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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 th February 2020 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Carol Reid (CRd); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Adam Sime (AS); Scott Findlater (SF)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Cllr. P. Gibb (PG); Liz Moore (LM)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 9th January 2020 previously by email: Adoption without changes confirmed. Proposed: Carol Reid Seconded: Liz Moore	TCC
4.	Police Report: The January Police Report has been received and distributed to TCC members.	PS
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £3,666.06 with £921.58 free funds, £2,500.00 reserved for Festive Lights and £244.48 reserved for TERP.	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report.</p> <p>6.2. Developer Obligations: Adam Sime, Senior Developer Obligations Officer, Aberdeenshire Council, presented a comprehensive explanation of the Developer Obligations (DO) function and process to the meeting. Adam then fielded a number of questions from the members, particularly about TCC recent experience with DOs, and specifically why there were no DOs required for the Station Garage housing development when the matter was agreed in 2016. The DO team had not identified any DO payment requirement. The maximum affordable housing number (10) was required. TCC will review if further action is required and will also prepare a submission to the DO team and Area Office of recommended proposals for future DOs in Torphins. (It was subsequently confirmed DOs are required for the approved development of the former Schoolhouse site, which is for sale by Aberdeenshire Council.) Adam was thanked for attending and for his enlightening presentation. Actions are added to the Open Action List.</p>	ED AS
7.	<p>Community Safety Report:</p> <p>7.1. Dawn Tuckwood attended the recent local safety meeting providing a Community Safety Report to the group. HB advised the latest Safety Group network meeting had been cancelled due to lack of agenda.</p> <p>7.2. CRd provided the poster on Being Seen for posting on the Notice Board by Sec.</p>	HB CRd, WM

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8.	<p>New Action Items:</p> <p>8.1. Aberdeenshire Survey on Possible Reduction of Bedding Plants to CCs: A survey had been received from Landscape Services and returned. TCC responded negatively to a reduction of provision. Any decision will be by Aberdeenshire Council as part of the budgeting process in March. The survey was generated internal to the department.</p> <p>8.2. Recent Road Traffic Accident on Beltie Road: The known information about the event was reviewed and it was decided no further action is required, except to reinforce the clear need for safe driving practices at all times.</p> <p>8.3. Housing 2040 Consultation Report: CR attended the recent Housing 2040 Consultation Event in Aberdeen. The event was reasonably well attended. CR expressed his concern there was limited linkage to economic activity in housing planning. All the related materials are available here: https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-2040/</p> <p>8.4. Red Squirrel Awareness Signs: Following an enquiry from local residents regarding possible road signs for red squirrel awareness on north St. Marnan Road, WM asked if Aberdeenshire Council can provide such signage. Cllr. PA agreed to investigate what the Council can do and alternatives. Add to Action Log.</p> <p>8.5. Offer of Letter ref TCC to Torphins Community from Alexander Burnett MSP: Following careful consideration TCC decided to decline this offer with thanks. Secretary to advise. Add to Action Log.</p> <p>8.6. Proposed Major Changes to Torphins Bus Service Effective 6th April 2020: Through the company and Aberdeenshire, TCC has been advised of proposed changes to Stagecoach bus services across Aberdeenshire, including significant changes impacting the Torphins services. Feedback may be submitted with a deadline of 16th February. The information was reviewed and community concerns already received discussed. TCC resolved as follows: Rev HS to submit a response expressing concerns on behalf of TCC. Additional publicity will be given via TCC media on the changes and feedback process, encouraging individuals to file their concerns directly to the feedback address bluebird.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com by 16th February 2020. Publicise the arrangement Cllr. PA has made with Stagecoach whereby anyone not able to email can speak to Stagecoach directly. Contact Cllr. PA by telephone on 07801 900843 or email cllr.p.argyle@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Add to Action Log.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>CR</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>HS</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
9.	<p>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 www.torphins.net.</p>	TCC
10.	<p>Correspondence: All correspondence received has been distributed to members by email, including advice of: Bus Changes referred to above National Planning Framework 4 Engagement Democracy Matters Newsletter Aberdeen Airport Airspace Review advice will have no impact on Torphins community so no further participation. Request from Marr Area Committee regarding VE Day 75th Anniversary. Secretary to advise no action planned by TCC. Email from office of Alexander Burnett MSP referred to above.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

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11.	A.O.C.B.: The excellent photographs of Torphins submitted have all been posted on Facebook, generating a large amount of interest and positive comments. The photographs will be useful for the CAP document.	AM
12.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 5th March 2020	
12.	Meeting closed at 10:00 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 8 th February 2020 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 5 th March 2020. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas	