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Meeting Minutes

Thursday 1st November 2018 at
7:30 pm
Learney Hall, Torphins

Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); Liz Moore (EM); Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR); In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG) Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Andy Cowie (AC); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM). Shelly Tuck, Kay Glancy	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4 th October 2018: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	Police Report: Police Report received 17 th September 2018. The contents of the report were noted, especially the concerning increase of phishing and scam banking emails. Officers are undergoing training with Speed Detection equipment. Wild Life crime - Nil. Action: Speak to JL and WM regarding whether or not to highlight/provide a link to, the information on our social media pages.	LM,JL ,WM
5.	Finance Report: Balance as of 1 st November 18 £1419.95. There are still some purchases awaiting delivery and therefore processing of payment. £602 is the amount available to TCC, leaving £818 for TERP. However, a full reconciliation of monies spent on TERP will be carried out before next meeting An email has been received clarifying that the TCC will not be charged a rental for the monthly use of the Learney Hall.	JL/ED
6.	Planning Matters: There were no comments on the applications received recently including the “Learney Estate Drumlassie Woodland Scheme. The current pathway was walked today by HB who confirmed that the proposal raised no concerns.	
7.	New Items: Glendye Windfarm. It was agreed by an overwhelming majority of those present to object to the proposal currently seeking approval. It was also agreed to keep in close touch with the group leading the protest against the despoiling of the beauty spot. Note our objections to the development	LM JL/LM

8. **Open Items:**
- 8.1. News letter**
The contents of the letter are gathered and are being edited 'to fit' CR
- Everyone is asked to see if they have any photos of last years Christmas Festivities that could be included. If any are found, please forward ASAP to CR All
- 8.2 Welcome Pack:**
Circulate list of clubs and Businesses for amending/updating along with contents list. LM
- Everyone is asked to think about what information would be useful for newcomers to the Village. To be on the agenda for the December meeting All
- 8.3 TERP:**
All the required equipment has been bought.
- Once all the expenditure has been finalised contact SSEN to discuss what is to be done with the balance of the monies. Could it be used in an ongoing attempt to engage with the Community i.e. paying for newsletter printing? JL
- Update: It has been agreed that the costs of the Winter newsletter can come from the unspent balance of the SSEN monies CR
- CR to insert the risk assessment. TERP Group
- A discussion failed to identify who the intended audience of the document is. It was agreed that this lack of clarity from 'on high' hinders the production of an appropriate text. JL
- The data gathering questionnaire still has to be finalised.
- 8.4 Community Action Plan:**
No update available.
- 8.5 Remembrance Day Service:**
AC is not available to play pipes. JL/PA
Contact Cllr PA to confirm the time of the wreath laying
Actioned: Wreath laying to be at 3:00pm.
- 8.6 a) Festive Lights:** ED
ED has gathered a band of volunteers who will erect the tree and lights on weekend of the 1st December.
The lights etc have all been PAT tested. ED
- Contact the Learney Estate re Christmas tree.
- 8.6 b) Carols around the tree and refreshments:** ED
We will confirm that the musicians and singers are still available to provide music on the night.
- Andy is available to play pipes.
- The hall is to be booked. Update: Application submitted
- Update on costs of provisions: The Scotmid has kindly donated £100 of vouchers to help with the provision of refreshments of the night.
- Confirmed that no licence is required.

8.7 Roads:

- Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village:

The process for the change in a speed limit is that the police carry out a 'survey' and if they consider a change in limit would be beneficial, they notify the local authority who is asked to provide a solution to the problem. Angela Funk (principal roads engineer) is meeting with Police officials next week to discuss.

JL/PA

Approach Cllr PA for an update on where this issue is in the process.

- Speed limit enforcement at Campfield and Torphins area:

The police will carry out speed checks on an unannounced basis. The issue of speeding on the North exit route of the village lies with PA at the moment.

PA

PA has requested the police to carry out speed checks around Torphins, however there is a high demand for this equipment

- Closure of informal laybys at Campfield:

We are awaiting the 'imminent' closure of the layby to the east of Campfield filling station. Ralph Newlands report on this closure is imminent.

The layby on the south of the road is to be bordered with double yellow lines to prevent parking whilst maintaining the area to facilitate access to the filling station by fuel delivery vehicles.

- Creation of layby north of Campfield near driveways to housing:

Although this has been agreed as desirable it will not be provided in the current financial year.

- Overgrown hedge and junction on B993 south of Torphins and request for Stop sign:

Approach Cllr PA for update

JL/PA

- Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre update:

It has been confirmed that ownership is unknown although confirmed as not belonging to the Aberdeenshire Council nor to the NHS. NP to consult with neighbours living adjacent to entrance in order to see if anyone is clear about who owns the land. Cllr PA to approach the Council for information re ownership of the area.

NP

PA

- Progress question of pedestrian crossing at Scotmid:

It was agreed after discussion that safe road crossing helped hugely by good parking practices. Malcolm Hall of Strategic Planning should be consulted on the issue of zebra crossings

PA

- Torphins village parking update:

Both poor and illegal parking continues to be a very concerning issue particularly in the centre of the Village and around the school at drop off and pick up times. Double parking and dangerous parking too close to pavement corners can put pedestrians at risk when they try to cross the road.

In order to progress this issue, we need to establish what the schools 'Safer Routes to School Policy states'. Agreed that it would be helpful to have prominent signage to the parking in the park. Ask Cllr PA about how to progress this

JL

PA

Investigate the possibility of using the closed road at the rear of the school for school staff parking.

- Illuminated speed sign at Campfield:

The Council does not support the installation of these as the maintenance costs are

Cllr

PG

prohibitive.

8.8 Dangerous tree at Annesley:

Ownership of the tree is still unknown.

Given the dangerous condition HB will email the Scottish fire and Rescue service to what can be done to make it safe

HB

8.9 Japanese Knotweed response from Aberdeenshire:

Contact Cllr PA for an update

PA

9.0 Learney Hall curtain repair and cleaning quotes update:

Curtains are to be rehung the week beginning 5th November 2018. It is not known if these are NEW curtains or not. If not, have they been cleaned and repaired.

Situation needs clarification.

Cllrs
PA/P
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9.1 Repair of Learney Hall Clock

The clock is to be set to the correct time on 7th November 2018. Note will also be taken of any necessary repairs and parts required.

9.2 Sale of School House:

No progress contact Cllr PA for update

PA

9.3 TCC Funding:

Following discussion agreed that fund raising is not something that the current TCC members feel that they wish to undertake other than for specific projects as is currently done.

9.4 Local Development Plan

It was agreed that talking about the potential of housing development within the village in isolation and separate from the economic development of the area was fool hardy and that a presentation from the Council was required to ensure that we understood both the statistics that have been presented to us in the past re school numbers and population forecasts that are quoted as supporting the possible/ proposed developments.

There are ongoing concerns re recent consultations which have resulted in outcomes and presentations that have borne no reference or response to the views that have been gathered and presented as requested by the Council.

TCC were advised to await the publication of the next main report before deciding on the next course of action.

Include item on December Agenda

WM

9.5 Torphins Paths Group

'Paths for all' have visited the group and offered advice, training and will provide materials.

There are a number of willing volunteers ready to start repair and upgrading work although more would always be welcome.

10. **Correspondence:**

Learney estate Drumlassie Woodland Scheme. Dealt with under planning above.

11. **AOCB**

The abandoned car on Grampian Terrace has been removed.

12. **Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 6th December 2018**

13. **Meeting closed at 9:40 pm**

14. **Date of Next meeting Thursday 6th December 2018**

Adoption of Minutes:

These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on

*****November2018 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting.

Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 6th December 2018.

Proposed: Eric Day

Seconded: Colin Rouse