



## Torphins Community Council

<b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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), Sarah Fraser (SF), John Lucas (JL) Chair, Liz Moore (LM), Will Maclean (WM), Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF), Sgt William Murdoch (Police Scotland), Alex Shepherd (Learney Arms Hotel)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Jayne Clarke, Norman Morrice, Cllr Geva Blackett</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> - None	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015:</b>            Approved Eric Day, Seconded Liz Moore</p>	
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b>            Sgt. William Murdoch of Police Scotland, Banchory, attended to present his report for the period since February 2016.            Major commitments for the period have been Royal visits, and locus protection for a crime scene at Rothienorman supported by Police from across North East.            The previously reported vehicle thefts in Upper Deeside were resolved by the apprehension of a group, and all vehicles were returned to their owners. The ATM thefts of last year have resulted in a gang from England being apprehended in Arbroath.            A recent shoplifting incident in Aboyne resulted in arrests in Aberdeen and another case in Alford remains open.            In Torphins there have been four incidents since February:            Car theft for which perpetrator has been detected.            Vandalism incident, which is being treated as a civil matter.            Vandalism to car in Torphins Square, which has not been resolved.            Hit and run on Banchory/Torphins road where lorry hit car but failed to stop, which has not been resolved.            A new officer has been appointed in Aboyne to replace a development move to Inverurie, the new officer being experienced traffic officer from Stonehaven.            Regarding speeding concerns the Deeside Police can call on Road Traffic Police to set up speed monitoring, however, this will be subject to other demands. Also a mobile speed display sign, which records speed and time, could be provided for a period for monitoring, again subject to demands.            Sgt Murdoch was thanked for his attendance and comprehensive report.</p>	Sgt. WM
5.	<p><b>Finance Report</b>            After recent receipt of Aberdeenshire Council grant of £570.59, the bank balance is £1936.91, excluding £750.00 held for PAD fund.</p>	ED

6.	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</p> <p>APP/2016/1051: Bracken Hill, Grampian Terrace, Torphins, AB31 4JS. Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated access driveways and landscaping The successful public meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May and TCC comments submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> May were noted, with appreciation for public participation.</p> <p>APP/2016/0797: North Brae Torphins Aberdeenshire AB31 4HQ. Erection of Dwelling house and Detached Garage (Retrospective) TCC has no comments on this application</p> <p>New Planning Application:</p> <p>APP/2016/1246 - Learney Arms Hotel, Torphins - Change of Use of Hotel to Class 9 (House), Class 3 (Food and Drink) and Class 7 (Holiday Let Accommodation)</p> <p>A new application has been submitted this week with comprehensive plans and statements online for a Bar/Brasserie at rear, Holiday Let above, and dwelling house with eight bedrooms at front.</p> <p>Alex Shepherd, owner of the property, attended the meeting to explain his plans and future expectations. He expects to complete the lease of the bar/brasserie area to a third party next week, with significant leasehold improvements planned, subject to planning approval. The flat will be converted to a holiday let with new separate entrance, and the front building will be restored to original design in a number of areas and developed as a dwelling house. Major roof repairs will be completed.</p> <p>After Mr. Shepherd left the meeting the TCC discussed the matter and resolved to call a public meeting for consultation on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm at the Learney Small Hall, Torphins.</p>	<p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Alex Shepherd</p>
7.	<p><b>Open Actions:</b></p> <p><b>7.1. Torphins Community Council Website:</b> WM reported Brian Murray had now obtained a new email admin identity for TCC and improved the website so that essentially only more content is needed to be functional. Also a new Torphins Community Facebook page has been established and is available for use. TCC resolved to seek a new young member to join TCC or volunteer to administer media such as web page and Facebook for longer term.</p> <p><b>7.2. Community Garden:</b> No new developments</p> <p><b>7.3. Torphins Park:</b></p> <p>7.3.1. Orchard Update – Bill Higham has advised JL he has submitted photos and plans to his advisers to obtain recommendation on tree type and number.</p> <p>7.3.2. Drainage including rear of Village Farm Court Update - Bill Higham has advised test pits are to be dug to assess the suitability and plans for the proposed soakaway.</p> <p>7.3.3. Play Equipment and Funding Proposal (Tesco Bags of Help, etc) – ED advised he expects to have proposals for next meeting</p> <p><b>7.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins Update</b> WM has identified the UK Map Centre website where suitable area and scale specific OS maps can be purchased in soft copy at reasonable cost for development and publication of local maps with local information added. A quotation has been received from a vendor for a vitreous enamel map sign with 20+ year life at £650.22 plus VAT for A1 size. CR advised he should be able to have Torphins specific information designed into such an OS map if we agree on formats and content. It was resolved WM and CR will get together to make proposed content, and</p>	<p>WM/BM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>JL</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM/CR</p>

	<p>CL will arrange the map development. Further discussion and consideration will then be given to the form of publication in laminate behind glass, or in a more permanent form, requiring a grant funding contribution.</p> <p><b>7.5. PAD and Heart Start CPR training:</b> Sarah Pine of Heart Start has advised Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June is the new planned date for Heart Start training in Torphins. The session is planned for 20 attendees, with a minimum 10 required and an absolute maximum of 25. TCC agreed as follows: TCC members to communicate their attendance to Sarah Pine Suggest the Heart Start team request the Torphins School as venue, which should be available at no cost. Communicate training plan/date with local organisations to gain attendance School, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, Nursery, TFC Church, Scotmid, Torphins Patients Group</p> <p><b>7.6. Old Schoolhouse sale and Learney Hall:</b> PA advised all tests and surveys have been completed and when documentation is complete the planning application by Aberdeenshire Council for the demolition of the old school house and development of town houses will be submitted. When planning approval is received the site will be marketed with the planning approval for sale to developers. At this time we advised PA of a current concern over holes in the parking area at the Learney Hall and he undertook to follow up for resolution, after which PA left the meeting.</p> <p><b>7.7. Woodside Road/Monboddoo Road to Craigmyle West Lodge Path Grant:</b> The grant application has been lodged and we will be advised of progress by early June.</p> <p><b>7.8. Dog Poo campaign and publicity:</b> JC was unable to attend however JL noted an improvement in the situation and thanked all responsible parties for improvements. A request has been received for a bin at the junction of the disused railway walk and the Bog Road. KF will check with PA to investigate if a bin can be provided for this location.</p> <p><b>7.9. Post Office changes and performance:</b> Following WM meeting with the local manager to advise and discuss concerns with the performance there have been no negative developments. The queuing process continues to be a concern. It was decided to continue monitoring of the situation.</p> <p><b>7.10. Telephone Box at Sundaywells:</b> Nick Edgar has offered to make a new wooden door frame. We await a progress report.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>TCC WM</p> <p>LM WM</p> <p>JL/PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>JC/JL</p> <p>KF</p> <p>WM</p> <p>ED/CR</p>
8.	<p><b>New Items:</b></p> <p><b>8.1. Proposals for distribution of Torphins Walks brochure:</b> It was agreed ED will investigate TCC taking a stall at the Torphins Gala, at which time the Walks Brochure can be made available to the public.</p> <p><b>8.2. Request from resident for Green Waste Bin at park:</b> Aberdeenshire Council had previously rules against such local provision due to the difficulty of managing the items dumped in the bin, however Infrastructure Services have the matter under review again. KF will advise when new information comes available.</p> <p><b>8.3. Adopt a flower tub proposal (Eleanor Day):</b> It was agreed ED will speak to Robert Reid regarding the proposal to start an adopt a tub effort for spring flowers, since Robert manages the provision of summer flowers. SF will be requested to discuss the proposal with the school for support of the idea through the school garden programme or similar.</p>	<p>ED</p> <p>KF</p> <p>ED/SF</p>
9.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p><b>9.1.</b> Correspondence was received from a resident regarding speeding of</p>	<p>WM</p>

	<p>buses and general speeding and traffic management concerns on Beltie Road. It was noted the bus operator had responded promptly to appropriately address the matter with the driver. It was agreed WM will write again to the resident with further information on the matters.</p> <p>9.2 ED raised concern that the bridge over Beltie Burn at Waulkmill Farm is closed due to required repair. The question was raised if AC owns the bridge, or if not who does, so the repair can be addressed to open this walkway over the bridge. KF will investigate.</p>	<p>ED</p> <p>KF</p>
10.	<p><b>Next Ordinary Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016</b></p> <p><b>Special Meeting re Learney Arms Hotel Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016</b></p>	TCC
11.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9.57 pm.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b></p> <p>These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 13th May 2016 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.</p> <p>Proposed: John Lucas                      Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC