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<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Minutes Thursday 4th October 2018 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins</p>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Andy Cowie (AC); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Nick Poulton (NP); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Ian Tuck; Shelley Tuck; Willie Ferguson</p> <p>Apologies: Liz Moore (LM); Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6th September 2018:</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>The August Report received 12th September was reviewed, including the recent telephone and internet banking scams and importance of individual vigilance. Do not accept unsolicited calls appearing to be from banks, other financial institutions, etc. Always hang up and call back from a different telephone to your correct bank number to report the matter.</p>	Police Scotland
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>5.1. Balance at 4th October 2018 is £1419.95 including remaining £903.00 ring fenced for TERP. The balance available is £516.95.</p> <p>5.2. Hall Charges. No new information has been received and we still wish to obtain confirmation of the position with the assistance of Cllr PG.</p>	ED Cllr. PG
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</p> <p>APP/2018/2307 – Noted an objection has been received to the erection of new house on land at Smithy Croft, Mid Beltie Smiddy, Torphins</p> <p>6.2. Platform 22: An objection was received from a local resident about the ongoing construction work at Platform 22. TCC referred the complainant to Aberdeenshire Council's new planning enforcement website as the proper place to report a concern.</p>	ED ED
7.	<p>New Items:</p> <p>7.1. Local Development Plan Draft Main Issues Report:</p> <p>The LDP Main Issues Report is now available for consultation until April 2019 and open for submissions from 1st January 2019. TCC resolved to publicise the Torphins section and to organise another public consultation meeting to solicit public comments before submitting a response to the Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>7.2. Recycling and Waste Strategy Consultation:</p> <p>The publicised consultation period is now closed. TCC will publish a link to the proposals, which include an additional bin for paper and cardboard recycling and a change of collection timing due to the new mix of bins.</p>	JL WM

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8.	<p>Open Items:</p> <p>8.1. Newsletter: Submissions for the Winter Newsletter planned for November should be submitted to CR. Agreed preparers and entries are as follows: JL – TERP; Request entry from Councillor ED – Christmas Lighting; Flower Tubs CR – Gala; Climbing Frame WM – LDP; Carols Around Christmas Tree; Old School House NP – Speeding and Road Safety</p> <p>8.2. Village Welcome Pack: No report</p> <p>8.3. Torphins Emergency Response Plan: The risk assessment was updated for the meeting and the TERP document reviewed. Concerns remain over the approach and implementation. It was resolved JL will review/modify/remove the data questionnaire and the group will continue to solution the requirement and methods to attract volunteers.</p> <p>8.4. Community Action Plan: No report</p> <p>8.5. Roads:</p> <p>8.5.1. Extension of 30 mph limit north of village: Cllr. PA has advised the matter is still under consideration with many other requests with Angela Funk, Principal Roads Engineer</p> <p>8.5.2. Enforcement of 40 mph speed limit at Campfield: Cllr. PA and separately TCC have approached the Police on this matter. The Police advised there was reasonable compliance when last checked, however if the Council will conduct a speed check the Police will respond as necessary based on the results. Cllr PA will request Roads to perform the check, however there is a shortage of resources. TCC will pursue a community speed initiative, whereby speed guns can be purchased and used by volunteers to monitor and report transgressions. Also speed restriction stickers will be obtained to affix to bins.</p> <p>8.5.3. Closure of informal laybys at Campfield Filling Station: Following a site visit with Ralph Newlands, Senior Roads Engineer, the layby to the east of the filling station on the north side of A993 will be closed in near future. The layby opposite the filling station on the south side of A993 will be retained as a turning area for tankers for the filling station but will be closed for parking.</p> <p>8.5.3. Creation of lay-by on Pitmedden Rd north of Campfield near drive to housing: After a site visit Ralph Newlands, Senior Roads Engineer, proposes a widening of the road at this location to improve the width for passing vehicles.</p> <p>8.5.4. Junction at Mid Beltie on B993 south of Torphins: Cllr. PA will take up the matter of this junction with Roads. TCC resolved to request Roads to install a STOP sign at this junction.</p> <p>8.5.6. Pavement/Road area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre: NP has written to Angela Funk, Principal Roads Engineer, requesting this area be properly repaired and resurfaced.</p> <p>8.6. Festive Lights and Carols Around the Christmas Tree: ED has completed the preparation of the Christmas light equipment to comply with the new Aberdeenshire regulations and submitted report to Aberdeenshire. Thanks to Tom Drummond for performing the PAT testing for TCC. The Notes From Torphins have agreed to sing again and the Rev. Greenwood has agreed to officiate in the continuing absence of a minister at MDC. The Gala Committee will provide the PA equipment. ED will invite the Praise Band to play. The Carols Around the Christmas Tree event is on Thursday 20th December 2018 at 7:30 pm.</p>	<p>CR, TCC</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL, TCC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>Cllr. PG, CG, RN</p> <p>Cllr. PG, CG, RN</p> <p>Cllr. PA NP</p> <p>NP</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p>

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8.	<p>8.7. Japanese Knotweed: Cllr. PA is awaiting a response from the appropriate department at Aberdeenshire Council. It is noted the new growth that had occurred at the site has been killed or removed.</p> <p>8.8. Learney Hall Curtains: No report</p> <p>8.9. Learney Hall Clock: It is noted the clock time is still incorrect and that the light has now failed. TCC would appreciate the hall authorities at Aberdeenshire correcting these simple matters.</p> <p>8.10. Sale of School House: The collapse of the anticipated sale of the old School House is very concerning, as this eyesore continues to blight the village centre. TCC requests Aberdeenshire to strongly promote the sale and resolve any inhibitions to sale in the Council control to resolve this matter.</p> <p>8.11. TCC Funding: The planned discussion of TCC funding has been deferred to a later meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr.PA</p> <p>JL</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>JL</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>9.1. Supporting Communities Event 15th September: The papers from the event have been distributed to TCC. The presentation on Waste Strategy will be made available through TCC Facebook and website.</p> <p>9.2. Winter Readiness Briefing from Aberdeenshire has been distributed to TCC.</p> <p>9.3. Royal Mail has written to Community Councils about Scam Mail. TCC will publish the poster on the matter.</p> <p>9.4. Cross of Fare Woodland Plan by Learney Estate: TCC has received the final plan, which is for a reduced area and will not now cover the area of the access path to Hill of Fare.</p> <p>9.5. Participation Request: TCC has received a Participation Request from Marr Area on behalf of Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum that when Aberdeenshire implements Participatory Budgeting, under which 1% of the Councils revenue budget will be decided by communities, the Community Councils of Aberdeenshire should be directly involved in this budgeting process. It was resolved the Secretary should contact Mearns CC and Stonehaven and District CC to support the Participation Request.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p>
10.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>10.1. Pedestrian Crossing: Shelley Tuck requested Aberdeenshire Roads should install a pedestrian crossing from the north pavement of A993 at Scotmid to the south pavement as this is a dangerous and difficult crossing areas for pedestrians and particularly the less able. TCC agreed this is a good idea to pursue.</p> <p>10.2. Parking: NP expressed concern that car parking is a real issue in Torphins centre and action should be taken by Aberdeenshire to provide a parking area and to signpost the route to existing off road parking areas e.g. at the park.</p> <p>10.3. Illuminated Speed Sign at Campfield: CG requested the illuminated speed warning sign that used to be at Campfield should be reinstated with a new illuminated slow down sign at 40 mph.</p> <p>10.4. Hedge at Torphins Health Centre: JL reported the hedge overgrowing the pavement at Torphins Health Centre and requested Secretary to report the matter.</p> <p>10.3. Abandoned Car in Grampian Terrace: The car is still there despite Aberdeenshire knowledge. Secretary to write to Council.</p> <p>10.4. Dangerous Tree at Annesley: HB reported a dangerous tree at Annesley. It was agreed HB should contact Bill Higham of Aberdeenshire.</p>	<p>NP</p> <p>NP</p> <p>NP</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>HB</p>

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10.	<p>10.5 Community Ward Forum: ED and WM attended the Forum on the rural transport problems in Marr. The attendees broke into workgroups to develop a vision and solutions. to provide input to the Marr LDP. The outputs, including improved technological solutions for car sharing, maintaining public transport on key arterial routes, and improved routes for pedestrian and cycle active travel, will provide input to Travel and Connectivity in the Marr LDP.</p> <p>10.6. Local Learning Partnership: WM attended the Aboyne Local Learning Partnership meeting in Torphins. The partnership is pursuing several objectives and plans to conduct a public survey of concerns in Torphins, visit the school to promote the initiative and local resources, and offer training to develop volunteering in the community.</p>	ED, WM WM
11.	<p>Thanks: The Chairman expressed thanks to Shelley and Ian Tuck and Willie Ferguson for attendance, and for their input to the meeting. There are vacancies on the Community Council and new members are welcome and can be co-opted if appropriate until the next election in Spring 2019.</p>	JL
12.	<p>Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 1st November 2018</p>	
13.	<p>Meeting closed at 9:55 pm</p>	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 5th October 2018 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 1st November 2018. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	