Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	**Description**	**Owner**
1.	**Present:** Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS) (Chair) **In Attendance:** Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG) **Apologies:** Hamish Booth (HB); Andrew Macpherson; Cllr. G. Blackett (GB) **Not Present:** Campbell Gillies (CG)	
2.	**Intimation of noted interests:** None	
3.	**Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 5th November 2020 previously by email:** Adopted without changes. Proposed: Colin Rouse Seconded: John Lucas	TCC
4.	**Police Report:** Police Report for November has not been received yet.	
5.	**Finance Report:** The balance at bank is £4,754.36 following receipt of Response, Recovery, Resilience grant of £2,300 from Foundation Scotland. Details of balance as follows: TCC free funds £1,109.34, TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £418.56 Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £2,540.00 - Stuart Family Donation £200.00 Welcome Booklet printing grant - Foundation Scotland £300.00	ED
6.	**Planning Matters:** Three planning applications previously reviewed without concern are undecided at this time, and the new applications have no concerns.	ED
7.	**New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):** **7.1. Press Announcement of new Community Council** TCC has been working with Marr Area regarding the proposal early this year to split Feughdee West Community Council into two new community councils. This change will have an effect on the Glassel community currently represented by TCC, as the new CC north of the Dee will be named Inchmarlo Brathens and Glassel. TCC was surprised and disappointed to read of the approval and immediate implementation of the new CC in the press without having been informed in advance. However, TCC will work with Marr Area to ensure the proper community consultation is conducted regarding transferring the admittedly small number of properties in Glassel community to the new CC. Hopefully Glassel residents will not object and the required amendment to TCC constitution can be completed smoothly. **7.2. Allotment Proposal:** The proposals to create Torphins Allotments are moving forward with a new Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/382139726236160/ created. Join the Group now to support the project and obtain details of a Zoom call on 10th December 2020 at 8:00 pm to gather interest and make it happen.	WM AM

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7.	**New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log) (Continued):** **7.3. Torphins Emergency Response Plan Annual Review:** A Special Meeting of TCC to perform the annual review of the TERP resulted in a major rewrite to produce a more practical plan aligned with the reality of the Torphins situation and available resources. The new document, renamed Torphins Community Resilience Plan, was tabled for approval and unanimously approved by the meeting. The TCRP will be shared with Marr Area Office, to be passed to other responsible authorities in Aberdeenshire Council, and will be posted online at www.torphins.net . The annual review process continues. Many thanks to Colin Rouse for drafting the plan based on TCC discussions and recommendations.	CR TCC
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:** **9.1.** Minutes of last meeting regarding bridges discussion copied to Caroline Close, King Edward community for information and support and thanks received. **9.2.** COVID cross-sector connections survey distributed to members for input. **9.3.** Return submitted to Marr Area regarding review of conduct of meetings during pandemic, which TCC has successfully managed on Zoom. **9.4.** Festive Lights news release has been submitted to Piper, P&J and EE, and posted on www.torphins.net and www.facebook/torphinscommunity **9.5.** Question received from resident requesting festive lights out west on Beltie Road and whether Funeral Director signage can be removed. TCC responded with explanations of desire to expand festive lights but limitations due to AC regulations and of course funding. Understood a new business will move into Funeral Directors soon and revamp decor and signage. **9.6.** Confirmed with First Responders and Scotmid that defibrillators are registered through them with national register The Circuit. **9.7.** Grampian COVID Assistance Hub communicated recommendation for additional aid to community at Christmas, which generated discussion what TCC can do, particularly given the £2,000 grant award from Foundation Scotland Response Recovery Resilience fund detailed in the Action Log. It was agreed Rev HS will contact Social Work Dept. and other contacts to pursue potential positive actions.	WM
10.	**A.O.C.B.** **10.1.** Aberdeenshire Council social media training sessions were attended by WM. Up to 16 CCs attended. Some helpful information provided. **10.2.** LM attended the latest KGVWTF meeting and continues to report concern over operation. A lead member has submitted a proposal to form a single Deeside pot of money for all local wind turbine funds to be amalgamated into. **10.3.** TCC records thanks to Tina Thomas for her fabulous crochet work to provide poppies at the war memorial and to decorate the post box again this year. The community values the effort and skill and TCC will arrange a gift in recognition.	WM LM ED
12.	**Next ordinary meeting Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom (link HS)**	
13.	**Meeting closed at 8:43 pm**	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6th December 2020 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 7th January 2020. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	