



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Campbell Gillies (CG)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> WM advised his interest in the Torphins Paths Group planning application at item 8.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 previously by email:</b> Adopted without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>The Rubbish Club:</b> AM welcomed Thomas Truby to the meeting. Thomas thanked TCC for the monetary award and letter of thanks. This makes him feel a recognised part the community for his environmental work. Thomas explained that rather than cash the cheque he would like the money to be used to fund "litter pickers" for public to use. He will prepare a stand to hold the litter pickers and waste bags so people can take them on short-term loan to pick litter while walking, and return at the end of the walk. The stand(s) will be set up with general and safety instructions, probably at Platform 22, and possibly elsewhere. Everyone agreed this is an excellent idea. Cllr. PA offered to investigate if Aberdeenshire can provide the litter pickers, and TCC will contribute to other costs incurred by Thomas in preparing the equipment. TCC thanked Thomas for his valuable contribution to Torphins environment.</p>	TT  Cllr. PA TCC
5.	<p><b>Police Report:</b> Police Report has not been received recently. Police are verifying TCC on distribution for future.</p>	PS
6.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The balance at bank is £3,499.90 less outstanding cheques £80.00. Details of balance as follows: TCC free funds £1,022.84 (less o/s cheque £30) TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £100.58, Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £2,090.00 - Stuart Family Donation £100.00 (less o/s cheque £50)</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b> Outstanding applications are: APP/2020/2532, APP/2021/0155, APP/2021/0186. The newly filed application APP/2021/0186 for a Car Park, Access and Path at Easter Beltie was discussed at some length. It was decided to continue the review to agree potential submissions by the TCC Planning Officer by deadline 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.</p>	ED

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8.	<p><b>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</b></p> <p><b>8.1.</b> WM explained the project initiated by Torphins Paths Group to develop a path from the end of the old railway track at Easter Beltie through Dam Wood to Glassel road, within TCC area. This is a section of the proposed Torphins to Banchory path. TPG has submitted a request for TCC to support the project. TCC membership endorsed the plan and agreed to submit the planning application in name of TCC.</p> <p><b>8.2.</b> AM presented the Torphins Village Square proposal with an excellent portrayal of the possibilities for a feature on the land in the area of the Learney Hall. The idea is to develop an attractive public focal point in the village center for community activity. The meeting strongly endorsed the proposal and decided the idea should be developed in preparation for public consultation on the proposals.</p>	WM  AM
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></p> <p><b>9.1.</b> WM summarised the communications received during January, all of which have been distributed to members by email.</p>	WM
10.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p><b>10.1.</b> JL raised the matter again regarding parking at Scotmid to ensure follow up. Although minuted in January the matter was omitted from the Action Log in error so will be added in February.</p> <p><b>10.2.</b> JL mentioned his disappointment that Village Farm Court pavement was not ploughed and gritted recently when the Beltie Road was. The work was completed later. Cllr. PA reminded the meeting of the need to prioritise work at times of high demand when the weather is particularly bad.</p>	JL  JL
12.	<p><b>Next ordinary meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom</b></p>	
13.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9:13 pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Proposed: John Lucas                      Seconded: Eric Day</p>	