



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 th March 2021 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Angela Thain, Torphins School Parents Council (AG)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB); Hamish Booth (HB)</p> <p>Not Present: Campbell Gillies (CG)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4th March 2021 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC
4.	Police Report: The latest Police Report received on 7 th February was reviewed.	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The balance at bank is £3,449.90 less outstanding cheque £30.00. Details of balance as follows: TCC free funds £1,022.84 (less o/s cheque £30) TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £100.58, Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £2,090.00 - Stuart Family Donation £50.00</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Outstanding applications are: APP/2021/0155, APP/2021/0186. APP/2021/0186 for a Car Park, Access and Path at Easter Beltie. ED confirmed that a neutral comment with suggestions has been submitted by TCC.</p>	ED
7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log):</p> <p>7.1. A request, sent to all CC in the constituency, has been received from Fergus Mutch, SNP candidate for Aberdeenshire West, to attend TCC April Meeting. TCC has considered the request and unanimously decided to decline. Community Councils are constitutionally non political in their operations and should not be used to facilitate political matters or host hustings as suggested by Mr. Mutch. Secretary to advise Mr. Mutch.</p> <p>7.2. Marr Area Office has now distributed details of the proposal to change the boundary of TCC area at Glassel, this matter arising from the creation of the new CC Inchmarlow, Brathens and Glassel. The boundary would move to align with the existing Ward Boundary, resulting in eight homes moving from TCC to IBGCC. TCC considers this to be a sensible change in view of the creation of the new IBGCC and notes the Area Office will write to each household impacted regarding the matter. TCC constitution will require to be updated to remove the Glassel reserved position. TCC recommends a new Campfield reserved position on Council. Secretary to advise Area Office.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

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7.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log) (Continued):</p> <p>7.3 The ongoing consultation on the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils in Aberdeenshire is due for submissions by 14th April 2021. TCC feels the Scheme is relatively new and could have been left to settle in for longer before a major review. No specific comments to submit.</p> <p>7.4. TCC Elections are due in May 2021 with the AGM to follow on 3rd June 2021. Secretary has confirmed with Area Office that CG and LM are due to retire on expiry of three year term (extended by 2020 COVID exception), and HS as she was co-opted and is required to stand for election if continuing as a member. Following these retirements there will be six open positions on TCC. The retiring members are open for nomination for another term, and also new candidates are strongly encouraged to enter to fill open positions. In the event of fewer candidates than positions the nominees will be deemed elected. Area Office will organise elections if required.</p>	LM WM
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: 9.1. The communications received during February have been distributed to members by email and all matters requiring discussion have been covered at item 7. Additionally TCC has approved a request from Area Office to share the recently revised Torphins Community Resilience Plan with Braemar Community Council.</p>	WM
10.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>10.1. Cllr Argyle advised the recent severe weather has created a vast requirement for road repairs. Potholes on major routes have been rapidly addressed, however with the huge volume side roads and lower priority routes will take longer to fix. TCC recognise the strong response for main routes and request attention continue to resolve all the potholes elsewhere due to prevent further rapid deterioration. The Aberdeenshire 2021/2022 budget approval has been delayed to 17th March Council meeting.</p> <p>10.2. To a request for Torphins public toilets to reopen Cllr PA advised there are no plans at this time to reopen. Budget and staffing difficulties are preventing the reopening of public toilets away from major centres. A review is in progress by Aberdeenshire to generate a plan of action. One option would be for the community to offer volunteer cleaners with a grant for costs from Aberdeenshire, as has worked for several years in Kincardine O'Neil.</p> <p>10.3. AM advised he had attended the local funding conference on Wednesday organised by Aberdeenshire. He found the presentations inspiring and noted the shop local Gift Card scheme which makes gift cards available for sale to use in local businesses. Cllr PA undertook to obtain details for AM.</p> <p>10.3. JL advised a burst pipe in the flat kitchen in Learney Hall had been repaired with action from LLA office Alford.</p> <p>10.4. CR recognised and gave thanks for the excellent knitted presentation on the Torphins postbox again prepared by Tina Thomas.</p> <p>10.5. Cllr Gibb referred to the latest update on vaccination progress which shows ongoing success, with cohort 6 commencing this week.</p>	Cllr PA CR AM Cllr PA JL CR Cllr PG
12.	<p>Next ordinary meeting Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom</p>	
13.	<p>Meeting closed at 9:13 pm</p>	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6th March 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 1st April 2021. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas</p>	

