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Meeting Minutes Thursday 10 th January 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (LM) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. P. Gibb; Fiona Moore; Gael Truby; Thomas Truby; Mia Truby; Shelley Tuck; Ian Tuck</p> <p>Apologies: Andy Cowie; John Lucas; Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett(GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6th December 2018:</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>The December Report was reviewed. The Council was pleased to note the low incidence of disturbances and crime during the festive period. Cllr. PG highlighted the encouragingly low incidence of driving under the influence, and that the message of zero alcohol when driving appears to be making headway.</p>	Police Scotland
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>5.1. Balance at 10th January 2019 is £1363.01 including remaining £793.01 ring fenced for TERP. The Carols Around the Christmas Tree event was a funding success with the community generously giving a record total of £276.38. Many thanks.</p> <p>5.2. Marr Area annual Grant to TCC – ED has written to Marr Area and has been advised the annual grant will only be paid after the AGM, effectively meaning the grant payment is delayed four months this year, and losing 4 months of grant income for all time, due to the new timings under the revised Scheme of Establishment. As a transitional measure Area office is willing to advance a partial payment early for this year only, but this will not overcome the permanent slippage of four months.</p>	ED ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>7.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</p> <p>No new applications in Torphins.</p> <p>APP/2018/2733 – Application for house and garage development at Crow Wood, adjacent to The Wolfings, Torphins, AB31 4HP.</p> <p>There are now eleven public objections plus TCC submission.</p> <p>WM has advised Louise Smith at Planning Dept. that the development is understood to be on the site of a proposed Aberdeenshire Council Core Path.</p>	ED WM

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7.	<p>New Item:</p> <p>7.1. Dog Fouling:</p> <p>TCC was delighted to welcome the young Truby family to the meeting. Thomas and Mia presented their plan to locate dispensers for dog poo bags around the village, which they will maintain. These are emergency dispensers for when owners are caught without a bag and should not be used for regular stock. The family will also erect posters highlighting the problem of dog fouling and urging owners to clean up after their dogs. TCC totally supports this initiative and will assist by seeking new sources of poo bags, advising the AC dog warden of the initiative, and posting information online. TCC members should prepare for next meeting by checking locations that would benefit from a bin.</p> <p>Cllr. PG advised he will contact the Dog Warden to try to get bags from the Council and said the Dog Warden will follow up if members of the public provide photographic evidence of offences.</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p>
8.	<p>Open Items:</p> <p>8.1. Roads:</p> <p>8.1.1 Campfield Safety Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to extend 40 mph limit to west of Glassel junction Shelley and Ian Tuck attended to express their strong request for the speed limit at Glassel to be extended west beyond the Glassel junction. Drivers slow for the turning, and then faster drivers overtake them dangerously. Other dangerous overtaking events within the speed limit have been reported, when speeding vehicles overtake other vehicles, which comply with the speed limit. Shelley queried why the Police are recommending an extended speed limit at Crathes when the volume and speeds there are lower than at Campfield. Following supportive discussion from TCC Cllr. PG agreed to request the Senior Roads Engineer and the Police Sergeant to attend the next meeting of TCC. Cllr. PG and HB will also raise the matter at the South Marr Community Safety Group on 17th January. • Update on recommended installation of repeater speed limit signs: Progress not known but Aberdeenshire have to comply with this recommendation. • Speed limit enforcement: No one has actually seen the enforcement action and all feel more can be done. • Progress to restrict access to westbound layby: No progress reported but access is to be restricted to delivery tanker access only. • Completion of closure of eastbound layby All are very pleased to see this completed and CG reported a major improvement in visibility, which is reducing risk in the area. • Creation of layby on Pitmedden Road north of Campfield near drive to housing To be budgeted for next financial. Cllr PG to monitor budgeting. <p>8.1.2. Junction at Mid Beltie on B993 – report of Roads Dept. site visit: The site visit has been delayed to January.</p> <p>8.1.3. Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village: No progress. It is regretted by TCC this has been unchanged for well over a year.</p> <p>8.1.4. Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre update: Ownership has not been established. Cllr PG to ask Council to check land records.</p>	<p>Cllr. PG TCC HB</p> <p>AC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC Cllr. PG</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>

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8.	<p>8.1.5. Progress question of pedestrian crossing at Scotmid: TCC discussed this item and decided to drop for now due to limited support and as there are higher priorities.</p> <p>8.2. TCC Funding: Nothing new to report except for successful result from Carols and concern expressed earlier about delayed grant payment.</p> <p>8.3. Community Action Plan: Nothing to report.</p> <p>8.4. Village Welcome Pack: Nothing to report.</p> <p>8.5. Learney Hall Curtains: Continued dismay that the curtains have been returned after over a year with no work done on them due to lack of AC budget, and have not been rehung on windows.</p> <p>8.6. Sale of Schoolhouse: Still on the market with no change.</p> <p>8.7. Flooding at Innermarkie Wynd: Still awaiting report from Bill Higham of what Aberdeenshire Council will do to resolve this problem.</p> <p>8.8. Newsletter Feedback: All feedback received has been positive. Plan to order 750 copies again for next issue.</p> <p>8.9. TERP: After a lively discussion on where to go next with the TERP, due to concerns about viability and the lack of any volunteers to date, it was decided to invite Janelle Clerk, Area Manager, and Kirsty MacLeod, Area Officer, to the next TCC meeting.</p> <p>8.10. Local Development Plan Draft Main Issues Report: The LDP Main Issues Report will be available for consultation from 14th January 2019 to 12th April 2019. TCC resolved to publicise the Torphins section and to organise another public consultation meeting to solicit public comments before submitting a response to the Aberdeenshire Council. TCC decided to host an open house public meeting in Learney Small Hall on Friday 8th March from 8:45 am to 12:00 noon and on Saturday 9th March from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will also investigate placing a publicity stall at Platform 22 Market on Wednesday 6th March. Questionnaires will be designed for feedback, both hard copy and potentially on line. Members are each to come armed with five potential questions for review at TCC meeting on 7th February. Publicity will be through the internet, posters, the media. A further feedback meeting may be organised after all responses are analysed and before the response to Aberdeenshire. The Main Issues Report is available at: http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=495&meetid=19018 The Local Development Plan Newsletter is available at: http://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/dataset/local-development-plan-updates</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>BH</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>TCC</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>9.1. Request Member for Grant Panel of King George V Community Project Trust: TCC has received a request to offer a council or community representative to join the new panel to distribute grants to local community groups and individuals in AB31 area. The funds arise from donations from a local wind turbine owner. TCC resolved to put forward a member. JL and LM will progress with the Trust and advise progress at next meeting.</p>	LM, JL

