



Torphins Community Council

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<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Minutes Thursday 1st December 2016 at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins</p>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Jayne Clarke (JC), Eric Day (ED), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM), Nick Poulton (NP), Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA)</p> <p>Apologies: Sarah Fraser (SF), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF), Steven Fawcett (SF)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 3rd November 2016: Approved: Liz Moore, Seconded: John Lucas</p>	
4.	<p>4.1. Police Report Received by Email: Brief overview of November from a Police Perspective: Incidents of Note:</p> <p>Aboyne Area Report of thefts of number plates in Aboyne and Kincardine O'Neil and a vandalism to a window in Formaston Park, Aboyne. Enquires into these incidents are ongoing.</p> <p>Banchory Area On 6 November Assault to a Taxi Driver on Dee Street, Banchory. The attacker was apprehended shortly after and arrested. He has since pled guilty to the assault. On 9 November theft of car and break in to garages in the Mount Street area of Banchory and a linked attempted theft in Highfield Avenue perpetrators suspected to be from Aberdeen. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry. On 26 into 27 November a report of a vandalism to a window at a property on Forestside Gardens. Patrols around Forestside Drive and Hill of Banchory have been increased.</p> <p>Torphins/Lumphanan Area On 4 into 5 November report of a vandalism to car parked in the Square, Torphins. Enquires are ongoing.</p> <p>Road Safety The Speed Monitoring Sign has been based in Lumphanan and will shortly being re-located to measure speeds in Torphins. A safety Initiative in collaboration with the Marr Community Safety Group has been launched to deter illegal parking near Schools this includes banners warning of illegal parking and increased Police patrols at the relevant times. In addition Operation CEDAR (Challenge, Educate, Detect and Reduce) continues to run, and will look to tackle poor driving standards, health issues and declining ability to drive due to, for example, eyesight, medication,</p>	Sgt. WM

	<p>medical conditions, mobility and confidence to drive in certain conditions.</p> <p>Division wide Operation Ruby and Operation Magpie are still ongoing to tackle car thefts in the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire areas. Police Scotland continue to encourage residents to keep their property secure at all times by keeping doors locked, valuable property and car keys out of view. Free home security surveys are available and are undertaken by Police Scotland staff.</p> <p>Looking ahead to December Winter Safe Drive Initiative is being planned to take place at Tesco, Banchory, provisional date being Saturday 10 December 2016. Police Scotland will be carrying out its annual festive drink drive campaign in an effort to continue to tackle and reduce drink driving offences. Regular updates are provided by Police Scotland by following us on Facebook and on twitter.</p> <p>4.2. Following review of the Police Report PA reinforced the importance of home security by reporting the matter was emphasised by the Police Inspector who attended the recent Area Committee meeting. Homes, premises, cars, should always be locked when left unattended.</p>	
5.	<p>Learney Hall:</p> <p>5.1. Steven Fawcett (SF) was unable to attend and will be invited to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>5.2. Various matters were discussed regarding Learney Hall. TCC are concerned about lack of money for halls and condition of the hall. The sale of the Old School House site is noted as raising certain funds, however, there is ongoing concern if AC will adequately support the hall and if a different community support approach should be considered.</p> <p>PA undertook to contact SF to clarify plans for wifi in the hall and to report the failure of the light in the tower clock.</p>	<p>SF</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>PA</p>
6.	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>Funds per bank statement 31/10/2016 (Incl. £750 ref. Defib. Group) £1933.43</p> <p>Income: Tarland & Mid Deeside First Responders for Defib Group 781.10</p> <p>Expenditure: Robert Reid for winter plants (97.88)</p> <p>Donation to Roxburghe House on occasion of Liz Hendry funeral (30.00)</p> <p>WEL Medical (PAD unit) (1033.50)</p> <p>Defibshop (PAD cabinet) (501.60)</p> <p>Total PAD (To be installed at Mid Deeside Church, Torphins) (1535.10)</p> <p>TCC Balance at 01/12/2016 <u>£1051.55</u></p> <p>Total cost of PAD included £4 paid by TCC for VAT on delivery charge.</p>	ED
7.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>7.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: Nothing of note for Torphins</p> <p>7.2. School House plan has been approved and has gone to AC Legal Dept. for necessary legal work to be completed prior to advertising and sale of site.</p>	ED
8.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>8.1. Road Safety and Speeding:</p> <p>8.1.1. Proposed Mandatory speed limit at Campfield – PA advised Police Scotland have agreed with Roads Dept. recommendation of mandatory speed limit at this location therefore the formal AC consultation process will now progress. TCC recommend a 40 mph limit commencing before the housing on the east of Campfield and extending on the west to the housing beyond the junction of A980 and road to Glassel.</p> <p>8.1.2. Proposed roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to encourage improved behaviour – PA advised this recommendation has been discussed and is being planned with the speed limit process.</p> <p>8.1.3. Publicity campaign on road safety – LM to contact Jon Entwistle to coordinate communication with Torphins School on this matter since JE is already contacting school as part of Paths Project.</p> <p>WM to prepare publicity for press regarding TCC work on these matters.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>AC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>WM</p>

	<p>TCC members expressed particular concern regarding dangerous parking in the vicinity of the school, which inhibits visibility. TCC encourages all to park safely, even if this means some walking.</p> <p>8.1.4. Bridge Crescent – JC to submit issue to Roads Dept. regarding loose grit material left on new surface and the rough unsealed edge at the join of new and old surfaces.</p> <p>8.2. Flower Tubs: A big Thank You again to all involved for promptly completing this winter tub planting.</p> <p>8.3. Torphins Park: 8.3.1. Jubilee Stone Planting Plan – Agreed plan to install rock boundary around area and heather planting within to raise profile of Jubilee Stone. Work will be progressed for spring planting. 8.3.2. Drainage – Another ceramic drain has now been identified by AC which will be tested for connection to improve the drainage of the area. 8.3.3. Park gymnastic equipment way forward decision – KF had earlier forwarded communications from Aberdeenshire Council advising there are no proposals nor funds for park equipment improvements at Torphins, however, if TCC can initialise a project then Aberdeenshire Council would likely assist with part of it. ED to again approach the school in January for feedback on preferences for equipment.</p> <p>8.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins: A draft map has been completed by Louisa Rouse, which TCC much appreciates. The draft is now in process of review by TCC members in order to agree information to be presented in the final version for publication.</p> <p>8.5. Second PAD for Village: The PAD equipment has now been ordered for delivery prior to installation at Mid Deeside Church when the current MDC planning application has been approved. See Treasurers report above for financing.</p> <p>8.6. Paths Project: The sub committee of TCC, which met on 17th November as per minute of that site visit, agreed to meet again as a group on 12th January 2017. The group identified easy woodland paths for development within the village, potential improvements for Torphins Woods walks, and a longer-term development plan for link from Torphins to Deeside Way. The fence at the entry to Torphins Wood at MDC has been identified for improvement to safety by the road at this area. Meantime Dawn Tuckwood has advised she will meet with someone from Aberdeenshire Council to further discuss ways forward.</p> <p>8.7. Beltie Burn Bridge: No new information</p> <p>8.8. Torphins Community Resilience Plan: Members have reviewed available documentation and now await guidance from Aberdeenshire Council in terms of a standardised approach, since AC Marr Area have advised the CRP process will be included in a future Community Area Forum meeting. WM to contact Marr Area Manager for additional information on AC process.</p> <p>8.9. Christmas Carols at Tree: Thursday 22nd December 2016 25th Anniversary Carols Around Christmas Tree has been posted on Facebook and JC is finalising the programme while ED is arranging refreshments with set up starting at 5:30 pm on evening for 6:30 pm public event start.</p> <p>8.10. Marr Community Area Forum Feedback: The November meetings were attended by JL and ED in Ballater and by LM in Banchory. Various presentations were made covering project funds sourcing and IT based possibilities to develop Community Council communication, etc.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>ED</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>JL</p> <p>KF</p> <p>ED</p> <p>CR, TCC</p> <p>WM</p> <p>PSC</p> <p>DT</p> <p>JL</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p> <p>JC, ED, TCC</p> <p>JL, LM, ED</p>
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9.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>9.1. ED concern expressed regarding level of heat and cost of heating in Learney Hall will be taken up with SF when meet.</p> <p>9.2. JC questioned ownership and condition of public notice board in grounds of Scotmid. Follow up if ED knows more and review.</p>	TCC, SF JC,ED
10.	Next Ordinary Meeting Thursday 5th January 2017 at The Learney Hall	TCC
11.	Meeting closed at 9.14 pm.	
12.	<p>Adoption of Minutes:</p> <p>These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 2nd December 2016 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 5th January 2017.</p> <p>Proposed: Colin Rouse Seconded: Nick Poulton</p>	TCC