



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

Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 September 2017 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (EM); Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR);</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Robert Reid (RR) Torphins Horticultural Society; Jennifer Smith (JS) Home Energy Advice Team</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Eric Day (ED)</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> – None	
3.	<b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6 July 2017:</b> Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	<p><b>Home Energy Advice Team at SCARF – Jennifer Smith</b></p> <p>Following an approach by Jennifer Smith of the Home Energy Advice Team at SCARF, TCC agreed to Jennifer attending to advise on the team’s work. The Team is supported by Aberdeenshire Council and other NE Scotland Councils to advise people on home heating, insulation, etc. including offering home visits. Jennifer covers South Aberdeenshire Area and is familiarising with communities to get the word out about HEAT. More information is available at: <a href="http://www.scarf.org.uk/householder/heat/">http://www.scarf.org.uk/householder/heat/</a></p>	JS
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b></p> <p>The July 2017 bank statement balance is £1,433.09 of which £500.00 is ring fenced for the new notice board (no August statement has been received). Including net £222.47 raised from the Gala the bank balance will be £1655.56.</p>	ED submitted report to meeting
6.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b></p> <p><b>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</b> Only Torphins application is a retrospective for a timber garage with no issue, except disappointing to see applications made retrospectively.</p> <p><b>6.2. Bracken Hill Application:</b> TCC notes new information has been submitted by the developers agent in respect of applications APP/2017/1542 and APP/2017/1543 and published on 4 and 5 September 2017 on the AC Planning website. On 6 September 2017 JL, WM, CR, of TCC met with Paul Williamson, AC Planning Case Officer, to discuss concerns and prepare for appearance at October Area Committee meeting. TCC has resolved to instruct a land registry property search to confirm current ownership of land within the development site boundaries.</p>	JL  JL
7.	<p><b>Village Flower Tub Planting and Torphins Horticultural Society:</b></p> <p>Robert Reid attended to advise TCC. Robert submitted the 2018 bedding plant order to be sent to Aberdeenshire Council. Due to the increased number of tubs this year to 22, the plant order for 2018 is increased to 1224. It was noted that TCC has not received all plants requested in the past, however this quantity</p>	RR

	request remains within the envisaged allocation of 1500 plants per community. Robert advised the Torphins Horticultural Society is suffering a declining membership and at the recent Open Day at Learney Hall only 25 people attended who were not members. This is a big concern for the survival of the society, which needs stronger active support from all age groups in the community. TCC asked how we can help and agreed to support advertising of future THS events on the website and Facebook.	
8.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b></p> <p><b>8.1. Torphins Emergency Response Plan</b> Outstanding matters are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed back from Marr Area Manager following sharing of the plan by Area with the emergency services.</li> <li>• Response from SSE North on the grant application for equipment costs.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.2. Forward Plan progress report</b> CG presented the draft TCC Progress Report document, which has been completed for review. Certain amendments were agreed which when complete will enable the illustrated report to be published on the TCC website and periodically updated in future.</p> <p><b>8.3. Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village</b> The Marr Area Roads Manager is reviewing all reported roads issues in the area and will report back in the near future. It was agreed to follow up if no response is received within a week.</p> <p><b>8.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins</b> Applications for Funding have been submitted to both SCOTMID and TESCO. With TESCO, it could be six months before we hear from them, and with no guarantee of funding. SCOTMID process applications every 6/8 weeks so we may learn one way or another, possibly next month.</p> <p><b>8.5. Torphins Park Update</b></p> <p>8.5.1. Equipment - Discussed the matter with Bill Higham. As per usual there is no money in the budget to repaint the equipment. Bill has however confirmed that any broken paintwork / bare metal will be treated and fresh paint applied. He hopes to run this task in tandem with the Zip wire change out.</p> <p>8.5.2. Drainage - A site meeting with Neil West and Bill Higham of AC and Steven Riach, Torphins resident and contractor, revealed additional drainage facilities, which had not been previously identified. A plan has been discussed to drain the west end of the park towards Innermarkie Wynd drainage system, relieving drainage pressure on the east end. £5,000 has been earmarked by A.C. and £4,000 may be available from developer obligations toward the cost, however the full cost is expected to exceed this amount. The work will have to go to competitive tender, although Steven Riach has offered his machinery and equipment FOC.</p> <p><b>8.6. CPR Training Plans</b> Sarah Pine has offered to provide community training session in Torphins in the Autumn. WM to contact to organise date and venue.</p> <p><b>8.7. Mobile Phone Service in Torphins</b> Subsequent to Vodafone's commitment to provide a 4G service to Torphins it is confirmed 4G has generally been available now in the area for several weeks. Other providers are also committed to improve signal and coverage in response to Aberdeenshire Council's initiative for improvement which has been published by Marr Area Committee. New masts are being installed in the area.</p> <p><b>8.8. Torphins Gala</b> TCC applaud the successful 2017 Gala and were pleased with the response to the TCC stall. TCC efforts at the Gala, offering a prize hamper and a bottle of Whisky, realised a sum of £272.20. This money has been banked and will appear in the next bank statement. From this sum there are direct expenses of £29.73 and a site fee of £20. TCC members donated the whisky and hamper contents. Therefore TCC benefited by £222.47.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>CG</p> <p>NP</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>JL</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>ED</p>

