

Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7:30 pm

Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS) In Attendance: Cllr Anouk Kloppert (AK); Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Sarah Brown (SB) Not Present: Andrew Brazier (AB); Rev Holly Smith (HS)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2 nd February 2023 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	TCC
4.	Police Report: Report for Quarter to March 2023 is expected on April	PS
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £17,460.91, being TCC funds £1410.46; Hardship Fund £1,835.00; and TORCH funds £14,215.45. £330.00 was expended from the Hardship Fund. TORCH expenditure during the period was £300.00 for generator container planning application and £67.18 for miscellaneous items.	ED
6.	Planning Report:	
	There are no new planning submissions. West Lodge development has an Aberdeenshire comment that a conservation expert is needed, and it is noted work has commenced at the Old School House site.	ED
7.	New Items:	
	 Community Map Scotland: The report was deferred to the April meeting since AB was unable to attend in March. Local Place Plan: Proposals deferred to April meeting in order to follow the report on Community Map project. 	AB PA
	 Torphins Greenspace Project: The various site proposals were reviewed. All were accepted positively except concern was voiced about the proposed planting next to Innermarkie Wynd at the west end of the park. It was felt the wide range of plants were not all appropriate and there was a concern there could be some restriction of visibility on the curve of the road. Secretary to report to project team with thanks to all the team and refer the one area of concern. 	WM
	Community Council Elections 2023: The new Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils has changed the election process to a three yearly event for all CC members, with the new rules becoming fully effective on 31 December 2023. With very limited vacancies we are advised elections can be deferred to the full election of all members that will	WM

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7.	New Items (Continued):	
	Community Council Elections 2023 (Continued):	
	be required in 2024. However, since we have a co-opted position, a recent	
	vacancy, and potential interest from the community, it is felt an election is	
	appropriate at TCC.	
	On a related matter it is noted with pleasure that Lumphanan Community Council	
	has now been re-established following the community consultations.	
8.	Open Action Log:	
	The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting.	TCC
	All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online	
9.	with the minutes at <u>www.torphins.net</u> .	
9.	Correspondence: All correspondence received has been distributed by email. The following matters	WM
	were highlighted in the meeting.	VVIVI
	Response from Jon Taylor with thanks for assistance regarding Gala. The	
	campaign organised by Jon has produced new volunteers for the committee who	
	will meet in March to generate the enthusiasm to plan this year's Torphins Gala.	
	Mearns Community Council have organised a meeting with Aberdeenshire Council	
	through a participation request to drive forward participatory budgeting in	
	Aberdeenshire. IF volunteered to attend for TCC on 29 March 2023.	
	 Marr CC catch up virtual meeting – TCC submitted three agenda item suggestions: 	
	Winter road and pavement maintenance; speeding in settlements; support for	
	community resilience groups.	
	Reminder of consultation on draft Development Plan process.	
	Community Ownership fund grants up to £250K, but not for publicly owned	
	buildings.	
	Firework Control Zone Workshops	
	• Deputy Lieutenant call for ideas for Royal visits to Aberdeenshire in coming years.	
	Inspiring Aberdeenshire Wards nominations sought.	
11.	AOCB:	
	IF and ED reported TORCH generator electrical installation completed at Church	IF, ED
	but IF advised generator cannot be installed until planning approval granted.	
	Testing will be after hook up.	
	CR raised extreme concern about continued very low utilisation of A2B bus	CR
	service. Cllr SB report to meeting highlighted the service has gained two new	
	customers from Torphins but the overall usage is still very poor. During January	
	and February, the average number of individuals using the service each week was	
	less than three. The average number of single passenger journeys made per week (i.e. the total for both operating days) was 5.25. We heard there are no	
	Lumphanan users.	
	TCC will promote usage again with stark warning about "use it or lose it".	
	The large pothole in Scotmid car park is dangerous. Secretary to contact Scotmid	WM
	about the problem to request early rectification.	
	AM reported the Hardship Fund programme of vouchers to monthly fund the	AM, ED
	Food Pantry is now operational.	
12.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 6 th April 2023, 7:30 pm Learney Hall Torphins	
13.	Meeting closed at 8:58 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on	
	6 March 2023 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption	
	will be confirmed at the meeting on 6 April 2023.	
	Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Iain Firth	