



Torphins Community Council
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

The 40th Annual General Meeting Minutes Thursday 1st February 2018 at 07.30 pm Small Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Attendance and Apologies: Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED), Campbell Gillies (CG), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LMo), Colin Rouse (CR) In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle, Matthew Lane Apologies: Andy Cowie (AC), Nick Poulton (NP), Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB) Not Present: Cllr. P Gibb	
2.	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 16th February 2017: The minutes were adopted. Proposed: Liz Moore, Seconded: Eric Day	WM
3.	Chairman's Report: The Chairman, John Lucas, thanked members and Councillors for their support and presented his report for 2017 per pages 2 to 4.	JL
4.	Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Eric Day, presented the detail Income and Expenditure Account for 2017 per page 5 supported by his Treasurer's report. For the year the Bank Balance brought forward was £710.94, Income was £3,856.99, Expenditure £983.86, resulting in closing Bank Balance £3,584.07. The income and bank balance include ring-fenced funds of £500.00 toward the new notice board and £2,335.00 toward the Torphins Community Resilience Plan. The Income and Expenditure Account for 2017 was adopted. Proposed: John Lucas, Seconded: Liz Moore.	ED
5.	Retiral of Sitting Members: No members are due to retire at this time.	JL
6.	Election of New Members: The next date for retiral of members will be 12 th August 2018, at which time four members are due to retire. Nominations will be received for open positions to be filled by election or co-option, depending on alignment of the election date with the new constitution to be adopted from 1 st April 2018. No nominations have been received at the time of the AGM.	JL
7.	Any Other Competent Business: TCC will seek new members to fill open places, particularly a representative for Tornaveen and younger members.	JL
8.	Close Meeting: The meeting closed at 7:55 pm.	JL

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Chairman's Report

2017 ran pretty much in line with the experience of previous years in that the workload of the TCC members increased yet again! Two member stood down through the year and one new member joined. Membership currently sits at 9, with 12 being the maximum.

- The new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, mentioned at last year's AGM, has been passed for adoption by Aberdeenshire Council and will come into being 1st April of this year, with a 6 months transition period. TCC has prepared its new constitution, in line with the model constitution contained within new Scheme, and this has been submitted to the Marr Area Manager for approval.
- The Planning Applications submitted by Station Garage for construction of housing on the current garage site on Craigour Road and bodyshops site on Station Square remain undecided. The applications for construction of 6 houses on the Bracken Hill site at the west end of Grampian Terrace having been refused.
- The old School House has, at last, been placed on the market by Aberdeenshire Council with outline planning permission for construction of housing. We understand there has been interest expressed in purchase of the site but - at the time of writing - it remains unsold.
- After much lobbying by TCC, a new bridge over the Beltie Burn, at Waulkmill Farm, has been constructed to replace the old condemned bridge. This opens up, again, a recreational path for use by members of the community.
- The new "Torphins Path Group", which operates completely independently of TCC, is now well established and is about to become an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). It has successfully secured initial financial support to further its objective of expanding the paths network around our area. We wish them continued success and TCC will give its fullest support wherever possible.
- Local authorities are encouraging community councils to prepare a formal "Community Resilience Plan" which will swing into action in the event of any kind of emergency. We have called this the "Torphins Emergency Response Plan" (TERP) and it's currently in the process of documentation finalisation. It is designed to offer community support until such times as the professional Emergency Services can attend. Aberdeenshire Council has kindly allocated us dedicated space in the Learney Hall from which to operate. A grant to purchase the required hardware has kindly been awarded to us by Scottish & Southern Energy Network Resilience Communities Fund and we will be seeking the practical support of members of the

community, without which support the plan will be unworkable.

- The second Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) has now been installed at the Mid Deeside Church on St Marnan Road organised by TCC and Torphins Patients' Participation Group and funded by donations gratefully received from John & Mary Watson's Christmas Fair Stall, The Bread of Life and Tarland First Responders. Installation was kindly carried out by Blue Flash Electrics.
- The mini recycling station in the park now only accepts glass, with the number of glass recycling bins having been increased, at the request of TCC, to handle peak periods of use. Despite this, there are still occasions when the bins are full. Although the notice adjacent the recycling bins clearly advises users that it is an offence to leave items outside the bins there are still members of the community who ignored this and leave quantities of glass for recycling on the ground around the bins. This causes problems with potential injury due to broken glass and increases the workload - and hence costs - to clear it all up. Other items of rubbish are also regularly left in the area. Not acceptable and the members of our community should know better!
- We continue to pursue road safety matters with Police Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council Roads Department, including speeding and inconsiderate parking, and have been successful in the imposition of a 40mph limit on the A980 at Campfield. We are still pushing for an extension of the 30mph limit north of the church on St Marnan Road.
- A, well attended, Heartstart course took place in the Learney Hall with grateful thanks to the Deeside CPR team. The team does this on a voluntary basis and we hope they will help us to run another course in the coming months.
- The inadequate drainage in the park has been an ongoing problem for some time resulting in the football pitch being virtually unusable. Work by AC will commence shortly which we hope will rectify the problem.
- The campaign to encourage owners to pick up after their dogs had proven to be very successful. However, since the notices disappeared and the pink chalk spray "highlighting" ceased there has been a marked increase in dog fouling around the place. Besides this being a fineable offence it's antisocial, irresponsible, lazy and demonstrates a complete lack of Torphins Community spirit. Although it's a minority of dog owners who are causing the problem it looks like we will, sadly, need to start the whole campaign process all over again.....
- A replacement free standing notice board has been in the planning for some time and, having secured funding - including a sum from Tesco, we are now in the position to push ahead with procurement and installation.

- The TCC booth at the Gala was reasonably successful and also marked the 40th year of TCC.
- The number of flower tubs around the village has increased again with all of them having been successfully adopted by members of the community. This thanks to the efforts of Eleanor Day.
- The Local Development Plan for 2021 has now kicked off and a meeting was held in the Learney Hall, to which representatives from various Torphins groups were invited, where members of Aberdeenshire Council carried out a "How Good is Your Place?" Exercise. This is the first stage in gathering information on which AC will base the new LDP. We feel the effectiveness of this exercises could be open to debate.
- Our first TCC Newsletter is in the making and should be available shortly.

Finally we would, as usual, offer out thanks to all the people who have given TCC their support throughout the year, including (but not limited to!):-

- Our elected Aberdeenshire Councillors.
- The other AC staff members who keep us on the right track.
- Police Scotland who try to attend our meetings, despite limited personnel availability.
- Brian "Webmaster" Murray for his technical support.
- Nick Edgar and Alistair Arbuthnott for their annual assistance in hanging and removing the Christmas lights.
- Norman Morrice for carrying out the PAT procedures on the Christmas lights.
- Eric Day and his "elves" for installation, and removal, of the Christmas lighting.
- The Rev. Dr David Greenwood of Lumphanan Episcopal Church for officiating at the Carols Around the Tree event, and to Notes from Torphins and the Praise Band for their annual input.
- Also Eleanor Day and her band of helpers for the mulled wine & mince pies.
- Then of course there are my fellow committed community councillors who just quietly get on with things and give their - not inconsiderable - time to help make Torphins and surrounding area an even **better** place for us all to live.

John Lucas
Chairman
Torphins Community Council

Treasurer's Report

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

INCOME	
Balance B/fwd	£710.94
Aberdeenshire Council Admin Grant	£570.19
Bread of Life Donations towards Torphins Village Notice Board	£500.00
Whisky Board and Raffle – Torphins Gala	£272.20
SSE Donation towards TCC Resilience Fund	£2,335.00
Donations from Carols Round the Tree	£144.04
Cancelled Cheque 000692 (wrong amount)	£35.56
Total Income	£4,567.93
Less Total Expenditure	£983.86
	£3,584.07

Balance at Bank 31/12/17	<u>£3,643.06</u>
Minus Cheques not Cleared	
Raemoir – Xmas Lights	£40.00
E.Day – Cups for Mulled Wine	£18.99
	£58.99
Actual Balance at 31/12/17	£3,584.07

DONATIONS:

Mid Deeside First Responders Heart Start Training Course for Villagers	£50.00
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TORPHINS GALA

Guess the Whisky Tickets	£100)	
Hamper Raffle Tickets	£172.20)	£272.20
Costs:		
Bottle of Whisky Donated by E..Day	£0.00	
Balloons & Bunting	£29.73	
Cost of Pitch	£20.00	£49.73
Profit		<u>£222.47</u>

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Donations on Nights	£144.04
Less Costs:	
Mulled Wine; Mincemeat Pies; Juice; Biscuits Etc.	£88.50
400 Insulated cups for mulled wine	£18.99
Profit	£107.49
	<u>£36.55</u>

RING FENCED MONIES

TCC Resilience Fund – Donation from SSE	£2,335.00
TCC Village Notice Board – Donation from Bread of Life	£500.00

1ST JANUARY 2017 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2017

EXPENDITURE

Gift Voucher – Preparation and Printing of Village Maps	£150.00
Flower Tubs – Barrel Creations	£200.00
Cordiners – Bark for Park Rockery	£33.60
Amazon – Gazebo for TCC use	£69.99
Torphins Gala Committee – Hire of Stall	£20.00
Liz Moore – Balloons & Bunting for Gala	£29.73
B&Q – Digital Key Board for Storage Room	£25.00
Donation to Mid Deeside First Responders - Heart Start Training	£50.00
Web Site Premium Plan	£111.75
Chalk Spray – Dogs (Replaces cancelled cheque)	£35.36
Mulled Wine etc. for Carols round the tree	£88.50
Raemoir Garden Centre – Xmas Lights	£110.94
Raemoir Garden Centre – Xmas Lights (Sale)	£40.00
360 Trading & Weccansourcett. - Cups for Carol Service	£18.99
Total Expenditure	£983.86

VILLAGE FLOWER TUBS

Barrel Creations – Additional Flower Tubs for Village	£200.00
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TCC WEB SITE

Web Site Premium Plan	£111.75
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TORPHINS VILLAGE XMAS LIGHTS

Xmas Lights for Village	£110.94
Xmas Lights for Village – purchased at Sale	<u>£40.00</u>
	£150.94

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

Gift Voucher – Preparation and Printing of Village Maps	£150.00
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OTHER

Gazebo for TCC use – Gala etc.	<u>£69.99</u>
Digital Key Board for Storage Room	£25.00