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Meeting Minutes Thursday 5 th December 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Carol Reid (CRd); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of meeting 7th November 2019: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The November Police Report is not yet available.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The bank balance is £959.97 with £715.49 free funds and £244.48 reserved for TERP. £40.00 will be returned from the IT Security Training Event, which regrettably failed to attract participants, despite the efforts of Platform 22 and Aboyne Academy pupils supporting TCC.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report.</p> <p>6.2. Developer Obligations: TCC has expressed concern to the Developer Obligation Team and local Councillors that no Developer Obligation (DO) payments are due on the Station Garage Housing Development, which finally received planning approval in November 2019. Cllr PA explained again that no DO payment has been agreed for this development as no impacts on community facility capacity were identified at the time of review in 2016, and that the maximum allocation of "Affordable Housing" was agreed instead to meet the statutory DO requirement. The planning approval was completed on the basis that the maximum affordable housing of 25% of the development will be met, with 4 units from total 47 at the Station Garage site and 10 units from total 10 at the Station Square site, providing 14 (24.6%) affordable housing units in total. TCC remains concerned that TCC and the community were not consulted when the agreement was made. The DO team is now actively encouraging communities to identify qualifying capital projects, to improve the DO process and likelihood of reaching appropriate agreements offsetting development impacts, so it is concerning and frustrating that there was no discussion on this development during the process. AM to review further.</p>	ED AM

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7.	<p>New Items:</p> <p>7.1. Community Council Area Boundary Review: JL brought to the meeting the review of the community council boundary by Feuchdee West Community Council. FWCC are considering changes to their boundary, which are being validated by an online survey. Included is a proposal to include the Inchmarlo area in Torphins CC area. TCC discussed the proposals and possible changes to the TCC boundary. TCC resolved as follows: Notify FWCC that TCC considers there are no valid reasons to include Inchmarlo in TCC area and rejects the proposal. Secretary to contact Lumphanan CC to consider an extension of TCC boundary to include Pitmurchie by extension of the TCC western boundary, since Pitmurchie is more closely associated with Torphins. Secretary to contact Marr Area Manager regarding the proposals.</p> <p>7.2. Open Issue Log: Two members have recently raised a concern that we should not overlook long standing open matters not carried forward on agendas due to planned delayed activity. Current active open items are carried forward in each agenda, however to avoid risk of omission and to rationalise the agenda process it was agreed to create an open issue list to track continuing matters. This will avoid having to list all open items on the meeting agenda and provide a comprehensive documented process for action on open items.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>TCC WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
8.	<p>Open Items:</p> <p>8.1. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is limited evidence of damage from vans parking on the north verge to the east of Campfield Filling Station so the Roads Dept. do not plan any action at this time. It is confirmed that the owner of Campfield Filling Station is monitoring the situation and will advise if action is needed. ○ Cllr PA and Council Officials have received further representations from local people about the proposal for the extension west of the speed limit at Campfield, and have met on site. The Roads Policy Team and Road Safety Team continue to reject the request for policy reasons. Cllr PA will persist to seek the extension, which he strongly supports. • Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to bridge north of Learney Avenue: Cllr PA advised the Roads Department has accepted the 30 mph speed limit should be moved north, although not as far as Learney Avenue, and that a pavement should be extended north from the existing pavement end point to the recently upgraded community path at Torphins Woods. TCC welcomes this development. • Potholes Innermarkie Wynd: The potholes on Innermarkie Wynd, which have been reported on the Council website, are still not all repaired. Cllr PG will again send a reminder to Roads. <p>8.2. Community Action Plan: The sub committee met with Nick Mardall of MAP, who has provided additional advice to that previously received. We have now been advised to form a wider “community committee” to develop the CAP. Another member will be invited from Torphins School Parents Council, and local groups will be formally contacted to provide more members for the CAP Committee.</p>	<p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Sub. Comm.</p>

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8.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>8.3. Village Welcome Pack: The final draft will be reformatted from A4 to A5 and previewed with a new arrival to the village. New arrivals should be advised to LM and Eleanor Day. AM to reformat the document. A question arose regarding the plan to include the VWP with Village Welcome Bags. The secretary is to check with Rev HS.</p> <p>8.4. Sale of Schoolhouse: The Council is evaluating the idea of selling the whole site rather than the easterly two thirds, however this may include a proposal to remove the public toilets. Such proposal would require a public consultation. The Council is prioritising the sale of the School House property and will refresh the advertising for sale campaign and signage.</p> <p>8.5. Learney Hall Curtains: Cllr PG has brought the saga of the curtains to the attention of Head of Service who is following up. The Facilities Officer has quotes for part replacement and full replacement, which have been passed to Senior Management for a decision.</p> <p>8.6. Weeds at Learney Hall: Cllr PG still awaiting an update.</p> <p>8.7. Footpath South of Waulkmill Bridge: Cllr PA confirmed Environmental Planning are investigating.</p> <p>8.8. Former Railway Line at Wester Beltie: Cllr PA confirmed Environmental Planning are investigating what Roads Dept. would require in association with an improvement.</p> <p>8.9. Park Pavilion: Cllr PA advised a quote has been obtained for repairs but that there is no budget. A Community Asset Transfer was suggested by Cllr. PA. TCC pointed out this would be hard to justify until the Torphins Football Club can again play at Torphins Park, when and if the drainage issue is completely resolved.</p> <p>8.10. Park Drainage: Park drainage itself was raised as the planned work on the eastern end has not been addressed and during the recent wet weather there was excessive flooding in the south east corner at the old railway line path. Photographs were viewed, which Cllr. PA requested copies of to assist follow up on the matter.</p> <p>8.11. Carols Around the Tree: Arrangements are complete, including a £100 voucher donation from Scotmid towards mincemeat pies. Posters have been prepared by AM, who will print in A3 and A4 and provide to LM for distribution.</p> <p>8.12. VE Day 75 Celebrations in May 2020: TCC is not generally supportive of organising a celebration, and prefers to focus on Remembrance Sunday rather than celebration of victory. The matter will be discussed with Rev HS to be aware of any other plans.</p> <p>8.13. Notice Board Map: It was agreed WM to obtain a quotation for a robust A1 size map.</p> <p>8.14. Community Safety: HB of South Marr Community Safety Group (CSG) reported that Aberdeenshire officials are having two meetings per week dedicated to safety matters to raise awareness and action. The Road Safety Team led by Transport Managers are focused on Road Safety. High on other agendas are Antisocial Behaviour, Gender Based Abuse, and Basic Life Support with focus on CPR, AED, Drowning, Choking etc..</p>	<p>LM AM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>WM, CR Cllr.PA</p> <p>ED AM LM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>HB</p>

