



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS); Iain Firth (IF); Malcolm Miller (MM); Stephen Salter(SS) <b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA) <b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Cllr P. Gibb (PG)	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None	
3.	<b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 previously by email:</b> Adopted without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Colin Rouse	TCC
4.	<b>Police Report:</b> No Police Report has been received since the last meeting.	PS
5.	<b>Finance Report:</b> The bank balance is £3,725.26, comprising TCC free funds £1294.84, TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £503.94, Foundation Scotland Hardship Fund £1,740.00. For the Festive Lights development £480.00 has been received from Scotmid, and Marr Area Committee Small Grants fund has awarded £500 which will be received after expenditure. Many thanks to both. It was confirmed the small balance of TERP funds is to be transferred to the general fund as they offset the TERP promotion cost in the Newsletter. Following discussion of fuel poverty risk it was resolved to utilize the Hardship Fund to also mitigate fuel poverty, with need being managed through HS who will refer requests for TCC Chair approval, with direct settlement to vendor by Treasurer.	ED          HS ED
6.	<b>Planning Matters:</b> <b>6.1.</b> Recent applications were reviewed with no concerns. <b>6.2.</b> The application APP/2020/2267 at Belton, Edingight Wynd, which is the subject of a complaint submitted by neighbours to Aberdeenshire Council, continues to await a new retrospective planning application, which the Planning Enforcement Officer advised the owner is required to submit.	ED ED
7.	<b>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</b> <b>7.1. New Members</b> Iain Firth and Stephen Salter intimated their willingness to join TCC. WM proposed we co-opt Iain and Stephen, seconded by HS. Malcolm Miller was welcomed as a guest and also advised his willingness to join. JL proposed and ED seconded to co-opt Malcolm. TCC is pleased to have three new members who have already contributed in the meetings. Membership now stands at ten of possible twelve. <b>7.2. Festive Lights</b> ED advised there will now be £1,034.94 available for the lights as detailed in the Treasurer's report. Procurement is being progressed by ED.	TCC          ED

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7.	<p><b>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</b></p> <p><b>7.2. Festive Lights (Contd.)</b>  The PAT testing of the existing equipment has been completed. ED proposed a PAT test unit be purchased with the cost to be shared between TCC and TPG, since both organisations have the requirement to test their festive lights. It was agreed IF will further investigate equipment options and requirements.</p> <p><b>7.3. Keep Care in our Communities</b>  WM advised the meeting of the campaign group <b>Keep Care in our Communities</b> which has been formed in response to the forthcoming Strategic Needs Assessment of health service provision in Deeside agreed by the Aberdeenshire Health &amp; Social Care Partnership at their July meeting. Representatives from each of the community council areas in Aberdeenshire's Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside Ward have come together as a campaign group to protect and enhance health services in our communities, which includes ensuring local delivery. The group is reaching out for additional participants from the community to drive the campaign forward. TCC agreed to publicise the campaign and encourages strong participation from the community as the Strategic Needs Assessment opens with the consultation process in coming months.</p> <p>The Chair of Keep Care in our Communities has written to the Chief Officer of AHSCP specifically petitioning to keep Aboyne Hospital open and setting out the wider objectives of the campaign. All TCC members have a copy of the letter.</p> <p><b>7.4. Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>  JL will source a wreath again for TCC which will be laid at the War Memorial afternoon service by the Chair. Rev HS is conducting the service.</p>	<p>IF</p> <p>WM</p> <p>JL, AM</p>
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> The communications received during September have been distributed to members by email. Select communications are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Council induction training is being offered by Area Office for new members and as refresher for others. Noted that unfortunately this has been scheduled for evening of 4<sup>th</sup> November, the date of next TCC meeting. Secretary has written to Area Office to advise.</li> <li>• A mobile COVID test collection site will be at the Learney Arms car park on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm to 3 pm.</li> <li>• Citizens' Advice has restarted outreach sessions in Aboyne on Thursdays.</li> <li>• Area Office is canvassing for interest in a CC connectivity and communication pilot proposed to be offered by The Improvement Service. Secretary responding with interest and concerns.</li> <li>• Bedding plants order form for 2022 has been received and completed and returned by Eleanor Day, thank you.</li> <li>• Following advice of purchase from the owner of Sunshine Nursery, TCC replied to express pleasure that this successful local Nursery has purchased the old Schoolhouse site and wishing success, noting future plans. TCC also advised any development should allow the public toilets to be retained at the current site for the community and visitors. The owner confirmed receipt of the letter and will keep TCC informed as plans develop.</li> <li>• Another reminder was received regarding any possible plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year.</li> </ul>	WM

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10.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p><b>10.1.</b> The matter of the Scouts difficulty to book Learney Hall for their Scout and Beaver meetings, and TCC and Cllr PA assistance with the Scouts struggle, was about to be raised to obtain an update from Cllr. PA when coincidentally the Scout Leaders joined the meeting. They vigorously complained about why the Scouts cannot use the hall when the Community Council and various community groups are able to use the hall. The Scouts have been seeking a solution for weeks with no response from the Live Life Aberdeenshire booking team, thus the resort to TCC who referred to Cllr PA. A solution was supposed to be offered by LLA by end September but this did not materialise. All of TCC and Cllr PA totally understand and sympathise with the Scouts, and that the denial of facilities to this vital organization for young people is unacceptable. Cllr PA undertook to follow up and respond with the solution.</p> <p><b>10.2.</b> ED raised the concern that despite an agreement between the proprietor and the complainant the noise issue at the Learney Arms Indian seems to remain open. TCC continues to want a satisfactory outcome to ensure the continued success of the business. Cllr PA undertook to check the latest status of the Noise Abatement matter with Environmental Department.</p>	<p>AM, Cllr PA</p> <p>ED Cllr PA</p>
12.	<p><b>Next ordinary meeting:</b> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30 pm at Learney Hall, Torphins</p>	
13.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9:28 pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 9th October 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Proposed: Eric Day                      Seconded: John Lucas</p>	