



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 5 th September 2024 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Macpherson (AM); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	<p>Intimation of noted interests: WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p>	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4 July 2024 previously by email: Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The Q2 Police Report has not been received. Police apology received, due to staffing.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The August balance is £10,517.74, with TCC general funds £821.29, Christmas Lights £510.05, Hardship Fund £362.70; and TORCH balance £8,833.70. TCC received a net £168.00 on the Guess the whisky at Torphins Gala. Expenditures in July and August were Tornaveen Hall meeting £20.00, Gala Stall fee £25.00, and Data Protection Registration £35.00. The Hardship fund paid £142.70 for pantry supplies.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Report: No activity to report</p>	ED
7.	<p>New and Focus Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Place Plan (LPP): PA introduced the discussion with a review of examples of things that could be featured as proposals in LPPs, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sites which support climate change adaptation, such as renewable energy or flood mitigation • local initiatives for the promotion of active travel and community food growing • sites for housing, including for affordable housing, new or retained local employment or new tourism/community facilities • retaining, improving, and expanding quality open space and green/blue infrastructure and play facilities • conservation of the natural/built environment • improvements in the town/neighbourhood centre • support for a national development, as featured in the National Planning Framework (NPF4) 	PA

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7.	<p>New Items (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Local Place Plan (Continued): Following brief discussion it was agreed we should pursue preparation of an LPP for the Torphins CC Area, to be completed in 2024. Given the tight deadline PA advised he will prepare an initial list of proposals which he will circulate by 9 September for review by members. All members are requested to respond with confirmation of their review and with any comments and additions. Following agreement of initial proposals by October meeting TCC, will go to consultation with community groups to ensure community input and support, and to finalise a conclusive document for submission by 2024 deadline.</p> <p>Parking at Scotmid: IF raised the extreme concern regarding dangerous parking practices on the road at Scotmid, particularly at the crossing point designated by white lines and dimpled and dropped pavement. IF has spoken to individual drivers with little acceptance of the danger, conversely he has also witnessed near misses. An accident is inevitable sooner or later. We noted Cllr SB had obtained an undertaking that the Council would install new bollards but this has not happened. PA recollected it had been agreed that if white lining not working then a clear physical protection solution would be installed. It is time for such action. The yellow lines designating the Disabled Parking bay also require repainted. Cllr SB will follow up with Aberdeenshire Council to develop and permanent physical solution at the site.</p> <p>Poor Condition of Pavements: ED has received a complaint from a resident with an electric mobility scooter that many pavements in Torphins have an unacceptable rough and uneven surface. No specific location was mentioned. It was decided ED will revert to the individual to obtain details of specific locations which may enable action.</p> 	<p>PA</p> <p>IF</p> <p>ED</p>
8.	<p>Open Action Log: 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
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members. Items of particular interest are the Newsletters and Topic Papers for LDP, Communications regarding CC elections, and MAP Newsletters, as well as many surveys and consultations. An email from Richard Orren with details of the Banchory CC Local Place Plan process has been received, with a concern that Torphins should develop an LPP. 	WM
10.	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LM expressed concern that we have a commitment to consultation for the LPP but we have to be realistic and there is no point in creating an impossible wish list. CR advised the Park Pavilion roof has still not been repaired and that the Zip Line has been removed. Cllr SB undertook to follow up. (Cllr SB later confirmed the seat has been removed by the Landscape Team from the ariel runway in Torphins due to recent health and safety issue with this type of equipment, when officers are satisfied that this is safe, the seat will be reinstated. At the moment there is no indication of when investigations into this will be complete. It is a precautionary measure. 	

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10.	<p>AOCB (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ED advised he has arranged PAT testing of Christmas Lights for 6 September and that the volunteer team will set up the lights on 23 November 2024 and dismantle on 11 January 2025. • JL has repeatedly over years reported a growing pothole in Village Farm Court. The site was inspected recently by Aberdeenshire Council Roads, but no action has resulted. JL will now write the Council to advise he intends to take the matter into his own hands by repairing the Council property with bags of Postcrete at his expense. • AB has received confirmation the conversion from analogue to digital telephone lines will provide for only a one hour battery back up time in event of a power cut. • SS updated us regarding the overgrown hedge obstructing the walking area on Kincardine Road which he had reported. The owner has been written to by the Council to cut the hedge however there has been no action to date. 	
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Member Comments before CC Elections: The majority, but not all members, advised their nominations have been submitted or will be. We continue to seek new members to fill twelve open places. 	TCC
11.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 4 th October 2024, 7:30 pm, Learney Hall, Torphins	
12.	Meeting closed at 8:51 pm	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6th September 2024 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4th October 2024.</p> <p>Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	