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Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 th November 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Carol Reid (CRd) (Chair); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG)</p> <p>Apologies: Hamish Booth (HB); John Lucas (JL); Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of meeting 3rd October 2019: Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The Police Report received 29th October 2019 was reviewed, noting the significant drugs seizure in Banchory.</p> <p>IT Security Training: Associated with the Police focus on internet scams CRd took the opportunity to update the meeting on the free public IT Training sessions organised and funded by TCC at Platform 22 on 12th and 19th November from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The training is to be provided by trained Aboyne Academy pupils from Torphins who will cover Internet Security and general IT issues. The Safer Communities pamphlet will be available there and online. This training is highly recommended for community.</p>	PS CRd
5.	<p>Finance Report: The bank balance is £1,039.97 with £795.49 free funds and £244.48 reserved for TERP.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report. ED reviewed the progress and approval of recent applications, all available online. LM asked how we would know if developers appeal the decisions regarding the LDP. Cllr PG advised appeals can only proceed after Aberdeenshire Council has completed the LDP. <i>Further detail was received from the Policy Team Leader via PG on 8th Nov per below: "We will not know until the Reporter to the Strategic Development Plan Examination reports back to the SDP Authority. This (we are advised) will be in December 2019. Once we have that information we will be able to make a decision regarding when we will publish the Proposed Plan. This is likely to be in late February or Late April 2020. After a subsequent period of 8 weeks we will then know who has made representation to the Proposed Plan. (May or August 2020)"</i></p>	ED LM Cllr PG

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7.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>7.1. New Member: The Rev. Holly Smith was co-opted to serve on Torphins Community Council, proposed by LM and seconded by AM, and unopposed. TCC is delighted to welcome Holly as a new member, who has keenly attended our meetings since coming to the village, and can now join following completion of the three month waiting period for residents not on the electoral role.</p> <p>7.2. Retirement from Chair and appointment of new Chair: The current Chairman, John Lucas, has intimated his desire to retire from the role while remaining a member. ED proposed Andrew Macpherson as the new Chairman and LM seconded. Andrew accepted and was duly elected unopposed. All members welcomed Andrew to the role, and as a recent young addition to TCC we all expressed our strong support for Andrew in the role. The retirement of John Lucas from the Chair, as previously intimated, was duly accepted with immediate effect. John's dedicated contribution and guidance as Chairman since January 2016 is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>7.3. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCC is disappointed to be advised by CG that vans have been seen parking on the north verge to the east of Campfield Filling Station which was closed and repaired relatively recently. This needs to stop. Cllr. PG has requested Roads to install additional bollards to close the gaps that have been abused in this unsafe practice of van drivers. ○ Cllr PA has now met on site at Campfield with the Roads Strategy Manager to explain the risks and proposals. The proposal for the extension west of the speed limit and other ideas will be discussed with colleagues in Road Safety, Road Policy, and Roads Engineering. • Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to bridge north of Learney Avenue: Cllr PA also met the Roads Strategy Manager at this location to demonstrate the risks and concern. The issue of northbound traffic speeding up as they approach the "end of speed limit signs" on the crest of the hill was accepted. This suggests moving the signs north would reduce the problem. The proposal and other signage ideas will be discussed and developed and Police consulted etc. • Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre: Only 2 metres from the edge of the road is on the list of public roads. Anything behind this line would be NHS. Despite the condition there are no plans or budget to upgrade. Should the NHS decide to upgrade their parking and entrance area then the Council may, budgets and priorities permitting, be prepared to work with NHS on a joint project. For 2020 budget Cllr PG will ask for this to be included however it may only make the reserve list as best. • Potholes on Grampian Terrace and Innermarkie Wynd: We confirmed the potholes on Innermarkie Wynd have been reported on the Council website. Cllr PG will send a reminder to Roads. <p>7.4. Community Action Plan: The sub committee meeting with Nick Mardall of MAP has been delayed to 19th November. The Survey Monkey to gather community data will close on 15th November. 56 responses have been received and more will be much appreciated. The high input of young people is particularly welcome. Suggested capital projects identified by the community and TCC for future Developer Obligation payments will be assembled and submitted for TCC approval</p>	<p>Rev. HS</p> <p>AM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>CG</p> <p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>SubComm</p>

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7.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>7.4. Community Action Plan (Continued): and inclusion in the CAP. Secretary to invite Adam Sime, Senior Developer Obligation Planner, to our February 2020 meeting to enable Adam to fully explain the process to TCC and for TCC to submit the proposals.</p> <p>7.5. Village Welcome Pack: TCC thanks Eleanor Day for her voluntary effort to develop the latest draft of the Village Welcome Pack. The final review will be completed by 9th November, with printing to be organised and funded by TCC.</p> <p>7.6. Sale of Schoolhouse: New reports were received from the Councillors. The approach to sale continues to be evaluated to achieve an acceptable offer, since sale of the property is important to relieve the Council of the ongoing annual holding costs.</p> <p>7.7. Learney Hall Curtains: Having reviewed the quotations for repair of the curtains the Council has now determined it will be more effective to replace! The Head of Service will look into the ongoing matter. The completion of this item would be very welcome, having been on the monthly agenda with Aberdeenshire since May 2018, and having first been raised as an issue by TCC in 2014.</p> <p>7.8. Weeds at Learney Hall: Live Life Aberdeenshire are now responsible for hall areas and are seeking a quote from Landscape Services to deal with the weeds. Cllr PG still awaiting an update.</p> <p>7.9. Footpath South of Waulkmill Bridge: Cllr PA confirmed Environmental Planning are investigating.</p> <p>7.10. Former Railway Line at Wester Beltie: Cllr PA confirmed Environmental Planning are investigating.</p> <p>7.11. Park Pavilion: Cllr PA has raised the condition of the gutters with the responsible Live Life Aberdeenshire manager who is trying to get the matter addressed by Property.</p> <p>7.12. Community Safety and CPR Training: HB and CRd attended the recent community safety meetings with Aberdeenshire. The need to include safety items in every meeting as previously agreed with HB was reinforced by CRd, and this continues as TCC objective. The request for CPR training by Deeside CPR Team has been agreed. The free training course open to the public will be on 26th November 2019 at 7:00 pm at Lochnager Room MDC. The event has been published in posters and social media and further promotion will continue. Registration is required by email to pineresus@gmail.com. The course is highly recommended for new attendees and as refresher. Tea and coffee to be organised by LM.</p> <p>7.13. Remembrance Sunday Arrangements: JL has received the wreath for TCC to place at the service at Torphins War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at 3:00 pm. Due to other members' commitments WM and potentially CR and AM will attend at minimum.</p> <p>7.14. Carols Around the Tree: Confirmed Notes from Torphins will attend and Rev HS is confirming The Praise Band. MDC PA will be available, thank you. ED has completed license requirements and the risk assessment, and to book hall. A contribution for mince pies is being sought from Scotmid. The Christmas Tree will be delivered from Learney Estate on 29th November and volunteers organised by ED will erect the festive lights and tree starting at 9:00 am on 30th November. AM will prepare a poster to advertise.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Cllr PA Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>CRd</p> <p>Deeside CPR Team</p> <p>LM</p> <p>WM, CR, AM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>AM</p>

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8.	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received has been distributed by email.</p> <p>8.1. Community Council training covering Planning related matters will be offered at Banchory Academy on 21st November from 7pm to 9pm. Any members attending please confirm by email to alison.mcleod@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>8.2. We are advised the proposed letter to constituents from our MSP is delayed until after the General Election due to election rules.</p> <p>8.3. The Aberdeenshire bulletin on winter road maintenance has been received and is available on Council website.</p> <p>8.4. Next Ward Forum is at Aboyne Victory Hall on 14th November.</p> <p>8.5. Next Bus Forum is at Stewarts Hall, Huntly on 12th November.</p> <p>8.6. The “clean sheet” review of bus services in Aberdeenshire is open for comments to 9th December 2019. TCC strongly recommends members of the community to complete the questionnaire online at https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/policies-strategies-and-contracts/. Printed copies are available in local libraries. TCC will submit a return.</p> <p>8.7. The Scottish Government ‘Present Voices, Future Lives’ Housing Exhibition about Housing 2040 will be in Peterhead on 25th November from 6pm to 8pm. TCC Secretary to write to ask why there is no session in Aberdeen. All other Scottish cities are included and many other towns.</p> <p>8.8. Design Awards 2020 are open for submissions by 20th December 2019.</p> <p>8.9. VE Day 75 – A letter has been received from VE Day 75 organisers inviting community councils to take the lead in Scotland in the organisation of local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of war in Europe on 8th May 1945. The meeting resolved the Secretary to add to agenda of next meeting to discuss proposals for Torphins.</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
9.	<p>A.O.C.B.:</p> <p>9.1. Cllr PG advised that the Chief Superintendent for Royalty Special Protection had recently visited. The Officer has been struck by the very positive input of the local community and appreciates the heavy impact on the local Force of supporting Royal duties. He is grateful for the support of the Upper Deeside community and says success has been assisted by local vigilance.</p> <p>9.2. LM reminded the meeting of the need to track the open maintenance issue regarding the skateboard half pipe in the park.</p> <p>9.3. CR drew the attention of the meeting to the visit of Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action to the Wednesday Market at P22.</p> <p>9.4. ED raised the issue of park drainage. The west end of the park has been reasonably successfully addressed, however there is still excessive water at the east end. The east end was to have been subject to a new budget/project in 2019. It seems nothing has materialised, despite the continued problem, particularly in the park area at the rear of Village Farm Court private properties. It is understood holes were to be drilled to open up the ground together with other drainage works. The matter will be referred to Cllr PA who had previously championed this cause.</p> <p>9.5. A local resident reported at an earlier meeting the issue of lack of grass and vegetation cutting at the car park in Station Square. Mrs. Edgar has now advised she does not own the specific strip of land although she owns the parking area adjacent. Aberdeenshire Council has not agreed they own the land so ownership and responsibility remains undetermined at this time.</p> <p>9.6. Cllr. PG mentioned there is a new hall keeper in Lumphanan, who did actually contact TCC as well as he hoped to visit us.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p>

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9.	A.O.C.B. (Continued): 9.7. WM briefly presented indicative prices for a new material to replace the map on display in the notice board, which should be more robust than the current map. The matter will be discussed later and a decision made at a future meeting.	WM
11.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 5th December 2019	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:30 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 10 th November 2019 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 5 th December 2019. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore	