



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR);</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Anna Bichard (AB) (Torphins Greenspaces team)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Iain Firth (IF); Liz Moore (LM); Stephen Salter (SS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Sarah Brown (SB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (AK)</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1 June 2023 previously by email:</b>            Adopted as proposed without changes. Proposed: Colin Rouse Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b>            CC Report for Quarter to June 2023 expected July</p>	PS
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b>            The bank balance is £12,431.08, being TCC funds £974.63; Hardship Fund £1,835.00; and TORCH funds £9,621.45.            TCC spent £40.00 on replacement steel rings for plant tubs.            TORCH spent £95.60 on gifts of thanks for assistance with generator installation and £478.80 on generator container venting.</p>	ED
6.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b>            App/2023/1024: Extension at 4 Old Mart Road is only open application.</p>	PS
7.	<p><b>New Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Bus Service 201 Changes and Consultation Torphins, and Lumphanan, Tarland:</b>                There was an extensive discussion expressing extreme concern over the termination and severe cuts to bus services. The implementation of the changes is badly executed with no mention of coming cuts at the recent Bus Forum and the consultation period being only five days. Absolutely unacceptable when we are supposed to be increasing use of green public transport to reduce dependency on large numbers of emission emitting private car journeys. The declining service is a vicious circle inevitably leading to reduced use of the service, which is recognised as having declined to low numbers, but this is no excuse for the lack of provision of adequate public transport to enable and encourage its use. Creative solutions are needed not traditional big service buses. The volume of public complaints and comments by Councillors was noted. The following actions were agreed:                PA to write to Councillors proposing more comprehensive A2B service.                Secretary to contact Lumphanan and Cromar CC regarding joint action.                AM to write to Councillors regarding compliance with rules for procurement.                Seek public feedback at TCC Gala stall.</p> </li> </ul>	PA WM WM

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7.	<p><b>New Items (Continued):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HoFWIG Public Meeting:</b> The public meeting arranged by HoFWIG at Mid Deeside Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 8:00 pm was welcomed. The intention is to provide the public with a wider understanding of the impacts of the Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposals. It was agreed AM will print a batch of the TCC questionnaires to be made available at the meeting. We can also provide a poster directing to the online questionnaire.</li> <li>• <b>Torphins Gala 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023:</b> TCC has a single stall booked and paid for the return of the Gala this year. The TCC gazebo will be used with information about the work of TCC, the Hill of Fare Wind Farm Proposals, bus services and the idea of a community garden. The guess the whisky bottle prize draw will run again, with ED to provide AM with info to print the board. A TCC questionnaire will be available for feedback. Members to attend stall on the day.</li> <li>• <b>Council Place Strategy:</b> AM attended the webinar on the Council Place Strategy. TCC is already planning to prepare a Local Place Plan however this webinar created confusion for all attending as the Council advised there is actually also a Place Plan to be created, which is different from the Local Place Plan! It is hoped greater clarity will be provided, however the Local Place Plan is known to be important for the Local Development Plan process and so will be our focus.</li> <li>• <b>Follow up AOCB of 1 June 2023:</b> <b>Hedge:</b> Hedge on right of Beltie Road on exit of village toward Sundayswells. Cllr SB following up but no news. WM to contact owner who was selling the property. <b>Park Pathways:</b> Cllr SB advises will be cut next week. <b>Damaged Signs:</b> Cllr dealing with this. <b>Swimming Pool Hours:</b> Cllr SB continuing efforts for improvement.</li> </ul>	AM  ED, AM TCC AM TCC WM
8.	<p><b>Open Action Log:</b> 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="http://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a>.</p>	TCC
9.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> A very large volume of correspondence received has been distributed by email. Some key items to note and for future events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Council Induction Training 13 and 27 September 2023 and Community Council Networking Event 4 November 2023.</li> <li>• SSEN Community Resilience Fund is open till 31 July 2023.</li> <li>• Just Transition Participatory Budgeting Fund – grant decisions by public vote.</li> <li>• Greenspaces Big Bulb Plant has been launched and looking for volunteers (AOCB).</li> </ul>	WM
11.	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Bichard attended to inform TCC of the latest on the Torphins Greenspaces project team. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jayne Clarke has submitted an application for bulbs to Aberdeenshire Greenspaces Big Bulb Plant and volunteers are sought to assist with planting</li> <li>2. Due to the proposed park planting being rejected by TCC a number of plants are heeled in and awaiting a permanent home, which has to be on Aberdeenshire land. Anna is looking for sites and suggestions are sought.</li> <li>3. The local team has been frustrated by the communication and support from Aberdeenshire Greenspaces and the Council since some deliveries were not timely for planting and the Council cut recently planted areas in error.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	AB JC AB AB

