funding of new noticeboard ED pleased to advise Marr Area Committee has approved £1,850 under the small project grant scheme, and AC will provide removal and installation of the notice boards. A request has been submitted to Bread of Life for additional funds with the outcome expected late June.</p> <p>8.6. Torphins Park Update</p> <p>8.6.1. ED summarised history and described meeting with Neil West of AC two weeks ago. NW accepted ideas for equipment, being a large climbing frame plus another item for older children, and will seek costs, although there are no funds available currently. Leonie Gordon advised Torphins School Parent Council will be pleased to assist on a project for park equipment.</p> <p>8.6.2. Steven Riach attended to explain he is extremely concerned about the very poor condition of the park, particularly drainage, which prevents the local football team playing there, thus impacting not only the team and spectators but also taking good spin off business away from Torphins. Furthermore the football pitch lighting is inadequate for the junior football evening training. Steven would like improvements particularly to light the south side.</p> <p>JL advised AC has plans to spend £5,000 on drainage improvements this year, but there are issues with where the water will drain. Steven advised he will offer the machinery and equipment of his business FOC to help with improvements if necessary. If the park is dug for drains it would be a good time to install more lighting, although there are no funds.</p> <p>Cllr. PA will ask Bill Higham the timescale for the drainage work.</p> <p>8.7. Village Flower Tubs Update Summer flowers will be delivered to Robert Reid next week for planting.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>LG</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p>

	<p>Two tubs have been adopted all year round by two residents. Other volunteers will be welcome.</p> <p>8.8. Young People Initiative – nothing new to report</p> <p>8.9. CPR Training Plans Sarah Pine has offered to provide community training session in Torphins, either in June or preferably after summer break.</p> <p>8.10. Mobile Phone Service in Torphins Vodafone has been contacted and other companies will be. Subsequent to the meeting Vodafone made contact on 2 June 2017. Mr. Aryan Sharma of Vodafone advised that the AB31 and Torphins area will have 4G coverage within three months. Certain areas cannot be guaranteed.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>9.1. Regular Email has been circulated</p> <p>9.2. 20 mph Members Bill in Scottish Parliament from Mark Ruskell MSP TCC resolved not to respond on this</p> <p>9.3. A resident has complained about weeds on pavements, roads, etc in the village, a concern now shared by members of TCC, for example at bus stop on north side of Beltie Road in village centre. Cllr. PA will enquire with roads regarding if there has been any change to cycle of weedkilling and have the matter addressed.</p> <p>9.4. A resident has written to TCC concerned that a proper survey of red squirrels has been conducted and they will be protected when trees are felled in Torphins Wood in near future. HB will follow up on this matter with the estate. (See more on tree felling at 10.3.)</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>HB</p>
10.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>10.1. Cllr. PA confirmed the schoolhouse will be on the market in three weeks.</p> <p>10.2. The Scheme of Establishment review process was agreed as a shambles and disappointing waste of time that needs to be resolved and completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>10.3. Iain MacAuley attended the meeting to raise awareness and seek action on the growth of Japanese Knotweed on the woodland owned by Learney Estate at Inchley Place. This is a very serious matter affecting property in the area and needs to be addressed. IA has written the estate, and Aberdeenshire regarding the encroachment on to the road and neighbouring properties. TCC expressed concern and will monitor for responses as provided.</p> <p>10.4. Torphins Wood Tree Felling – HB advised the plan is to clear fell ¼ hectare of Norway Spruce near the B993 due to age and risk of downing, and restock with native broad leave trees. The rest of the wood will be thinned 15% - 20% to address age and risk of downing of trees. The meeting expressed concern that paths and trails in the wood should not be damaged and the area should be reinstated properly. HB will talk to Learney Estate regarding reinstatement of the ground after machinery complete felling and tree removal.</p>	<p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>HB</p>
11.	Next Ordinary Meeting: 11th May 2017	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:31 pm	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 3 June 2017 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 6 July 2017. Proposed: Hamish Booth Seconded: John Lucas</p>	