



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 1 st April 2021 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Rev Holly Smith (HS) Not Present: Campbell Gillies (CG)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4th March 2021 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	Police Report: The February Police Report received on 7 th March was reviewed.	PS
5.	Finance Report: The balance at bank is £3,496.42, less outstanding cheque £30.00. Details of balance as follows: TCC free funds £1,097.84 (less o/s cheque £30) TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £72.10, Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £2,090.00 and Stuart Family Donation £50.00	ED
6.	Planning Matters: 6.1. No current applications of concern. 6.2. A complaint received from two residents regarding APP/2020/2267 - Erection of Garden Room (Retrospective) – Belton, Edingight Wynd, Torphins, AB31 4JH was discussed at some length, including the responses submitted by Councillors and historic information researched by ED. It was resolved Secretary to respond to the complainants that TCC can add little to the clear explanations already provided; to note comment on the application had not been brought to TCC; and that TCC does have concerns about repetitive patterns noted on some retrospective applications. 6.3. AM noted the change to permitted development rules implemented on 1 April 2021 under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020. Any agricultural building can be turned into up to five houses or into business premises under the definition of permitted development, meaning no planning application required for change of use.	ED WM AM
7.	New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log): 7.1. It was decided the proposed Spring Newsletter be published in June after the AGM, to include details of TCC membership following the nominations to fill open positions. Ideas for the Newsletter were reviewed and allocated for submission of drafts to the Chair for the next meeting on 13 th May. This will give time to edit, format, and incorporate post AGM content for printing in June. See allocation on next page.	TCC

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7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log) (Continued):</p> <p>7.1. Newsletter (Continued): AM – Allotments, Village Square WM – TPG News, Village Welcome Booklet HS – COVID Help, Hardship Fund JL – TCC Recruitment CR – Community Resilience Plan Liz – Community Action Plan, KGVWTF ED – Thomas Truby ref Litter Picker project and Dog Waste concern</p> <p>7.2. Marr Area Office will soon publish the nomination and election process for TCC membership. Nominations open on 22 April, close on 13 May, ballot if required on 20/5, and AGM on 3 June. Given the unknown opening date for Learney Hall the AGM is at this time assumed to be on Zoom.</p>	WM
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: 9.1. The communications received during March have been distributed to members by email. The Secretary has responded to Fergus Mutch regarding no hustings, and to Area Office with agreement to the proposed boundary change at Glassel.</p>	WM
10.	<p>A.O.C.B. 10.1. JL expressed his extreme concern and dismay at the increased incidence of dog waste fouling around the village on pavements and paths. This is totally unacceptable and needs to be controlled by all dog owners. The need for responsible behaviour will be highlighted on TCC Facebook and in the Newsletter, including recognition of positive effort.</p>	JL
12.	<p>Next ordinary meeting Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom (Delay due Scottish Parliamentary election on 6th May 2021, assuming Learney Hall would be venue)</p>	
13.	<p>Meeting closed at 8:58 pm</p>	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 4th April 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 13th May 2021. Proposed: Colin Rouse Seconded: John Lucas</p>	