

## **Torphins Community Council**

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR) In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Brown (SB) (via Teams); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (AK) (part) Apologies: Peter Argyle (PA); Iain Firth (IF); Liz Moore (LM); Stephen Salter (SS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB);	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> ED and CR expressed an interest in the matter of planning application APP/2023/1374.	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 5 October 2023 previously by email:  Adopted as proposed without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Peter Argyle	TCC
4.	Police Report: No new reports	PS
5.	Finance Report: The balance is £10,324.26, represented by TCC general funds £733.25, TCC payable for Christmas lights £1245.56 to be met from restricted grant receivable, Hardship Fund £1,566.12; and TORCH funds £9,270.45. TORCH spent £336.00 on the venting system for the generator installed in the secure container at Mid Deeside Church.	ED
6.	<ul> <li>Planning Report:</li> <li>APP/2023/1374 – ED and CR have submitted video evidence to the Planning Department of the flood water at the proposed site at Grampian Terrace during the recent storms. This matter will be followed up depending on response from Planning.         ED expressed the strong view that Planning Dept. officers should visit sites like this to review issues properly themselves in order to make valid planning decisions.     </li> <li>AM raised the extreme concern held by all residents at Fairview development that their private access road at Easter Beltie has been closed due to flood waters during each of the recent flood events. This strands the residents, and potentially</li> </ul>	ED
	closes the area to emergency vehicles.  The hydrological report and planning application and approval for the Easter Beltie River Restoration had stated this road would not be affected by flood.  SEPA had expressed a concern in their response to the application however their objection was withdrawn following conversations with the developer.  The residents think the failure may be an enforcement issue, and certainly want remedial work to prevent future flooding of the road.  The residents are taking action with the authorities and developer.	

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7.	New Items:	
	• Festive Lights and Carols Around Christmas Tree: Lights, including new equipment, to be installed 25 <sup>th</sup> November by TCC volunteer team led by ED, as for very many years. A plea has been prepared, which will be posted on Facebook, for new younger volunteers to come forward to participate in the provision of the Festive Lights for the community.  Hall booked for Carols Around Christmas Tree on 20 <sup>th</sup> December. Need to contact	ED ED, WM
	<ul> <li>Learney for tree delivery and Notes and Praise Band.</li> <li>Drain Clearing:         Concern about the adequacy of street drain cleaning was raised by WM in light of the experience of several members and residents during the recent storms. The number of drains overflowing, and not even draining after the flood, suggests     </li> </ul>	
	inadequate attention to the matter. Evidence was noted of a systematic approach to clearing that does not meet the actual needs. The Council should be more flexible to address known issues, or have a more proactive plan to prevent the issues in the first place. Cllr SB to follow up.  • Potholes:	Cllr. SB
	Yet again this subject arises, largely due to repairs, such as on St Marnan Road north of Mid Deeside Church, being inadequate. Cllr. SB asked TCC to log these potholes again on the Council website.  • A2B and 202 Bus Issue:	ED, CR
	Complaints have been received about the A2B bus departing before the 202 bus arrives, causing significant problems for users and defeating the purpose of the welcome new service. Cllr. SB has already taken up the matter. We are pleased to hear action is being taken whereby the A2B will in future wait up to 10 minutes past the due time for the 202 to arrive in the event it is late. A longer delay is not possible due to other transport commitments. Stagecoach has been approached regarding punctuality of the 202. The Transport group is preparing a new public announcement to address the matter. If issued in time TCC will include additional information in our Newsletter.	WM Cllr. SB
8.	Open Action Log: The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting. All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online with the minutes at <a href="https://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a> .	тсс
9.	Correspondence: All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members. Secretary replied to letter from Andrew Bowie MP seeking any concerns after recent storms. We advised Torphins well prepared with TORCH and no serious issues this time.	WM
10.	AOCB:  WM recorded thanks for the installation of the picnic bench at tennis courts by Aberdeenshire Council who funded 50% of cost plus installation. The project was instigated by a tennis court member contacting TCC to facilitate, with the club funding 50% of the cost.	AM
11.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, 7:30 pm Learney Hall Torphins	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:42 pm  Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting.  Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023.  Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	