



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Andy Cowie (AC); Eric Day (ED); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (LM) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. P. Gibb, Fiona Moore</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Campbell Gillies; John Lucas; Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett(GB)</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> – None	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018:</b></p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day    Seconded: Colin Rouse</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b></p> <p>No recent report available.</p> <p>TCC notes again the earlier reports of major banking scams in the area and will place advisory information on the TCC website and noticeboard.</p>	Police Scotland
5.	<p><b>Membership Update:</b></p> <p>LM advised the resignation of Nick Poulton effective 5<sup>th</sup> November. Nick's resignation is accepted with considerable regret.</p> <p>This leaves TCC even lower in numbers. The meeting agreed to promote membership at the Carol event and to push a recruitment campaign in January.</p>	NP TCC
6.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b></p> <p><b>6.1. Balance</b> at 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 is £1294.63 including remaining £793.01 ring fenced for TERP, which will include covering the £208.00 cost of the Newsletter promoting the TERP. The TCC balance available is £501.62.</p> <p><b>6.2. Marr Area annual Grant to TCC</b> – ED raised concern whether payment will be delayed by the change of AGM to June. Cllr. Gibb advised under the new scheme of establishment this is likely for all CCs as AGM approved accounts are required. ED will write to Marr Area Manager seeking compensating plans to prevent financial shortfalls.</p>	ED ED Cllr. PG
7.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b></p> <p><b>7.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>APP/2018/2733 – Application for house and garage development at Crow Wood, adjacent to The Wolfings, Torphins, AB31 4HP.</p> <p>TCC notes there are already two objections to this development lodged. After extensive discussions it was decided ED will prepare and submit an objection from TCC citing a number of reasons including inappropriate development and inconsistencies from current use, etc.</p>	ED ED

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8.	<p><b>New Items:</b></p> <p><b>8.1. Local Development Plan Draft Main Issues Report:</b> The LDP Main Issues Report is now available for consultation from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. TCC resolved to publicise the Torphins section and to organise another public consultation meeting to solicit public comments before submitting a response to the Aberdeenshire Council. The 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 meeting of TCC will decide on the detail arrangements and publicity. The Main Issues Report is available at: <a href="http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=495&amp;meetid=19018">http://committees.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=495&amp;meetid=19018</a></p> <p>The Local Development Plan Newsletter is available at: <a href="http://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/dataset/local-development-plan-updates">http://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/dataset/local-development-plan-updates</a></p> <p><b>8.2. Marr Area Forum Feedback:</b> ED provided an update on the local Marr Area Forum meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of Tarland First Responders had advised that the AED Defibrillator at Scotmid had been found to have a flat battery. TFR provided a replacement while Scotmid ordered on their system. This failure of Scotmid to fulfill their responsibility to maintain their AED is extremely concerning. TCC resolved to write to Scotmid to express their concern and disappointment and to request Scotmid to implement a proper process to prevent any re-occurrence.</li> <li>• TCC will arrange another CPR Training session from First Responders.</li> <li>• First Responders are poorly represented in Torphins area. Volunteers are sought to become First Responders for Torphins area, which falls under Tarland and Mid Deeside First Responders. Visit the website: <a href="http://www.tarland.org.uk/community/tarland-first-responders/">http://www.tarland.org.uk/community/tarland-first-responders/</a></li> <li>• The Strategic Development Plan process was explained. TCC will not submit more comments, however individuals may do so.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.3. Provision of Grit Bins and Snow Warden Scheme:</b> New grit bins will not be issued by Aberdeenshire unless the area has community formal participation on the Snow Warden Scheme. Information on the Snow Warden Scheme is available at: <a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/23092/volunteer-snow-warden-welcome-pack-aug-2018.pdf">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/23092/volunteer-snow-warden-welcome-pack-aug-2018.pdf</a></p>	<p>LM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED, Cllr PG</p>
9.	<p><b>Open Items:</b></p> <p><b>9.1. Wreath Laying on Remembrance Sunday:</b> TCC laid a wreath on behalf of the community this year. The service was relatively well attended. TCC plans to continue the wreath laying next year.</p> <p><b>9.2. Newsletter:</b> Distribution of the Newsletters to all households was reviewed to confirm all areas are covered. Reception has been positive. It was decided excess copies will be placed in P22 and possibly other local businesses.</p> <p><b>9.3. Village Welcome Pack:</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><b>9.4. Torphins Emergency Response Plan:</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><b>9.5. Community Action Plan:</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><b>9.6. Roads:</b></p> <p><b>9.6.1. Extension of 30 mph limit north of village:</b> Police will perform a survey in December to evaluate the issue.</p> <p><b>9.6.2. Enforcement of 40 mph speed limit at Campfield:</b> Police survey has revealed traffic travelling at up to 52 mph in area. Aberdeenshire will install repeater 40 mph signs.</p> <p><b>9.6.3. Closure of informal laybys at Campfield Filling Station:</b> The layby to the east of the filling station is planned for closure from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. There has been a delay due to a delay on another job.</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>CR, TCC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>LM</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p>

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9.	<p><b>9.6.4. Creation of lay-by on Pitmedden Rd north of Campfield near drive to housing:</b> The road at this location is to be widened to improve the width for passing vehicles.</p> <p><b>9.6.5. Junction at Mid Beltie on B993 south of Torphins:</b> The hedge has been trimmed to make a slight improvement, however it is clear the junction itself needs redesigned to eliminate the visibility problem and allow safer traffic movements. Cllr. Gibb has another meeting in the area with Ralph Newlands, Roads Engineer, so they will also visit the B993 junction to evaluate.</p> <p><b>9.6.6. Pavement/Road area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre:</b> Aberdeenshire do not think they own this area however they are investigating to confirm. If Aberdeenshire owns the area they will repair the surface. If not, the owner will have to perform the work. It is not known who this is if not Aberdeenshire.</p> <p><b>9.7. Japanese Knotweed:</b> There is no sign now of new growth with the area appearing dead at this time. Matter closed.</p> <p><b>9.8. Sale of Schoolhouse:</b> Continues on the market.</p> <p><b>9.9. Learney Hall Curtain Rehangng:</b> The curtains have finally been returned to the hall for rehangng, however they have not been repaired and have not been cleaned. This is an unacceptable outcome.</p> <p><b>9.10. Festive Lights and Carols Around the Christmas Tree:</b> The festive lights have been installed by TCC with volunteer labour and assistance of local business. Thank you for the valuable support. The Carols Around the Christmas Tree event is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6:30 pm. with Notes From Torphins and MDC Praise Band, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. We are pleased Ian Garrett will officiate this year. We will seek donations towards the cost of festive lighting including upgrades to meet new Aberdeenshire regulations, and promote TCC membership as a vital community activity. WM to prepare Order of Service and posters by LM to be distributed.</p>	<p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PG Cllr PA</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>ED, TCC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM, LM</p>
10.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>10.1.</b> Email communications have been forwarded to members during month.</p> <p><b>10.2.</b> A letter has been received from Andrew Bowie MP advising us of his recent surgeries in Torphins and Tarland. The overwhelming concern was the lack of local bus services. Andrew Bowie advises he has taken on board the issue and has contacted Aberdeenshire and Stagecoach, asking for reassurance services will not be cut further and for a review into viability of increasing frequency.</p>	<p>WM WM</p>
11.	<p><b>AOCB:</b></p> <p><b>11.1.</b> TCC has been advised of continued flooding at Innermarkie Wynd since park drainage was installed. Bill Higham of Aberdeenshire is investigating.</p> <p><b>11.2.</b> CR advised plants have been stolen from certain flower tubs in the village. TCC expresses disgust and disappointment that plants donated and voluntarily planted by Torphins residents have been subject to theft. The matter will be monitored.</p> <p><b>11.3.</b> Glen Dye/Clachnaben Wind Turbine application was submitted to Scottish Government. Residents are encouraged to submit their concerns on line.</p> <p><b>Consultation</b> - The EIA regulations allow 30 days for responses to this consultation. The closing date in this case is <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>. Please submit your response to <a href="mailto:Econsents_admin@gov.scot">Econsents_admin@gov.scot</a>.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>LM</p>
12.	<p><b>Thanks:</b> The Chair expressed thanks to Fiona Moore for attendance and input to the meeting.</p>	<p>LM</p>
13.	<p><b>Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b></p>	
14.	<p><b>Meeting Closed at 9:22 pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	