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<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Minutes Thursday 7th May 2020 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom</p>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); 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>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Campbell Gillies (CG)</p> <p>Not Present: Carol Reid (CRd)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2nd April 2020 previously by email: Adoption without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: Received 8th April 2020 – reviewed and contents noted.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The balance at bank as at 30th April was £4,606.55, being TCC free funds £862.07, TERP £244.48, Festive Lights £2,500.00 and Hardship Fund £1,000. Cheques since paid: website £218.15, carol concert £17.98, Scotmid voucher £200.00, flyer £58.00.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Weekly List of Planning Applications: No applications to report.</p> <p>6.2. Easter Beltie Restoration Project: WM reported a planning application submitted by Dee Catchment Partnership for this project would be published soon and that the TCC response may be due before the next TCC meeting. The project is for major changes to the Beltie Burn at Easter Beltie and should be reviewed when available to enable submissions by TCC if required. The reference number for the proposal is APP/2020/0859.</p> <p>6.3. LDP: Residents have raised a concern that the housing proposals for south of Beltie Road remain in the LDP. TCC has confirmed with Aberdeenshire Council these developments are NOT in the LDP, which was approved in March. Only the 47 house Station Garage and 6 house Wester Beltie proposals are included. If appeals to the proposed LDP are received the Scottish Government Reporter may decide the appeal against Aberdeenshire Council. Link to Proposed LDP: https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=1&meetid=19572 Link to Marr Area Settlements with Torphins on page 771 https://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/FunctionsPage.aspx?dsid=103264&action=GetFileFromDB</p>	ED WM LM

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7.	Community Safety Report: No report	HB
8.	<p>New Items:</p> <p>8.1. Live Life Aberdeenshire Pitch and Open Space Strategy. A paper presented to Marr Area Committee on 5th May 2020 raised concerns for TCC due to incomplete information and inadequate planning for Torphins Park. TCC submitted objections and explanations to our Ward Councillors and Marr Area Office in advance of the meeting. Cllr PA reported the concerns and the head of service is to review and respond to Cllr Argyle on the matter.</p> <p>8.2. COVID-19 Response Update. The Community Council has continued the volunteer initiative with 23 community volunteers and requests met to assist 15 people. Many thanks to the volunteers who are delivering prescriptions and shopping and making support telephone calls. Volunteers are also encouraged to register with Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub, with whom TCC has registered. TCC has launched a Hardship Fund with the support of Foundation Scotland, 20% matching by Scotmid and a generous donation from a regular visitor from west of Scotland to Torphins and P22. This will bring the fund to £1,500. Grocery vouchers are available by request to TCC and people in financial need are strongly encouraged to apply by email at admin@torphins.net or phone Rev Holly Smith on behalf of TCC at 013398 82915</p> <p>Following discussion it was decided to increase promotion of the fund through TCC social media, word of mouth, and church contacts. A further application as possible will be made to Foundation Scotland.</p>	AM Cllr PA TCC
9.	<p>Open Action Log:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>10.1. A very considerable amount of correspondence has been received by email regarding COVID-19 and government and community response and guidelines. All correspondence has been distributed to members and posted as appropriate on www.torphins.net and www.facebook.com/torphinscommunity/</p>	WM
11.	<p>A.O.C.B.:</p> <p>11.1. WM provided a review of the conference call update meeting for community councils hosted today by Janelle Clark of Marr Area Office.</p> <p>An update on the LDP process by the planning team advised due to the lockdown the consultation will now be a digital process running from 25 May to 17 July 2020. The LDP, all supporting documents, Strategic Environmental Plan, Special Landscape Areas, Nature Conservation Areas, etc. will be provided online with the same information available as would have been available in community halls and libraries, including posters available for download. There will be resources for communities such as FAQ and information on how to respond with the Response Form. With the digital engagement there is hope to reach more young people, and community councils are encouraged to communicate with the wider local community as much as possible to enable understanding of and feedback on the LDP.</p> <p>Due to the lockdown Community Council annual grants will be paid this year in May without submission of annual accounts. Annual accounts for FY ending 31st March 2020 can still be prepared and independently examined now, however there is no need to submit until after presentation for approval at AGMs, which are delayed to October. Community Councillors were given the opportunity to comment on local matters or concerns and it was agreed the meeting was useful and should be repeated before summer recess, to include "Living with COVID-19 and the CC Role".</p>	WM

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11.	<p>A.O.C.B. (Contd.):</p> <p>11.2. ED raised a request again for a garden waste skip at Torphins Park, particularly at this time when waste recycle centres are closed. Cllr PA said the summer garden waste scheme is suspended everywhere with the suspension of waste centres under Scottish Government requirements. Also experience proves garden waste skips must be manned to prevent their misuse for non-garden waste. There is no chance of a manned skip in a place the size of Torphins and therefore no chance of a garden waste skip.</p> <p>During the closure fly tipping has increased. People should act responsibly, use onsite composting, and wait for centres to reopen, something Aberdeenshire is preparing for when allowed.</p> <p>11.3. LM is the TCC representative on the King George V Wind Turbine Fund Panel, which awards grants of up to £1,000. LM reported the recent funding Round 3 and expressed her surprise at the range of awards with limited relevance to the qualification criteria, which have been approved by the Panel officers. TCC noted the concern and expressed the view that for any such fund a rigorous and transparent approach should always be applied to ensure fair awards.</p> <p>11.4. AM wondered if we can do more to promote the various sources of aid for businesses during this time. He referred to the recent communication from Cllr PG about sources of assistance and Cllr PG advised the business associations in Aboyne and Ballater are very helpful to collate concerns to forward to Councillors and others to take up, however unfortunately Torphins has no such body. Cllr PA advised Business Gateway by Aberdeenshire Council is an excellent local source for advice, which is open to all. It was decided to promote the various sources on TCC social media.</p>	<p>ED</p> <p>LM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>WM</p>
12.	<p>Next ordinary meeting Thursday 4th June 2020 on Zoom Rev HS to send Zoom invitation with no 40 minute limit</p>	Rev HS
13.	<p>Meeting closed at 9:20 pm</p>	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 8th May 2020 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4th June 2020. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas</p>	