



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 2 nd December 2021 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
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1.	<p>Present: Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Malcolm Miller (MM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Large public attendance of 32 households, including Mark Macdonald and Emma Pattullo; Cllr. P. Gibb (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Iain Firth (IF); Rev Holly Smith (HS); Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Cllr. P. Argyle</p> <p>Not Present: Hamish Booth (HB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4th November 2021 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Andrew McPherson Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	Police Report: The October Police Report was reviewed. The Police action in Torphins area regarding anti-social behaviour in motor cars and speeding were noted with some satisfaction.	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>The bank balance is £2,670.86, comprising TCC free funds £1280.86 and Foundation Scotland Hardship Fund £1,390.00.</p> <p>The purchase of additional Festive Lights £704.40 has been funded by the Scotmid donation £480, and the balance expenditure of £200.46 is from general funds until the Marr Area Committee grant is received.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. No new applications for Torphins since last meeting. Application APP/2021/2435 Erection of Garden Room (Retrospective) (Amendment to Planning Permission APP/2020/2267) has now been submitted, following the inspection by the Aberdeenshire Council planning officer. Objections have been submitted.</p>	ED
7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</p> <p>7.1. Community Resilience Response</p> <p>AM opened the discussion, inviting the body to contribute to the conversation so we can work together to improve the community resilience process for the future. Mark Macdonald advised the considerable efforts he made with the assistance of others to meet the needs of many vulnerable people in the community, and forcefully expressed his disappointment with the Community Council. Mark asked if the Torphins Community Resilience Plan had been reviewed as scheduled, the risk assessment properly updated, and other matters addressed to support proper planning and action. The review of the plan was in fact scheduled for this meeting</p>	AM
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	<p>7.1. Community Resilience Response (Contd.) and was virtually complete. While TCC congratulated MM on raising his volunteers and thanked them for their work, we explained the lack of volunteers to perform the plan developed by Community Council, despite the recruitment drive through the Newsletter and online, plus difficulties with hall access. TCC are all volunteers. AM opened up the discussion to the whole audience who keenly participated with strong criticism, praise, and valuable recommendations. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a list of volunteers before the end of the meeting • Create a subcommittee for resilience with leadership within the community • Directly ask people to help rather than just send newsletter request • Obtain a register of at risk people, data protection being a hurdle • Ensure there are hard copies of all plans so they can be accessed without internet or power • Focus on helping neighbours, as very many in the community actually did do • Distribute cards for vulnerable to display in their window in time of need • Buy loud hailers now so that local public information announcements can easily be made to communicate the situation and help find the needy <p>Concluding the wide discussion AM recommended the meeting decide on four key actions that can be immediately implemented. These were refined to this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity from Aberdeenshire Council to provide rapid access to Learney Hall • Collect at end of the meeting names of volunteers to meet and form the structure for the future operation of the resilience plan • Define an emergency muster point and define how to share information • Define a way to identify vulnerable people or access a list of vulnerable <p>(Following the meeting TCC has organised a meeting of the community volunteers at Learney Hall on 8th December 2021 at 7:30 pm to devise their plan of action.)</p>	Volunteers
7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</p> <p>7.2. Torphins Medical Practice WM advised the meeting of the public meeting now to be held on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7:00 pm at Learney Hall. All members of the public in the Torphins Medical Practice area are encouraged to attend to hear about the process and future possibilities for the practice now that notice has been given to pass it back to NHS. Senior members of Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership will attend to explain the process and arrangements for the future medical services in Torphins. Following further comment by SS, Dr. Mercer explained helpful details to the meeting and Cllr PG advised the meeting about “Keep Care in our Communities” (KCC). The public meeting is arranged and promoted by TCC with the Patient Participation Group and everyone is encouraged to spread the word and attend.</p> <p>7.3. Carols Around Christmas Tree It was agreed to proceed with the public carol singing around the tree on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 6:30 pm. Notes from Torphins and the Praise Band are not available however a sound system with music is being prepared for support. We will serve punch type non-alcoholic drinks outside rather than inside for mulled wine.</p> <p>7.4. Car Noise at Station Square Another report has been received of anti-social motor vehicles at late hours in the Station Square area. We are extremely concerned about the activity and are pleased to see in the latest Police Report that there is some Police action in Torphins. Please continue to report incidents to the Police. One public attendee expressed the view this type of behaviour has been a long-standing problem and that we need outlets and activities for young people.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p>
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