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<b>Meeting Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30 pm</b> <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED) (Chair); Campbell Gillies (CG); Will Maclean (WM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. P. Argyll (Cllr. PA); Inspector Matt Smith; Shelley Tuck (ST); Ian Tuck (IT); Carol Reid (CR)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Andy Cowie (AC); John Lucas (JL); Liz Moore (LM); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> – None	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018:</b></p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day    Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Police Report and Campfield Road Safety</b></p> <p>The January Police Report had been received and distributed to all members prior the meeting. TCC welcomed Inspector Matt Smith to the meeting.</p> <p>Since we sometimes do not receive the Police Report for the prior month until after our meeting, Inspector Smith said he will look into changing the due date to end of month.</p> <p>Inspector Smith advised crime remains relatively low on Deeside and the main activity in winter is usually roads and traffic due to conditions. The Police are pleased to have good relations with the public on Deeside and point out they are available with front counter service in Banchory every day. The Liam Smith search received wide public support however the case remains open.</p> <p>Specifically on the questions over road safety at Campfield Inspector Smith confirmed the Police had performed speed checks, with a short term impact when present, and that this is a risk area due to the geography and location, but that recent collision and incident history is not overly concerning. It was agreed there has been significant improvement since the 40 mph speed limit was implemented but that concerns remain. Shelly Tuck in particular advised she has reports from the resident at the Glassel junction of increased near misses and issues at this junction. Inspector Smith felt the 40 mph signing at the location could be improved to raise awareness and impact. After some discussion the following actions were agreed.</p> <p>Cllr. PA will discuss with Roads and request Roads to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend the 40 mph limit at the western end to beyond the Glassel junction</li> <li>• Increase the size of the 40 mph signs with wide borders</li> <li>• Paint double white lines to prohibit overtaking in the area</li> </ul>	<p>Inspector Matt Smith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr PA</p>

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4.	The Chair and members thanked Inspector Smith for his attendance and input, and Shelley and Ian Tuck for their continued focus on the matter.	
5.	<p><b>Membership:</b>  Motions were tabled to co-opt two new members as earlier announced. Fiona Moore has attended several recent meetings and intimated willingness to join TCC. Carol Reid was in attendance and provided a brief resume of her experience. Fiona Moore – proposed ED, seconded CR, unanimously approved. Carol Reid – proposed WM, seconded ED, unanimously approved.</p>	TCC
6.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b>  The bank balance is £1211.14, including £580.93 ring fenced for the TERP. The 3 month funding gap due to change of year end with the new Constitution, under the new Scheme of Establishment, was confirmed again from Area Office. The offer of an early interim payment in the event of difficulty is appreciated.</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b>  <b>7.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</b>  Recent activity includes the following:  Trimming of seven beech trees at Annesley Grove  Construction of domestic garage at The Gatsby  Garage improvements at Bridge Crescent approved  Cattle Court at Hill of Beltie approved  Smithy Croft development approved  APP/2018/2733 – Application for house and garage development at Crow Wood, adjacent to The Wolfings, Torphins, AB31 4HP – will likely go to committee</p>	ED
8.	<p><b>Open Items:</b>  <b>8.1. Roads:</b>  <b>8.1.1 Campfield Safety Measures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The speed limit matters are covered above under the Police Report with Inspector Matt Smith</li> <li>• Progress to restrict access to westbound layby:  Access is required for delivery tanker access. TCC would like to see access to all other vehicles prevented by other measures, such as locking bollards, which can be removed only when delivery access required. Cllr. PA will discuss with the filling station owner.</li> </ul> <p><b>8.1.2. Junction at Mid Beltie on B993 – report of Roads Dept. site visit:</b>  A visit by Roads was planned earlier and Cllr. PA will ask Ralph Newlands to visit.</p> <p><b>8.1.3. Extension of 30 mph speed limit north of village:</b>  The lack of progress is regretted. A new proposal was tabled by HB, which drew support from all present, particularly since it was intimated this proposal might be easier for Roads to approve. Cllr. PA will request a new 40 mph speed limit be introduced running from the bridge north of Learney Avenue to the existing 30 mph limit.</p> <p><b>8.1.4. Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre update:</b>  Ownership has not been established. The Scottish land Register does not hold the record so a costly full title search would be required. Carried forward.</p> <p><b>8.1.5. Pitmurchie Sign:</b>  CR advised the directional sign to Pitmurchie on the A908 west of Torphins is badly placed leading to vehicles overshooting the junction.</p> <p><b>8.2. Dog Fouling:</b>  The Dog Warden has advised poo bags can only be supplied direct to owners registered under the Green Dog Walking scheme. The previous TCC campaign run</p>	<p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>HB</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>

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8.	<p><b>8.2. Contd.:</b> by Jayne Clarke had registered 38 Green Dog Walker members, however record keeping was considered the responsibility of Aberdeenshire who run the scheme. Members with membership cards may request bags. It was suggested the campaign run by The Rubbish Club could follow up through the school to promote the Green Dog Walking scheme. Secretary to approach.</p> <p><b>8.3. Flooding at Innermarkie Wynd:</b> Bill Higham of Aberdeenshire Council has advised a camera survey has confirmed a drain problem. The area will be excavated to resolve the matter.</p> <p><b>8.4. Sale of Schoolhouse:</b> Still on the market with no change.</p> <p><b>8.5. Learney Hall Curtains:</b> Most of the curtains have now been re-hung as is by Aberdeenshire Council, although others are missing or not fit to hang. At least one has fallen down since rehung. It is very disappointing that curtains in such condition cannot be repaired or replaced by the hall owner. It was decided to accept the offer from Shelley Tuck to obtain a quotation from Angela Muir for repair/replacement, which could form the basis for a community funding effort.</p> <p><b>8.6. TERP:</b> It was agreed to further delay finalisation until JL and a representative from Marr Area are available.</p> <p><b>8.7. Village Welcome Pack:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>8.8. Community Action Plan:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>8.9. Car Park Sign:</b> The request to provide signposting to the car park at the village park was discussed again, the idea having arisen as a solution to the safety concerns about pressure of parking in the village centre. Discussion and comment from Cllr. PA suggest this may not be a viable idea. Also the approach to the school via Cllr. PG to see if there is opportunity for teachers to park at the village park, freeing space at Learney Hall, had not been successful, despite follow up explanations by TCC. Closed.</p> <p><b>8.10. CPR Training:</b> First Responders have confirmed they will provide more training, at a date yet to be confirmed.</p> <p><b>8.11. Local Development Plan 2021 and Draft Main Issues Report:</b> To facilitate public consultation on the LDP and Main Issues Report TCC will host an open house public meeting in Learney Small Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 8:45 am to 12:00 noon and on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will also investigate placing a publicity stall at Platform 22 Market on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The design of the presentation and questionnaires will be addressed at a special meeting of TCC at Learney Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00 am. Hall to book. 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> 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>WM</p> <p>BH</p> <p>AC</p> <p>ST</p> <p>JL</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p>
9.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> All correspondence received has been distributed by email. LM has written King George V Community Project Trust accepting the offer to join the Grant Panel. We are awaiting next steps.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>LM</p>

