



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 3 rd February 2022 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Malcolm Miller (MM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. P. Argyle (PA); Cllr. P. Gibb (PG); Ruth French (RF) Chair, Torphins Resilience Group; Joan Donald (JD) (TRG); Linda Manning (LM) (TRG); Alex Shepherd (AS) (The Gatsby)</p> <p>Apologies: Iain Firth (IF); Liz Moore (LM); Rev Holly Smith (HS); Cllr Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6th January 2022 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Secoded: Eric Day	TCC
4.	Police Report: December or January Report not received	PS
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £2,520.58, comprising TCC free funds £1380.58, Foundation Scotland Fund now allocated to Resilience Group £1,140.00.	ED
6.	Planning Matters: Nothing significant to report.	ED
7.	<p>7.1. Learney Arms Indian Concerns Ongoing complaints about the Learney Arms Indian regarding noise from the premises late at night led Alex Shepherd, landlord, to attend the meeting to express his concerns about resolution of the situation and the risk to the existence of the business. Alex explained the situation at length to the meeting that there is no resolution of the matter. TCC has spoken with the operator and will attempt to contact the complainant to see if we can assist in resolving the matter. Without offering what he considers a viable service the operator of Learney Arms Indian advises he will not be able to continue. Closure would be a major loss to the whole village and surrounding area. It was agreed the only step available is to invite the objector to meet with members of TCC to seek resolution acceptable to all parties.</p> <p>7.2. Community Resilience AM welcomed the Chairperson and two other members of the Community Resilience Group attending the meeting, and expressed TCC's sincere thanks for the valuable work of the Group, all Volunteers, and other Community helpers, during the recent Storms Malik and Corrie. A tremendous effort for the community.</p>	AS AM AM, SS

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7.	<p>7.2. Community Resilience (Continued)</p> <p>AM said TCC is here to support and assist with needs and concerns where we can, however it is for the Resilience Group to run the operation. SS, as TCC lead, said there were some matters of concern to cover but RF, as Chairperson of the Group, advised it would be better to wait until after the full debrief meeting which the Group is planning, rather than take TCC's time before the team has completed its analysis.</p> <p>RF, LM, and JD each conveyed thanks to all who volunteered in the resilience effort for Torphins and surrounding communities. Although there were some problems to be addressed in the debriefing there were many successes. Local business, clubs and even ARI made donations of food and paper cups etc.</p> <p>One issue, access arrangements to Learney Hall was addressed. It was confirmed by Cllr PA that agreement should be made with the Marr Area Manager and Cllr PA said the agreement Ballater Resilience Group has for Victoria Halls provides a good reference for operation.</p> <p>WM asked the Councillors why there was no presence of Aberdeenshire Council staff during the aftermath of these storms. All local provision was by Torphins Resilience Group and supporters, and the SSEN food van with no help from Aberdeenshire beyond the hall keeper attending at times. During Arwen Aberdeenshire staff had appeared and attended with food from Monday through the week. Not this time.</p> <p>The Resilience Group members were thanked and left the meeting however discussion continued. SS expressed the concern that TCC members should have been seen more and participated more in the resilience effort. While TCC certainly supports the Resilience Team, and some members did attend operations periodically through the days, the contention was not agreed. The Resilience Team was formed for the purpose, TCC members give of their time and effort on many tasks throughout the year, and volunteers by definition do what they can offer. All voluntary efforts are worthy of thanks.</p> <p>7.2. Torphins Medical Practice</p> <p>TCC was advised on 2nd February 2022 by Aberdeenshire Health and Social Partnership that Bennachie Medical Group have been awarded the contract to provide general medical services to the Torphins population, commencing 1st April 2022. The practice will retain the name Torphins Medical Practice and the majority of GPs, nursing and admin staff will remain the same, although there may be some new faces. We have been advised a letter providing details of the change and answering Frequently Asked Questions was mailed by AHSCP to all households. TCC welcomes the award to a local group, which has provided medical services to the Kemnay area for a number of years, and hopes this will be a really positive outcome for the Torphins community.</p> <p>7.3. Cemetery Wall Collapse</p> <p>The collapse of a section of the cemetery wall has been reported to Aberdeenshire Council. This is symptomatic of the general condition of the wall, which requires and substantial repointing. Cllr PA advised the Service is aware of the situation and hopes to apply year end budget availability to address the repairs before April. See open issue log for future reports.</p> <p>7.4. TCC and RG Member Details Policy</p> <p>With the creation of the Resilience Group the matter of public availability of member details was raised. It was agreed all TCC member details will continue to be posted on the website and notice board to ensure members of the public can readily contact members. The Resilience Group will consider the matter to agree what and how committee member and volunteer details will be managed.</p>	<p>AM, SS</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>SS</p>

