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Meeting Minutes Thursday 5 th September 2019 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) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Carol Reid (CRd); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Rev. Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p>Apologies: Liz Moore (LM); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the new MDC minister Rev. Holly Smith to the meeting.</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of meeting 4th July 2019: Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The Police Report received 29 August was reviewed. No particular concerns noted.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The bank balance is £1,049.97 with £805.49 free funds and £244.48 reserved for TERP. The Gala surplus was £60.00, with income £100.00 and costs of £40.00, aided by donation of prizes.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report.</p>	ED
7.	<p>New Items: 7.1. Carols Around the Christmas Tree: The meeting agreed Thursday 19th December 2019 for this year's Carols Around the Christmas Tree. Rev. Holly Smith is pleased to participate. Confirmation of the availability of the Praise Band and PA system will be sought by Rev. HS and of Notes of Torphins by JL. ED confirmed the Christmas lights PAT has been completed.</p>	JL HS JL ED
8.	<p>Open Actions: 8.1. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The requested extension of the 40 mph speed limit, to beyond Glassel junction, was opposed by Aberdeenshire Council Policy Unit as contrary to policy. Roads favoured a review and the matter will be kept open. ○ Pot holes on Pitmedden Road continue to be a concern. Cllr. PA confirmed no funds are available this year, however he will keep trying for opportunity to address the issue. CG maintained this is a safety issue that should be addressed by the Council. 	Cllr PA CG

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8.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>8.1. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to bridge north of Learney Avenue: Police are not supportive of this proposal. Secretary to write to the Police explaining the circumstances and TCC point of view. The speed limit extension objective will be included in the new CAP. Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre Derek Murray, Roads and Landscape Services Manager, has responded to Cllr PG "I note... NHS own the land but the NHS also believe that the marked up area forms part of the public road. I can confirm that only the first 2 metres from the edge of road would be deemed to be on our List of Public Roads. This 2 metre strip would be the continuation of the footway line to the north of the war memorial and south of William Street. Anything behind this line we would consider to be private [NHS]. The 2 metre strip under Roads control is not in an ideal condition but we have no plans [or budget] at present to upgrade this area. Should the NHS decide to upgrade their parking area then we may perhaps, budgets and priorities permitting, be prepared to work with them on a joint project. I trust this helps but get back to me if you wish to discuss anything further." It was agreed Cllr PG should request Derek Murray to approach NHS to address the matter and seek a solution. <p>8.2. Community Action Plan: The CAP and Photo Competition were launched at the Gala. The response to the Photo Competition has been slow to date and further publicity and urges to the community to participate will continue. The August winner will be posted on Facebook. The CAP Survey has 52 responses so far, including 8 from teenagers who were encouraged to participate at the Gala. The Survey Monkey will continue to be promoted and all of the community is strongly encouraged to participate through the link on torphins.net or facebook/torphinscommunity. Local groups will be specifically canvassed over coming weeks. Thank you for the response to date.</p> <p>8.3. Village Welcome Pack: The draft continues development and the sub-committee is checking with local businesses for participation.</p> <p>8.4. Sale of Schoolhouse: Cllr. PA will follow up for any new activity.</p> <p>8.5. Learney Hall Curtains: Three quotations have been received. Aberdeenshire is planning to select and commence procurement with a vendor before TCC October meeting. The completion of this item would be very welcome, having been on the agenda with Aberdeenshire since May 2018.</p> <p>8.6. King George V Community Project Trust: JL and ED attended the recent meeting on behalf of TCC. £7,000 is available for disbursement at this time. Of 9 applications received 7 were successful and will be notified by the Trust. The next round closes on 22nd December with the panel meeting on 13th January 2020.</p> <p>8.7. Footpath South of Waulkmill Bridge: Cllr PA will investigate what action can be taken to improve the route for safety and convenience of users.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>AM Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>CRd, AM</p> <p>CRd</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>JL, ED</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>

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8.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>8.8. Learney Hall Outside Area Maintenance: Cllr PG will follow up on the concern about weeds around the hall area.</p> <p>8.9. Skateboard Park: With regard to the maintenance of the skateboard park Cllr PG followed up with Janelle Clark and she advised as follows: We have a few skateparks in Marr that were installed by community groups [or Educational and Children’s Services as in the case of Torphins]. The assumption has always been that Landscape services will carry out minor repairs but any major works would be the responsibility of whoever installed the facility. If the community group is no longer in existence and no other community group came forward, then Aberdeenshire Council would close the facility off. It seems to have been suggested in this instance that ECS installed the facility and the same principle would apply. If ECS do not have the budget, then the facility would close if no community group pick it up. With reducing budgets, situations like this may become more common. Most of these facilities are historical. Any new facilities [from Developer Contributions] we agree future maintenance plans including major works and would not spend the initial capital outlay unless this is agreed.</p> <p>The conclusion is that minor works on the Skateboard park will continue but major repairs need to be funded by ECS, but if the money is unavailable and major works needed [without a community group taking an interest], the facility may be removed.</p> <p>8.10. Pavilion: Regarding who is responsible to maintain the pavilion the ownership of the pavilion is uncertain. Cllr PG recommend TCC approach Steve Russell, Sport and Leisure Manager in the first instance, probably at the upcoming Community Forum.</p>	<p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>TCC</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received has been distributed by email.</p> <p>9.1. Marr Community Forum at V&A Halls Ballater is on 12th September 2019, with Cllr PG in the chair. WM and will share transport with other members who attend.</p> <p>9.2. Supporting Communities Event at Huntly on 28th September has been cancelled due to lack of interest across Aberdeenshire. TCC had at least two members booked to attend. Is the Council considering the causes of low interest?</p> <p>9.3. Paths for All Walk Leader training will be conducted in Torphins on 8th October. Community members are encouraged to sign up for this training in Torphins.</p> <p>9.4. The agenda has been received and distributed with papers for the Special Meeting of MAC to review the LDP Issues and Actions at Stewarts Hall, Huntly, on 17th September 2019. Open to public.</p>	WM
10.	<p>A.O.C.B.:</p> <p>10.1. CRd is organising an IT Help Night for the community at Platform 22, where young people will be available to assist local people with IT issues such as problems with set up and use of smart phone, tablet, PC, social media, etc. Secondary pupils have been trained at Aboyne Library and are available. CRd is seeking funding to support the event. It was resolved TCC will provide £75 for a first event, with TCC sponsorship promoted. CRd will apply with TCC support to other local sources for grant aid for future events.</p> <p>10.2. Continuing the concern about potholes ED mentioned the poor state of the south side of Grampian Terrace, where there are multiple potholes and a poor edge to the road, which can be unavoidable due to parked vehicles. Cllr PA to investigate.</p> <p>10.3. ED notes the park is still very soft and saw inspection taking place this week. ED asked the purpose of the inspection and if more drainage work is anticipated.</p>	<p>CRd</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>

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10.	<p>A.O.C.B. (continued):</p> <p>10.4. JL will order the TCC wreath for Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>10.5. JL advised he intends to stand down as Chairperson of TCC in November or December, giving time for TCC members to consider the appointment of his replacement at Chairperson.</p> <p>10.6. HB advised he attended the South Marr Safety Group of which he is Chair. The group is one of seven across Aberdeenshire which promote safety in the community, supported by a new hub created in Inverurie for Aberdeenshire emergency and social services who meet together twice per week. To promote community safety, awareness initiatives are being pushed down to local communities through Community Councils and other community organisations. TCC will promote one or two subjects each month, beginning with pedestrian safety and road safety.</p> <p>Another CPR Training session will be organised. Scottish Fire and Rescue have resources however in the first instance TCC will approach the First Responders and Sandpiper Trust who have helped in the past.</p> <p>10.7. AM recommended a community outreach initiative each month to promote TCC membership. We will post vacancies again.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>HB</p> <p>WM</p> <p>AM</p>
11.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 3rd October 2019	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6th September 2019 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 3rd October 2019.</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	