



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 th October 2022 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Malcolm Miller (MM); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Brown (SB); Linda Manning (LM) TORCH (Part); Peter Argyle; Rod McGovern (RM) (Part)</p> <p>Apologies: Liz Moore (LM); Rev Holly Smith (HS); Colin Rouse (CR); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1st September 2022 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Iain Firth	TCC
4.	Police Report: Quarterly report for October 2022 not yet received.	PS
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £27,482.34 including TCC general funds £1,645.14; TORCH funds £24,172.20; TCC Community Hardship Fund received from Robertson Trust £1,665.00. During the period TCC paid £35 for festive lights PAT testing; TORCH received a grant of £23,000 from SSEN community fund towards the cost of two generators; and £335 was spent on vouchers to meet applications to the TCC Community Hardship Fund.	ED
6.	Planning Report: No concerns	ED
7.	<p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCC Notice Board Condition: Secretary advised the felt pin board covering in both sides of the TCC notice board has severely degraded, particularly on the south side exposed to sunlight. The cover needs replaced. ED will contact the supplier in the first instance. • Community Bedding Plants 2023: Eleanor Day has ordered the plants. The offer of perennials was not pursued as no tub space available. Agreed Secretary to advise Anna Richard Greenspace Project can order. • Remembrance Sunday: TCC has purchased a wreath and will attend the war memorial afternoon service on Sunday 13th November 2022. • Carols Around Christmas Tree: Agreed Wednesday 21st December 2022 for Carols Around the Christmas Tree. ED to obtain license book hall. Saturday 26th November agreed as day for erection of tree and lights. • Plant Oak Tree for Queen Elizabeth II: TCC received a suggestion from Peter Argyle that an oak tree should be planted in the park to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. TCC agreed it is a good idea to plant an oak tree in the area 	<p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Cllr SB</p>

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7.	<p>New Items (Continued)</p> <p>west of the Diamond Jubilee stone. Cllr SB offered to contact Landscape Services to progress the plan. Subsequently site visit with Service agreed for 19th October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling: TCC recently received a complaint from a resident about dog fouling in the park. We have responded directly that the park cannot be closed to dogs due to the open aspect but that there is signage that dogs must be kept on a lead properly controlled. We impress again that dog owners must clean up after their dogs. Cllr SB has provided the link to Council website where info and reporting process is publicised. https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/animal-health/dog-fouling/ . TCC to publicise. • TORCH Update: LM advised TORCH has received a grant from Bread of Life to fund the printing of the TORCH Help leaflets to be distributed to all households in TCC area. A representative from Tornaveen has now joined TORCH. TORCH will be meeting representatives at Mid Deeside Church to detail requirements for the use of the church hall as a resilience centre. The £23,000 grant received from SSEN for two generators is now inadequate due to inflation and installation costs were not supported. TORCH is fundraising to cover these incremental costs. Aberdeenshire Council is developing a Community Resilience Strategy and it was agreed a representative from each of TORCH and TCC will attend one of the Community Resilience Strategy Workshops during the week of 10th October 2022. A recent meeting with Janelle Clark, Marr Area Manager, had confirmed the Learney Hall can only be used as a resilience base with an Aberdeenshire Councillor present. Thus the new strategy is important to develop and understand to adequately support an effective community resilience effort. • Hill of Fare Wind Farm Proposal: AM will attend a planned meeting of Chairs of the four community councils within the development area scheduled for 10th October 2022. RES has approved TCC attending the public exhibition on 12th October and CR has prepared a questionnaire for attendees to complete for feedback to TCC. This questionnaire has been adopted by all four CC. A team of six attendees was agreed to represent TCC at the exhibition, who Secretary will advise RES with acceptance of RES conditions. RM who attended TCC September meeting again spoke about the proposals, raising additional concern about the necessary lighting on the very large 250m turbines. The proposal of a sub committee to manage the response to the Wind Farm proposals was accepted. IF and ED volunteered. CR and WM may also participate. RM will provide advice as necessary. • Newsletter: To enable the early publication of the next TCC Newsletter the allocation of articles (200 words approx) was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TORCH – Linda Manning ○ Hill of Fare Windfarm – sub committee agree after public exhibitions ○ Torphins School – WM to contact head teacher ○ Torphins Medical Centre – WM to contact practice ○ Welcome Booklet – AM ○ TCC Hardship Fund – AM ○ Aberdeenshire Council – Cllr SB ○ Consider other subjects – All 	<p>Cllr SB</p> <p>LM</p> <p>AM</p> <p>IF, ED</p> <p>CR</p>

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8.	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 .	TCC
9.	Correspondence: All correspondence received has been distributed by email and significant matters have been discussed elsewhere in meeting.	WM
10.	AOCB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM expressed extreme concern regarding the closure of Banchory children’s swimming pool with no report of when will reopen. This is unacceptably denying young children facilities to learn to swim. Cllr SB will investigate and report. • AM advised he is submitting his resignation as Chair of TCC due to personal reasons, however he will continue as a member of TCC. With great regret the TCC members agreed to accept AMs resignation and offered strong thanks and congratulations to Andrew for his important contribution to TCC and the community since joining TCC three years ago. • JL proposed, seconded by WM that Peter Argyle be co-opted to become a member of TCC and the proposal was accepted without objection. • JL proposed, seconded by WM that Peter Argyle be appointed Chair to replace Andrew. There were no objections. <p>(Subsequent to closure of the meeting it was confirmed ten days notice of intention to co-opt is required prior to a member being formally co-opted. Accordingly on 7th October 2022 the Secretary gave notice to Marr Area Manager, Ward Councillors, and all TCC members of the intention to co-opt Peter Argyle, the process to be completed formally at the next meeting of TCC.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM advised his private water supply had failed recently. He is concerned there is no known public place to obtain fresh water in the event of such circumstance. TCC advised there is a water tap at the rear of Learney Hall and also at the Torphins Cemetery both of which could be used in emergency. • Cllr SB reminded TCC members of the consultation on the Aberdeenshire implementation of the Scottish Government new short-term let regulations, advising everyone interested to submit comments by 7th October. • Cllr SB advised the in-patient ward at Aboyne Hospital remains closed due to nursing staff shortage. An announcement will be made soon. Subsequently advise was received the in-patient ward will open by 31 October subject to no unforeseen circumstances. • Cllr SB advised volunteers are sought to re-establish South Marr Community Safety Group. • Cllr SB advised the booking system for Household Recycling is to be discontinued for Marr Area sites. • JL expressed his hope Aberdeenshire will capitalise on the widespread publicity of Deeside provided by the televised Royal Funeral route from Balmoral south. • ED asked for an update on the redevelopment project for Learney Hall. Secretary to follow up with Tim Stephen. 	Cllr SB AM JL JL WM RM Cllr SB Cllr SB Cllr SB Cllr SB JL ED, WM
10.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 3 rd November 2022, 7:30 pm Learney Hall Torphins	
11.	Meeting closed at 10:10 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 17 th October 2022 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 3 rd November 2022. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	