



Torphins Community Council
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Special Meeting Minutes Thursday 17th November 2016 at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM), Nick Poulton (NP), Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Dr. Neil Campbell (NC), Dawn Tuckwood (DT) Area Public Health Coordinator (Marr), John Entwistle (JE) Cycling Consultant</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Peter Argyle</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests - None	
3.	This was a special meeting of selected TCC members with health and cycling representatives to discuss ideas and opportunities to develop walking and cycling paths in the environs of Torphins.	
4.	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>NC presented facts on cycling risks and safety and explained his serious concerns regarding increasing obesity in Torphins. NC explained the need to encourage physical activity by providing safe, easy, desirable, traffic free, paths for both walking and cycling in and around Torphins, and ideally to connect to existing path networks such as The Deeside Way.</p> <p>DT enumerated various individuals and bodies who can potentially offer advice and assistance with the development and implementation of plans.</p> <p>JE explained his interest in developing cycling, and willingness to advise and facilitate communication with relevant groups.</p> <p>TCC members present expressed their interest in developing walking and cycling paths, and their concerns regarding the issues to be overcome. Primarily, engaging community recommendations and support for proposals; developing detail plans; identifying and obtaining landowner support; funding, construction.</p> <p>A wide-ranging discussion around these matters led to a number of action items being agreed.</p>	
5.	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In principle there was general agreement to develop a dual strategy, including identification and pursuit of funding when plans have been developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shorter term, plan and implement easy walking and cycling paths around Torphins area. Longer term, and concurrently, plan, develop, and construct a walking and cycling path to link to the Deeside Way • DT will invite a representative from Tarland to provide information and advice based on their experience with the Tarland Way. • JE to contact Torphins School regarding the transport strategy and Safer Routes to School initiative. 	<p>TCC</p> <p>DT</p> <p>JE</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DT to contact Marr Area Partnership regarding their support for such projects, and community consultations. • DT to contact Linda Matheson, AC Environment Planner for South Aberdeenshire regarding core path plans etc. • HB to contact Learney Estate representative regarding potential access for paths on Learney land such as Torphins Woods. • NC to provide local detail maps he has which were developed for orienteering. • TCC members HB, ED, JL, WM, LM, NP to perform site visits on Friday 25th November 2016 at 9.30 am, later proposed change to 11.00 am, to evaluate and decide on focus path locations in and around Torphins. 	DT DT HB NC TCC
11.	Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.	
12.	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email for review and adopted on 18 th November 2016. Proposed John Lucas and seconded Eric Day.	