



**Torphins Community Council**  
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Campfield and Tornaveen

<b>The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting</b> <b>DRAFT Minutes</b> <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 07.30 pm</b> <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b>														
Item No.	Description	Owner												
1.	<b>Attendance and Apologies:</b> <b>Present:</b> Andrew Brazier (AB); Colin Rouse (CR); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) <b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Sarah Brown (SB); Kirsty Macleod (KM), Area Committee Officer, Marr; Joan Donald (JD) (TORCH); Linda Manning (LM) (TORCH) <b>Apologies:</b> Iain Firth (IF); Malcolm Miller (MM); Liz Moore (LM); Stephen Salter (SS); Rev Holly Smith (HS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)													
2.	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021:</b> The minutes were adopted. Proposed: Andrew Macpherson      Seconded: John Lucas	WM												
3.	<b>Chairman's Report:</b> The Chairman, Andrew Macpherson, thanked members and Councillors for their support and presented his report for 2021-22 as attached.	AM												
4.	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> The Treasurer, Eric Day, presented the Statement of Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2022. The bank balance was £2,340.26 including £1,246.46 free funds and £1,093.80 reserved funds for TORCH community resilience. The full Accounts and Treasurer's Report are attached. Colin Rouse moved to adopt the Accounts and Will Maclean seconded the proposal to adopt the Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2022. The Treasurer will send the approved Accounts to Marr Area Office.	ED												
5.	<b>Report on Elections:</b> Members due to retire by time were Hamish Booth, Eric Day, John Lucas, Will Maclean, Andrew Macpherson, Colin Rouse Having been co-opted during the year Iain Firth, Malcolm Miller, Liz Moore, and Stephen Salter had to stand for election to continue.  The eleven nominated and duly elected members, leaving one vacancy, are:  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Andrew Brazier</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Eric Day</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Iain Firth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Lucas</td> <td>Will Maclean</td> <td>Andrew Macpherson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malcolm Miller</td> <td>Liz Moore</td> <td>Colin Rouse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stephen Salter</td> <td>Rev Holly Smith</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Under the recently revised Aberdeenshire Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils the next election has been standardised to occur for all Community Councils in May/June 2024, then on a standard 3 years cycle.	Andrew Brazier	Eric Day	Iain Firth	John Lucas	Will Maclean	Andrew Macpherson	Malcolm Miller	Liz Moore	Colin Rouse	Stephen Salter	Rev Holly Smith		Kirsty Macleod for Returning Officer
Andrew Brazier	Eric Day	Iain Firth												
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6.	<p><b>Election of Officers:</b>  All officers resigned and nominations were proposed for new officers. Kirsty Macleod requested nominations for the new Chair. John Lucas proposed Andrew Macpherson, seconded by Eric Day. Andrew Macpherson accepted the nomination unopposed and was duly appointed. The new Chair, AM, requested nominations for Vice Chair. Andrew Macpherson proposed Rev Holly Smith, seconded by John Lucas. Having earlier advised she was willing to accept the nomination, Rev Holly Smith was duly appointed unopposed. The Chair requested nominations for Treasurer. John Lucas proposed Eric Day, seconded by Andrew Macpherson. Eric Day accepted the nomination unopposed. The Chair requested nominations for Secretary. Andrew Brazier proposed Will Maclean seconded by Eric Day. Will Maclean accepted the nomination unopposed.</p>	Kirsty Macleod Area Officer AM
7.	<p><b>Annual Review of TCC Constitution:</b>  The constitution was submitted for review. The current body of the constitution was accepted as presented however by the unanimous decision of members present the model Appendix I, Standing Orders, as recommended by Aberdeenshire Council, will be incorporated into the TCC Constitution.  The Secretary will update the TCC document and submit to the Area Manager for approval.</p>	AM  WM
8.	<p><b>Close Meeting:</b> The Chair, Andrew Macpherson, thanked the members for their attendance and support, also Kirsty Macleod and Councillors attending, and closed the meeting at 7:50 pm.</p>	AM

## Torphins Community Council AGM – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Chairman's Report

In a somewhat tumultuous return to normality after COVID 19 restrictions lifted at the start of the year, Torphins and the Community Council were impacted by Storms Arwen and Malik, power outages lasting more than a week, the medical practice changing hands and local elections.

Through these events the TCC continued to successfully undertake several projects, which is something every member can feel proud of. I am grateful for everyone's continued efforts, especially when it can feel like there is an expectation of commitment rather than volunteering our time, which I know we all give as much as we can.

- There are currently eleven members with Hamish Booth retiring. The TCC are very grateful for his time and effort and diligence especially with the safety groups in the area. Warm welcome to our new member Andrew Brazier.
- Following the local elections, Councillor Geva Blackett remained while Councillors Peter Argyle and Paul Gibb were replaced by Cllr Sarah Brown and Cllr Anouk Kloppert. Cllr Argyle will be sorely missed given his many years of service as a local resident playing a key role in resolving many issues in our community and across Aberdeenshire. Cllr Gibb also made an impact locally with his useful emails during lockdown and commitment to talking larger issues like changes to the local health service (but don't mention the hall curtains!). Both regularly attended the Community Council meetings and have given the incoming Councillors a high bar to live up to!
- Potholes, speeding, and general maintenance issues have continued to be mainstay items on the agenda given budget constraints of Aberdeenshire Council. The TCC does its best to draw attention to these issues and seek quick but thorough solutions
- The Village Welcome Pack was distributed to local shops throughout the year but now requires an update
- £1280 from the Hardship fund was distributed this period and the remainder has been provided to the Resilience Team
- Having successfully lobbied Aberdeenshire Council to extend the 40mph speed limit at Campfield Petrol Station the TCC continues to push for the extension of the 30mph north along St Marnan Road.
- The Allotments group folded during this period due to a lack of participation and a difficulty in earmarking potential sites.
- The festive lighting continues to be a big success although the traditional Carols around the Christmas Tree had to be cancelled due to COVID. Eric continues to take the lead in organising and everyone donates several

weekends to erect and take the decorations down, an activity which would not be possible without the volunteers.

- In November, Storm Arwen lead to the loss of power across Torphins for over 7 days for some people, with most being out for at least two or three days. Very little assistance was offered initially by Aberdeenshire Council or the Utilities Companies, in part due to the devastation and road blockages. Everyone was affected but fortunately several local people and businesses were able to help check on neighbours, distribute food and water as well as organising warm blankets and refuges. This experience highlighted the importance of having key people on the ground, and ideally a large group of volunteers to support. To this end, TORCH – Torphins Community Help was formed to help organise aid during the next emergency.
- Unfortunately TORCH did not have long to wait with Storm Malik/Corrie arriving at the end of January. Again, many homes were without power and water for several days and TORCH did an excellent job providing assistance. TORCH are now a fully formed group and preparing plans and resources to better equip Torphins for the next emergency!
- The owners of Torphins Medical practice announced they were handing back their contract and the practice was to be retendered. This was very alarming to local residents who value the medical practice as one of the best assets in the village. The TCC arranged meetings with residents and the Health Partnership to find out what we could about this process, but this proved difficult as it was being delt with behind closed doors. Fortunately a bid was received and the new Doctor attended a TCC meeting and we look forward to seeing them around! Thanks are due to Will Maclean for his help organising and leading the TCC through these discussions.
- Finally, special thanks are due to the TCC's Secretary Will Maclean and the Treasurer Eric Day who did most of the organising and saw to the proper running of things. I am very grateful for the considerable amount of time this takes up.

The Minutes of TCC's monthly meetings are published on our website allowing members of the community to keep up to date with TCC's activities.

[www.torphins.net](http://www.torphins.net)

Andrew Macpherson  
Chairman – Torphins Community Council

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Treasurer's Financial Report 2021-22

### Accounts for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

#### TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

1ST APRIL 2021 – 31ST MARCH 2022

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance C/Fwd	£3,496.42		
Aberdeenshire Council – Community Council Administration Grant	£580.00	Scotmid Vouchers – Hardship Fund	£150.00
Scotmid Donation towards Xmas Lights	£480.00	Platform 22 Vouchers	£50.00
Aberdeenshire Council – Small Grant Funding (Matched funding – Xmas Lights)	£500.00	Award for Thomas Truby	£30.00
		Scotmid Vouchers – Hardship Fund	£150.00
		Platform 22 Vouchers	£50.00
		Compass Print – Torphins Newsletter	£275.00
		Compass Print – Additional Newsletters	£78.00
		Extension Cables – Xmas Lights	£48.16
		Scotmid Vouchers – Hardship Fund	£150.00
		Blachere – New Xmas Lights	£704.40
		Platform 22 Vouchers	£50.00
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		Scotmid Vouchers – Hardship Fund	£150.00
		Blachere – Fittings for Xmas Lights	£331.88
		Carols Round the Tree – Mulled Wine & Cups	£68.40
		TORCH Equipment	£46.20
		Blachere – Repair Xmas Lights	£134.12
Total Income	<u>£5,056.42</u>		
Less Total Expenditure	<u>£2,716.16</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>£2,716.16</u>
Bank Balance at 31/03/2022	<u>£2,340.26</u>		

#### RING FENCED MONIES

<u>XMAS LIGHTS C/FWD</u>	£72.10
Donation from Bread of Life	£480.00
Aberdeenshire Council – Small Grant Matched Funding	<u>£500.00</u>
Shortfall provided from TCC Funds	<u>£166.46</u>
	<u>£1,218.56</u>
Blachere	£704.40
Blachere	£331.88
Repair Xmas Light	£134.12
Extension Cables	£48.16
	<u>£1,218.56</u>
<u>XMAS LIGHTS NO FUNDS REMAINING</u>	<u>£1,218.56</u>

#### Carols round the Tree

Mulled Wine	£44.00
Insulated Cup	<u>£24.40</u>
	<u>£68.40</u>

Drinks License £10 donated by E. Day

Event cancelled due to COVID restrictions  
Mulled Wine donated to Church for Food Bank  
Insulated Cups used by TORCH after Storms  
caused Power Failure

<u>Foundation Scotland – Hardship Fund</u>	C/Fwd	£2,090.00
Stuart Family Hardship Fund – Remainder		<u>£50.00</u>
		£2,140.00
Scotmid Vouchers Paid Out	£750.00	
Platform 22 Vouchers Paid Out	<u>£250.00</u>	
	<u>£1,000.00</u>	
Funds Remaining		<u>£1,140.00</u>

Scotmid also provided £140 of free vouchers which have been distributed.

TCC FUNDS AVAILABLE £1246.46

<u>Trasferred to the new Resilience Group</u>	
TORCH	£1,140.00
High Viz Vests & Solar Torches	<u>£46.20</u>
<u>TORCH Funds Remaining</u>	<u>£1,093.80</u>