



**Torphins Community Council**  
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Meeting Minutes Thursday 1st September 2016 at 7.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b>  <b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Liz Moore (LM mins) Colin Rouse (CR)  <b>In Attendance:</b> Kirsty Macleod (KM), Robert Reid (RR).  <b>Apologies:</b> Jayne Clarke (JC), Eric Day (ED), Sarah Fraser (SF), Will Maclean (WM), Norman Morrice (NM), Cllr Geva Blackett (GB) Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF);</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None	
3.	<b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7th July 2016:</b> Approved: HB proposed and CR seconded.	
4.	<p><b>Marr Area Representative</b>            Kirsty was introduced to the meeting.            She is visiting all CCs in Marr to strengthen the links between the area office and local CCs.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b>            Gala account to date:- Income was £103.05 with outlays to date of £85.            Profit from Gala therefore £18.05.            Funds in bank (as at 31/08/16) stood at £2,300.07 of which £750 is carried for the PAD Fund to provide a second such unit in Torphins. Available funds therefore stand at £1,550.07.            Various people and businesses are being approached regarding sourcing funding to repair the 'snowflake' Christmas decoration.</p>	WM / ED
6.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b>            There had been three local applications during our summer break; the deadline for comment on them had passed.            It was agreed that we would write to the Council asking that TCC be allowed a 28 days period for comment on planning applications – rather than the current 14 days – to give an adequate period of time for consideration and consultation with the community.</p>	JL & WM
7.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b>  <b>7.1 Village Flower Tubs</b>            Following the gala all the tubs have been adopted. A guidance note will be developed and shared with all adopters.            Robert Reid has been raising flowers for winter planting once the first frosts are past later this year. These plants will be made available to the tub adopters for planting, and subsequent winter maintenance thereafter, in their adopted tub(s).            The order for flowers for 2017 was given to JL for processing before he returns it to RR.</p>	All RR  RR & ED

	<p>A 'posse' of trailer owning Community Councilors will be organised in the spring to go and collect the flowers for next year's tub planting.  RR will plant the tubs in the Autumn, following the first frost, with crocus, Irises, tete a tete, pansies along with foliage plants. Adopters will assume responsibility for their tubs after that.  An account for expenses will be passes to the treasurer.  RR will attend the October TCC meeting to finalise the arrangements for the tubs.</p> <p><b>7.2Gala Stall follow up</b>  <b>Grass cutting.</b>  The park grass is generally allowed to get very long which impedes the regular junior football training sessions.  It would be appreciated if the grass could be cut more frequently (and shorter). It was also noted that the grass cutting are not collected which is both inconvenient and can be unsafe for those training on the field.  Speak to Landscape services re resolution of issues</p> <p><b>Graveyard Maintenance</b>  The grass and general ground maintenance of the graveyard is causing concern with the cemetery beginning to look unkempt and 'sad'.  Approach the landscaping services via our local councilors to see what could be done to address these concerns.</p> <p><b>The woods to the north of Monboddo Road and opposite the Church.</b>  Contractors have been seen dumping rubble and waste into these woods. The contractors have been approached and the problem should cease. There have been suggestions that these woods are to be subject to serious thinning and management. These woods are part of the Learney Estate and their management is an estate affair, not an issue that can be addressed by the council.</p> <p><b>7.3 Torphins Park</b>  <b>7.3.iPotential Orchard:</b>  We have now received details regarding the possibility of planting an orchard. There is already a good variety of trees already established in the identified area.  It was agreed that any monies available to improve the park would be better allocated towards financing improved drainage.  Approach the school to see if they would be interested in championing and the subsequent ongoing maintenance of an orchard.</p> <p><b>7.3.iiPark Drainage</b>  No update</p> <p><b>7.3.iiiPlay Equipment</b>  We have not received any feedback from the Youth Group.  Discuss with local councillors.</p> <p><b>7.3.ivToilets in the Park</b>  Discuss with local Councillors the improvement of signage from the park to the existing local public toilets.</p> <p><b>7.3.vNotice Board Map of Torphins progress report</b>  Progress being made.</p> <p><b>7.3.vi Pathway between Monboddo Road and Craigmyle West Lodge.</b>  Progress ongoing</p> <p><b>7.3.viiProposed Meeting with the NHS Public Health coordinator</b>  Meeting arranged.  Feedback at next TCC meeting</p> <p><b>7.3.viiiSundayswells Telephone Box</b>  Renovation almost complete</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>JL,GB, PA, KF</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL / SF</p> <p>ED / JL</p> <p>JL / CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>WM / CR</p> <p>JL</p>
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8.	<p><b>Correspondence for Action and other updates</b> Invitation to the <b>Supporting Communities Event</b> 1st October 2016 at Woodhill House.</p> <p><b>Ward Forum</b> in Finzean on 8th September 2016 HB and LM to attend</p> <p><b>BT Consultation</b> regarding the removal of telephone box from centre of the village. Noted. we are awaiting a date.</p> <p><b>Correspondence</b> Letters and comments regarding <b>Speeding cars through the village.</b> Contact GB and support her moves to have the speed monitoring equipment installed in the village to identify and quantify the problem. Once we have that information we will be better able to form an appropriate response.</p> <p><b>Bridge Crescent</b> Comments noted</p>	All  All  JL  JL
9.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b> <b>TCC information sheet.</b> Discussion regarding wider distribution was inconclusive, to be brought back to future meeting.</p> <p><b>Citizens Advice Bureau AGM on the</b></p> <p><b>Torphins School PTA AGM minutes</b> Noted</p> <p><b>Snow wardens and reduction in gritting</b> There was some debate regarding the decision to stop the gritting of pavements in selected areas of Marr unless frost is forecast to last for 48 hours or longer. The rationale behind this decision was questioned as there are concerns regarding public safety. KM agreed to forward the Committee report which had informed the decision. Read the report to inform discussion at next meeting</p> <p><b>Booking of the Learney Hall.</b></p>	ALL  KM

	<p>There have been occasions when the hall has been double booked. It was agreed that understaffing and the booking system itself were both partially to blame. Discuss with elected members regarding possible solutions.</p> <p><b>Donation of a Monkey Puzzle Tree</b>  We have been offered a monkey puzzle tree to plant in the park. Approach landscaping services to see if we can accept this offer and, if we can, how we could go about replanting the tree.</p>	WM/CR/JL
10.	<b>Date of next meeting 6th October 2016</b>	
11.	<b>Meeting closed at 9:35 pm</b>	