



Torphins Community Council

Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Meeting Minutes Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG), John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Linda Manning (LM) Liz Moore (EM) In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Sergeant Andy Cruickshank (Police Report) Apologies: Jayne Clarke (JC); Colin Rouse (CR), Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2nd March 2017: Proposed: Eric Day, Seconded: Liz Moore	TCC
4.	Police Report: The new officer in Banchory, Sergeant Andy Cruickshank, introduced himself to TCC with details of his extensive career experience. Following the recent consultation with Community Councils by the Local Area Commander for Aberdeenshire South, Sergeant Cruickshank advised the future process to optimise resources and communication will likely follow the format of a monthly Email or telephone update and a quarterly attendance at Community Council meetings. Sergeant Cruickshank advised TCC of a recent high value vehicle theft in Banchory and a break in last week to the yard at Station Garage, which is believed to be related. These incidents and previous opportunistic thefts in the Aberdeenshire countryside, are generally perpetrated by travelling criminals looking for opportunities. The message to all in the community is to always lock and secure property and vehicles to reduce the possibility of opportunistic theft. Overall Torphins remains a very low crime area. Exposure can be reduced further by good security practice by residents at all times. TCC raised again the matter of excessive speed in the village and the recent police monitoring and speed checks. Sergeant Cruickshank advised radar speed checks had not identified a large number of offenders however there will be more checks in recognition of the concerns. A summer no drink drive campaign will proceed as usual.	Sgt. Andy Cruickshank
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £746.50, with one payment of £150.00 during the month to R. Reid for village flower planting.	ED
6.	Planning Matters: 6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: Nothing to report for Torphins 6.2. Bracken Hill Development: Reply from Aberdeenshire Council regarding concerns submitted by TCC regarding the poor condition of the site access roads Grampian Terrace and Golf Lane. TCC is disappointed to note Aberdeenshire Council's response that "Council could not justify any significant maintenance of	ED WM

	<p>Grampian Terrace” and “maintenance works on the private access road during development and upgrading to adoptable standards thereafter are a civil matter and will depend on cooperation between the developer and others with rights of access.”</p> <p>6.3. Glendye Windfarm Proposal: TCC confirmed support of the campaign “Save Clachnaben – Stop the Glendye Windfarm”, the latest meeting of which on 28th March had been attended by WM. A campaign Facebook page has been established and WM will distribute the link. The developer Coriolis has formed a Community Liason Group and is seeking additional community membership. It was decided Liz Moore will participate for TCC. WM to notify the Campaign and provide contact details.</p> <p>6.4. Torphins School House: PA confirmed the Schoolhouse legal requirements are complete so the property is now with the AC department to market for sale.</p>	<p>WM, LM</p> <p>PA</p>
7.	<p>TCC Member Roles: The Chairman announced his desire to allocate specific responsibilities to TCC members. The following allocation was decided: Cartography/Village Map – Colin Rouse Community Action Plan – Campbell Gillies Emergency Response Plan – Linda Manning Environmental Affairs – Liz Moore (Vice Chair) Paths and Grounds – Hamish Booth Planning – Eric Day (Treasurer) Roads – Nick Poulton Schools and Young People – Jayne Clarke Web Administrator – Will Maclean (Secretary)</p>	JL
8.	<p>Review Adoption of Village Flower Tubs Project: 8.1. TCC agreed the project had been a success and should be continued. 8.2. Eleanor Day has volunteered to coordinate the project for TCC. The offer is gratefully accepted. 8.3. It was also agreed ED should purchase six additional tubs for village flower planting.</p>	<p>TCC Eleanor Day</p> <p>ED</p>
9.	<p>Open Actions: 9.1. Community Resilience Planning (CRP): It was decided to rename the Community Resilience Plan as Emergency Response Plan. PA will confir this is acceptable with Janelle Clark LM reported the ERP sub committee has now completed a second draft of the document. When the third draft is complete this version will be circulated to TCC members for review and comment, with the intention to provide final approval at the meeting on 6th July 2017. 9.2. Forward Plan and Objectives for 2017: CG reported he has prepared a Powerpoint document to illustrate progress with each of the current and planned Community Action Plan items in process by TCC. When a complete draft is available it will be distributed for review and publication. EM recommended a community consultation should be conducted to verify the current desires and priorities of the community. 9.3. Road Safety: TCC noted satisfaction that the proposed mandatory 40 mph speed limit on A980 at Campfield has been approved by Marr Area Committee, and has moved to statutory consultation prior to implementation. TCC thanks Cllr Peter Argyle and Roads and Police for support to implement this proposal, which has been well publicised and has received many positive comments. 9.4. Torphins Park Updates: 9.4.1. Jubilee Stone - The planting is now complete so the location is ready for stones to be set in around the planted area to finish and protect the planting. HB will provide rocks for TCC members to install. 9.4.2. Following extended correspondence and research ED has confirmed Aberdeenshire Council full funding may be available for additional play equipment</p>	<p>JL, EM, LM</p> <p>CG</p> <p>TCC, PA</p> <p>HB</p> <p>ED</p>

	<p>at Torphins Park. ED has written the latest contacts, B. Higham and N. West, at AC to request confirmation of funding and installation of the climbing net equipment recommended following canvassing of young users.</p> <p>9.5. Notice Board Map of Torphins: Additional comments have been received so the map is now planned to be 100% complete by TCC meeting on 11th May 2017. ED has identified and costed potential quality notice boards to display the new maps and village information. It has been confirmed funding from Marr Area up to £4000 maximum would require matching so we will commence sourcing of match funding for the preferred notice board.</p> <p>9.6. Torphins Wood Fence and Gate at MDC: Closed at this time</p> <p>9.7. Recycling Bins at Park: Confusion remains at AC over the reconfiguration of the bins. PA to follow up again.</p> <p>9.8. TCC Initiative for Younger Members: LM has a positive response from Torphins Primary that they will discuss community involvement and responsibility with pupils. A response from Aboyne Academy is awaited.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>ED</p> <p>HB</p> <p>PA</p> <p>EM</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence: Regular email correspondence has been distributed to members. An invitation to South Aberdeenshire Village Halls Conference was referenced. WM confirmed JL and WM will attend</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>JL, WM</p>
10.	<p>A.O.C.B. 9.1. Regarding a local resident's report of walkers tripping in darkness on a stone which has been left on the ground to block vehicular traffic in the lane from the top of Balvenie Road to Learney Arms car park it was confirmed the stone has been removed. 9.2. WM advised the new PAD container at MDC has now been installed and the PAD will be activated as soon as it is confirmed the installation is live. When go live is confirmed WM will publicise the new PAD, including support for the installation. ED suggested additional PADs should be considered for other village locations. This matter will be carried forward. It was resolved WM should request additional training for TCC and the public through Sarah Pine and other providers. 9.3. It was resolved the Wix annual fee of £111.75 for the TCC website should be settled by the Treasurer. 9.4. It was resolved to investigate with mobile telephone service providers what plans there are to upgrade Torphins to a reliable 4G service.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p>
10.	Next Ordinary Meeting: 11th May 2017	
11.	Meeting closed at 10:00 pm	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 7th April 2017 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 11th May 2017. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	