



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 th November 2021 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Liz Moore (LM); Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr P. Gibb (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Iain Firth (IF); Malcolm Miller (MM); Cllr. G. Blackett (GB);</p> <p>Not Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Rev Holly Smith (HS)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7th November 2021 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	Police Report: No Police Report has been received since the last meeting.	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>The bank balance is £2,870.86, comprising TCC free funds £1280.86 and Foundation Scotland Hardship Fund £1,590.00.</p> <p>The purchase of additional Festive Lights £704.40 has been funded by the Scotmid donation £480, and the balance expenditure of £200.46 is from general funds until the Marr Area Committee grant is received.</p> <p>The small balance of TERP funds £186.48 has been transferred to the general fund as they offset the TERP promotion cost in the Newsletter.</p> <p>A recent application to the Hardship Fund is being met by the purchase of vouchers.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Recent applications were reviewed.</p> <p>Application APP/2021/2435 Erection of Garden Room (Retrospective) (Amendment to Planning Permission APP/2020/2267) has now been submitted, following the inspection by the Aberdeenshire Council planning officer. TCC has received representations from neighbours and the applicant.</p> <p>There was an extensive discussion regarding the current application and previous applications at the address. Strong concerns were expressed about the history of retrospective applications at the site and the extensive developments at the site despite earlier applications already being considered overdevelopment of the site. The current application appears to be for the whole garden room building. There was discussion whether this is the intention or if the roof lights and position/eaves of the building are the issue. It was determined to follow up with the planning authority before concluding the TCC consultee comment to be submitted.</p>	ED

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7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</p> <p>7.1. Carols Around Christmas Tree We need to make a decision about the Carols Around the Christmas Tree event for this year. It was agreed we should proceed with the public carol singing around the tree, and progress the social event with mulled wine and mince pies by applying for the necessary alcohol license and resolving all necessary arrangements for a safe and COVID compliant event. Date: Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>7.2. Complaint about late night, noisy, speeding cars in Torphins A recent complaint received from a resident on Craighour Road was reviewed. TCC is very concerned about this behaviour, which seems to have become more frequent again. Sadly limited Police resources do not facilitate effective enforcement. Cllr. PA will alert the Police to the situation.</p> <p>7.3. Remembrance Sunday Confirmed JL has acquired a wreath and TCC will attend the British Legion ceremony at the war memorial on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3:00 pm. TCC is posting a notice on Facebook about ceremony following Mid Deeside morning service and of the 3:00 pm ceremony. Rev Holly Smith will conduct the service.</p>	ED WM AM
8.	<p>Open Action Log: The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting. All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online with the minutes at www.torphins.net.</p>	TCC
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>9.1. The communications received during September have been distributed to members by email. Particularly noted by Chair AM was the A93 Intra Modal Corridor Study, which we have promoted on TCC Facebook. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has commissioned a multi-modal Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)-based study to investigate problems and opportunities along the A93 corridor between Banchory and Aberdeen City Centre, with a particular focus on walking, wheeling, cycling and bus travel. Further information about the Placecheck exercise is available at the following link: https://rb.gy/yx6j7l. The Placecheck is now live and will be open for comments until Wednesday 1st December 2021. TCC and TPG will submit comments, including the need for improved connections from surrounding communities to the A93 bus route and to the Deeside Way to enable greater sustainable and active travel. Everyone is encouraged to participate by following the links to submit comments. Regarding related questions on the Torphins bus service Cllr PA agree to seek clarity about the current service issues.</p>	WM Cllr PA
10.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>10.1. JL proposed TCC co-opt Liz Moore to membership. ED seconded the proposal and LM accepted. TCC is pleased to welcome Liz back to TCC, bringing with her several years of prior experience. TCC now has eleven members and only one vacancy, which is a good situation.</p> <p>10.2. Cllr P Argyle raised the matter of Torphins Medical Centre. It is widely known that Dr. Neil Campbell will leave the practice early in 2022 and that the practice has been seeking a replacement partner. Cllr PA advised the practice has been given back to the NHS effective 31 March 2022 and the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) are planning the future. TCC is extremely concerned for the future of the practice and decided to organise a public meeting as soon as possible with H&SCP present to explain the situation and to enable the community to make it's voice heard. Cllr PA will contact H&SCP on Friday to seek clarification and request a presence. TCC subsequently posted a statement on TCC Facebook and www.torphins.net on 7th November 2021.</p>	JL, ED, LM Cllr PA TCC

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12.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 2 nd December 2021 at 7:30 pm at Learney Hall, Torphins	
13.	Meeting closed at 9:30 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 8 th November 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 2 nd December 2021. Proposed: Andrew Macpherson Seconded: John Lucas	