



**Torphins Community Council**  
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

<b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 07.30 pm</b> <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b>						
Item No.	Description	Owner				
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM), Norman Morrice (NM), Nick Poulton (NP)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF), Sgt William Murdoch</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Jayne Clarke (JC), Sarah Fraser (SF), Colin Rouse (CR)</p>					
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> - None					
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016:</b> Approved: John Lucas, Seconded: Eric Day</p>					
4.	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Sergeant Murdoch presented detail speed and time statistics from the recent survey on the A980 at the west end of Torphins. The speed limit was exceeded by 22.7% of vehicles, with the highest speeds in the morning travel to work period. Following review and discussion TCC requested action to address the clear incidence of excessive speed by a sizeable number of vehicles. Sergeant Murdoch undertook to request traffic police attendance. Residents are encouraged to report to the police the registration number of vehicles witnessed travelling at clearly excessive speed. The data will be shared with Aberdeenshire Council Roads Department.</p> <p>The fire at Glen O'Dee old hospital was a serious incident attended by police and other emergency services and fortunately there were no injuries. Two youths were apprehended within two days.</p> <p>There has been a recent spike in incidents of anti social behaviour in Banchory. The police have increased presence and activity focused on countering these incidents.</p>	Sgt WM				
5.	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Total TCC Funds at 03/11/2016</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£1193.43</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds held in TCC bank account on behalf of Defibrillator Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£750.00</u></td> </tr> </table>	Total TCC Funds at 03/11/2016	<u>£1193.43</u>	Funds held in TCC bank account on behalf of Defibrillator Group	<u>£750.00</u>	ED
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6.	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p><b>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</b> The following recent applications were reviewed.</p> <p><b>APP/2016/2926 and APP/2016/2930</b> for Mid Deeside Church retrospective application. No comments were required. It was noted the application includes the installation of a PAD at the location.</p> <p><b>APP/2016/1051 Bracken Hill Development.</b> It was noted the Area Committee Report 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 included a number of detail conditions to be satisfied regarding many of the matters raised by TCC and public objectors. TCC remains concerned that the developer satisfactorily addresses matters.</p>	ED				

7.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b></p> <p><b>7.1. Road Safety and Speeding:</b></p> <p>7.1.1. Proposed Mandatory 50mph speed limit at Campfield – The Councillors advised the recommendation has been discussed with the Roads Department and is expected to be implemented.</p> <p>7.1.2. Proposed roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to encourage improved behaviour – The Councillors advised this recommendation has been discussed and is being planned.</p> <p>7.1.3. Publicity campaign on road safety – in addition to the matters in hand through TCC, the specific implementation of this will be addressed in a separate session.</p> <p>7.1.4. Bridge Crescent – several residents have requested speed bumps between St Marnan Road and the park. The proposal will be further reviewed to consider all facts before a recommendation is made. PA has addressed the questions on the recently announced temporary closure.</p> <p><b>7.2. Flower Tubs:</b></p> <p>ED has distributed to all volunteers the plants prepared by Robert Reid. Volunteers are encouraged to complete the planting as soon as possible. A big Thank You to all involved for this community effort.</p> <p><b>7.3. Torphins Park:</b></p> <p>7.3.1. Orchard Update – latest considerations on existing density of trees at the west end of park has driven the final decision that no additional trees should be planted. TCC is reviewing a proposal to enhance the area around the Jubilee Stone with a rockery and heather planting.</p> <p>7.3.2. Drainage including rear of Village Farm Court Update – no new information.</p> <p>7.3.3. Play Equipment and Funding Proposal – The earlier decision to pursue acquisition of outdoor gymnastic training equipment is dependent on funding, therefore KF will check with Landscape Services regarding funds available, since PA confirmed Area Committee funds are near exhausted for this year.</p> <p>7.3.4. PA confirmed the plan to reconfigure the mix of recycle bins will be completed in due course.</p> <p><b>7.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins:</b> no new information</p> <p><b>7.5. Second PAD for Village:</b></p> <p>WM advised the Mid Deeside Kirk Session has agreed to a PAD being located outside the Church buildings. Based on positive feedback SF has received from the Gala Committee, WM will send a formal request to the Gala Committee for additional funds. Ann Conroy of The Torphins Patients Group is working with Heart Start on sourcing equipment.</p> <p><b>7.6. Beltie Burn Bridge:</b></p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council has committed to repairing the bridge this year, or failing that next year, depending when funds available.</p> <p><b>7.7. Meeting with NHS Area Community Health Coordinator regarding path development:</b></p> <p>JL to request a meeting on a Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>7.8. Torphins Community Resilience Plan:</b></p> <p>Members continue to review available documentation prior to moving forward with a plan for Torphins. WM to send reminder. KF will request the Marr Area Manager to include the matter of Community Resilience Planning in a future Ward Forum agenda, in order to pursue a standardised template and procedures for all Community Councils.</p> <p><b>7.9. Christmas Carols at Tree:</b></p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 is reaffirmed as the date. The Reverend Wark has confirmed his attendance at this, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christmas Tree event. The date will now be publicised, with the hope the Praise Band and Torphins Notes will confirm attendance. Emma Pattullo will help with TCC helpers on the night.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>JL</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>JL</p> <p>KF</p> <p>PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>JL</p> <p>TCC KF</p> <p>JC</p>
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