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Meeting Minutes Thursday 3 rd March 2022 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL) (Meeting Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Malcolm Miller (MM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. P. Argyle (PA); Joan Donald (JD) (TORCH); Linda Manning (LM) (TORCH); Leonie Gordon (LG)(TORCH)</p> <p>Apologies: Hamish Booth (HB); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Cllr P. Gibb (PG); Cllr Geva Blackett (GB)</p> <p>Not Present: Rev Holly Smith (HS);</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 3rd March 2022 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Andrew Macpherson, Seconded: Eric Day</p> <p>Adopt minutes of Special Meeting 17th February 2022 regarding Learney Hall redevelopment: Proposed Liz Moore, Seconded Iain Firth</p>	TCC
4.	Police Report: No report since November 2021. Cllr Argyle to follow up with Police.	PS, Cllr PA
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>The bank balance is £2,474.38, comprising TCC free funds £1380.58, Foundation Scotland Fund allocated to Resilience Group £1,093.80, having spent £46.20 on replacing equipment used during Storms Corrie and Malik.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>The main concern is the recently submitted application APP/2022/0202 for the demolition of the schoolhouse, which application red line area includes the remaining land owned by Aberdeenshire Council and the Public Convenience. TCC has previously advised Aberdeenshire Council and the purchaser of the schoolhouse site that the Public Convenience must be retained for the use of the public. The meeting decided to submit an objection to the application on the grounds that the Public Convenience must be retained and therefore should not be considered in the red line area of the site under the application.</p>	ED
7.	<p>7.1. Community Impact Assessment Forum</p> <p>The recent forum, organised by Marr Area, was attended by ED, WM, SS from TCC, and Robbie Dow, Noeleen Punched from TORCH, with nearly forty attendees in total from across Marr. The forum split to two breakout groups to address what worked well, what did not work well, and what can be done for future to improve. At Arwen issues were poor communication, including optimistic reports from SSEN preventing preparation for long outage, limited ability to operate from halls with no power, uncoordinated food vans, some communities no plans; but Aberdeenshire did open refuge centres and deliver food, and strong local community efforts in many places.</p>	Attendees

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7.	<p>7.1. Community Impact Assessment Forum (Continued) Storms Malik and Corrie featured significantly improved communication from Aberdeenshire, supported by less communication outages, but there was less evidence of Aberdeenshire on the ground and there was lack of coordination between refuges and food vans. Small communities particularly were not well supported. Many local responses again strong with benefit of halls retaining power and benefit of local learning from Arwen, but still gaps. New local resilience groups are being created and Marr plan future forums to share experience and learning.</p> <p>7.2. Community Engagement Questionnaire Various views were discussed regarding the best way to address this online questionnaire about the recent storm responses, for which CCs have been requested to each submit a single response. In conclusion TORCH and TCC expressed the strong desire to work together. TCC had the experience of events at Arwen while TORCH led the way with Corrie and Malik. It was decided the best approach is for TCC to complete a draft based on their experience and TORCH to complete a draft on their experience. The drafts will be consolidated into a single response, for review and agreement by both groups, before completion of the final online submission. CR submitted a draft based on TCC experience, which will be utilised with other inputs. Deadline for submission is 20th March 2022.</p> <p>7.3. Clarification of relationship and roles and responsibilities between TCC and TORCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of both groups believe there is a pressing need to clarify these matters to eliminate overlap and ensure clarity of responsibility in emergencies: for the groups, for the community, and for Aberdeenshire. CR submitted a summary of matters to be addressed. A meeting has been arranged for 7th March 2022 with Robbie Dow, TORCH Chairman, AM and WM of TCC to agree details. The result will be shared with Aberdeenshire to establish the appropriate communication lines. • The discussion was broadened to cover the TORCH requirements for Learney Hall and SSEN grant application. The SSEN grant request will include the largest generator and a container for storage. Cllr PA will investigate regarding potential listed building restrictions and planning requirements to advise the TORCH team. 	<p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p> <p>RD AM, WM</p> <p>LG Cllr PA</p>
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 since last meeting have been distributed to members by email.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of analogue phone line availability requested by Marr Area • Reminder from Marr of local elections in May • Trading Standards bulletin • Approval and availability of revised Scheme of Establishment • Digital Engagement Team advice of support and vouchers for high speed broadband where currently limited • Correspondence with TORCH • Marr request met for latest Resilience Plan, which will be updated by TORCH 	WM

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10.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WM proposed the meeting minute support for the people of Ukraine and recommended the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal for donations. The motion was passed unanimously. • ED advised two festive decorations had failed. A shooting star motif can be replaced for £320.00 or repaired for £116.12. It was agreed to order the repair. A damaged garland would have to be replaced for £145.00, however it was decided a repair by TCC should be attempted before spending this amount. • Cllr PA advised he has intervened to assist with the missing compensation payments from SSEN. He is in contact with SSEN to resolve. Around 17 households are known to be missing payments. Cllr PA encourages any not already advised to come forward for support. • JL had reported potentially dangerous trees on Bridge Crescent. Callum Davidson of Aberdeenshire has visited the site and identified three trees requiring work to make safe. This will be completed when resources allow. 	<p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>JL</p>
11.	<p>Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7:30 pm at Learney Hall, Torphins</p>	
12.	<p>Meeting closed at 9:00 pm</p>	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 4th March 2022 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 7th April 2022. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	