



Torphins Community Council

Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Campfield and Tornaveen
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| Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 th April 2024 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins | | |
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| Item No. | Description | Owner |
| 1. | <p>Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>Apologies: John Lucas (JL); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Sarah Brown; Cllr Anouk Kloppert</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Intimation of noted interests: ED and CR expressed an interest in the matter of planning application APP/2023/1374. WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7 March 2024 previously by email: Adopted as proposed by December email without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Eric Day</p> | TCC |
| 4. | <p>Police Report: Q1 due April. Noted Police regularly attend Mid Deeside CC meetings.</p> | PS |
| 5. | <p>Finance Report: The balance is £10,453.04 with TCC general funds £97.29, Christmas Lights £530.57, Hardship Fund £649.73 after purchases for pantry £71.15; and TORCH balance £9175.45. The annual insurance charge, now paid direct by TCC to Zurich from general funds, was £293.73. It was resolved to charge a proportionate share of the premium to TORCH funds, based on the element of all risks property insurance value related to the generator and container.</p> | ED |
| 6. | <p>Planning Report: APP/2023/1374 – See Open Item Action Log No. 2401.</p> | ED |
| 7. | <p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>CC Catch Up Meeting Report: At the recent Marr Area CC catch up meeting on MS Teams the new Aberdeenshire CC election process was explained with opportunity provided to answer questions. See minutes of meeting 7 March 2024. There were no major concerns but it was clarified that election of office bearers can be at AGM, or wait for inaugural meeting after elections, but either way must appoint office bearers after the elections. Given elections will be every three years it is to be trialed that co-opted members can become full members after six months to fill open places. The model constitution will be reviewed for minor change and CC should verify own constitution for any required changes to meet new election rules. The new insurance process was also discussed given it is no longer paid direct by Aberdeenshire and deducted from admin grant, rather negotiated and paid directly by Individual CCs. Concern was expressed the change would result in increased</p> | WM |

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| 7. | <p>New Items (Continued):</p> <p>CC Catch Up Meeting (Continued): premiums if not now then over time. CCs are asked to report their premium to Area Office for monitoring of this first year of change. The format of CC meetings across Marr Area was raised by WM. TCC meets in person monthly. Feedback showed there are a variety of models depending on local factors with some with all remote, some hybrid and some in person. CCs with large areas and multiple communities are more likely to meet remotely or hybrid, although some meet in multiple locations in rotation. While one CC has purchased equipment to improve effectiveness of hybrid meetings it was generally agreed hybrid meetings are not very satisfactory without specialist equipment. TCC will continue to meet in person as this is deemed most effective for our CC and community. We have a strong preference and do thank our Ward Councillors to attend in person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for an ordinary meeting to be held at Tornaveen Hall: WM suggested TCC meet at Tornaveen Hall before the AGM and elections to stimulate interest in the Tornaveen community offering candidate(s) to fill the place reserved for Tornaveen. Similarly there is a place reserved for Campfield but there is no meeting facility there and the area is close to Torphins and Learney Hall. It was agreed Secretary to arrange May meeting to be at Tornaveen Hall. • Torphins Paths Group Dam Wood Path Opening: WM advised the Dam Wood and Blacklinn Burn extension of the path at Easter Beltie will be officially opened by our West Aberdeenshire constituency MSP Alexander Burnett MSP on Sunday 21 April 2024 at 3:00pm with attendees to take the existing path past the wetlands to the ceremony that will take place at the Blacklinn Bridge. All TCC and public invited. • SEPA Review of Areas Most at Risk of Flooding – Consultation on proposed Potential Vulnerable Areas (PVA) All CC have been advised of this consultation to encourage participation. TCC will publish details on website and facebook to facilitate consultative comments if desired by members and public directly. | <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</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: All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members. Notable items are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPA Communications and Consultations • Opening of Marr Area Grants for 2024/25 • Aberdeenshire Community Resilience Strategy Consultation • Community Planning Partnership website survey | WM |
| 10. | <p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pantry - An additional 60 nets of logs were added to pantry stock in March. • School Roll Forecasts - TCC received from Cllr SB a report on School Roll Forecasts. For the 2023/24 based forecasts, the secondary school forecasts are taken from census data whilst primary school rolls are taken from the Seemis system on 8 January 2024. This is to support discussions with communities about their schools, which may arise from the 'Moving Towards a Sustainable Estate' Review which was approved by the Education & Children's Services Committee on 1 February 2024. Data on next page. | |

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| 10. | <p>AOCB (Continued): Please find the school roll forecasts for the Aboyne Academy cluster, further information can be found through the link at Agenda for Education and Children's Services Committee on Thursday, 21st March, 2024, 10.15 am - Aberdeenshire Council (moderngov.co.uk) https://aberdeenshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=153&Mid=411&Ver=4</p> <p>Appendix 1: School Roll Forecast 2023/24 Summary Table</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 555 1295 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>Area</th> <th>Capacity</th> <th>2022</th> <th>2023</th> <th>2024</th> <th>2025</th> <th>2026</th> <th>2027</th> <th>2028</th> <th>Current % Capacity</th> <th>% Capacity 2028</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aboyne Academy</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>750</td> <td>707</td> <td>669</td> <td>673</td> <td>661</td> <td>618</td> <td>621</td> <td>597</td> <td>89%</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aboyne PS</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>342</td> <td>266</td> <td>236</td> <td>221</td> <td>207</td> <td>185</td> <td>167</td> <td>162</td> <td>69%</td> <td>47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballater</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>145</td> <td>58</td> <td>60</td> <td>63</td> <td>61</td> <td>66</td> <td>60</td> <td>64</td> <td>41%</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Braemar</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>50</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td>29</td> <td>26</td> <td>32</td> <td>30</td> <td>29</td> <td>62%</td> <td>58%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crathie</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>47</td> <td>11</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>13</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>21%</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finzean</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>71</td> <td>34</td> <td>31</td> <td>30</td> <td>38</td> <td>39</td> <td>39</td> <td>40</td> <td>44%</td> <td>57%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kincardine O'Neil</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>69</td> <td>30</td> <td>34</td> <td>32</td> <td>36</td> <td>38</td> <td>35</td> <td>39</td> <td>49%</td> <td>56%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logie Coldstone</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>47</td> <td>17</td> <td>15</td> <td>11</td> <td>7</td> <td>7</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> <td>32%</td> <td>7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lumphanan</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>100</td> <td>50</td> <td>48</td> <td>44</td> <td>40</td> <td>40</td> <td>36</td> <td>32</td> <td>48%</td> <td>32%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tarland</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>155</td> <td>90</td> <td>88</td> <td>78</td> <td>70</td> <td>66</td> <td>59</td> <td>53</td> <td>57%</td> <td>34%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torphins</td> <td>Marr</td> <td>200</td> <td>154</td> <td>165</td> <td>152</td> <td>148</td> <td>138</td> <td>129</td> <td>125</td> <td>83%</td> <td>63%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprising Aberdeenshire - Cllr SB asked to pass this information on to any new and start-up local businesses, individuals or organisations who might be interested. There is a new project called Enterprising Aberdeenshire, which has been designed and developed by Aberdeenshire Council and funded through the UK Government Shared Prosperity fund. It aims to help local people start their own businesses by engaging in the community and providing tailored services informed by their needs. To arrange a meeting with your local enterprise coordinator or if you require any business support or advice please email enterprising@aberdeenshire.gov.uk | School | Area | Capacity | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | Current % Capacity | % Capacity 2028 | Aboyne Academy | Marr | 750 | 707 | 669 | 673 | 661 | 618 | 621 | 597 | 89% | 80% | Aboyne PS | Marr | 342 | 266 | 236 | 221 | 207 | 185 | 167 | 162 | 69% | 47% | Ballater | Marr | 145 | 58 | 60 | 63 | 61 | 66 | 60 | 64 | 41% | 44% | Braemar | Marr | 50 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 26 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 62% | 58% | Crathie | Marr | 47 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 21% | 24% | Finzean | Marr | 71 | 34 | 31 | 30 | 38 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 44% | 57% | Kincardine O'Neil | Marr | 69 | 30 | 34 | 32 | 36 | 38 | 35 | 39 | 49% | 56% | Logie Coldstone | Marr | 47 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 32% | 7% | Lumphanan | Marr | 100 | 50 | 48 | 44 | 40 | 40 | 36 | 32 | 48% | 32% | Tarland | Marr | 155 | 90 | 88 | 78 | 70 | 66 | 59 | 53 | 57% | 34% | Torphins | Marr | 200 | 154 | 165 | 152 | 148 | 138 | 129 | 125 | 83% | 63% | |
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| 11. | Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 2 May 2024, 7:30 pm, Tornaveen Hall | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | Meeting closed at 8:50 pm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 5th April 2024 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 2nd May 2024. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Ian Firth</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |