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Meeting Minutes Thursday 2 nd May 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Fiona Moore (FM); Liz Moore (LM); Carol Reid (CR); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); Cllr. P. Gibb (Cllr. PG); Andrew Macpherson (AM)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Campbell Gillies (CG)</p> <p>Not Present: Andy Cowie (AC)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of meeting 4th April 2019: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The March Police Report received on 14th April was reviewed.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The bank balance is £863.12 with £202.31 free funds and £569.81 TERP. Annual grant advance of £200 remittance advice has been received from Aberdeenshire, which will increase the funds.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report. It was noted the Station Garage and Station Square housing developments have both been approved in April.</p>	ED
7.	<p>New Items:</p> <p>7.1. Torphins Gala 17th August 2019: A double pitch has been booked for TCC. After some discussion it was decided to keep the fund raising simple with the Guess the Whisky competition to offset pitch cost, and to keep the main focus on community engagement and awareness for the Community Action Plan. Details will be planned by the incoming TCC membership after the AGM on 6th June 2019.</p> <p>7.2. Insurance Policy Amendment: ED advised the meeting of the proposed amendment of the insurance policy to include all risk for equipment anywhere in the territorial limits (UK) with £100 excess on each item for sums insured as follows: Christmas Decoration Features £12,000.00; Noticeboard £3,000.00; Projector £500.00; Village Emergency Equipment £2000.00. The change was proposed by JL, seconded by LM, and approved.</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>ED</p>

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7.	<p>7.2. Insurance Amendment (contd.) WM asked all members to note the policy “Important Information – Taking Reasonable Care”. It was agreed ED will distribute the requirements to all members to ensure all read and be aware of the requirements of the policy.</p> <p>7.3. Street Lighting C Reid reported four street lights being out at the western end of the village and one flickering. The best way to address such failures is to use the Aberdeenshire Council website https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadfaults/</p> <p>7.4. Torphins Cemetery: A local resident has brought to our attention the work in the cemetery where areas have been cordoned off and danger notices posted. There is a Council phone number provided to call. The action is to protect the public from dangerous headstones due to subsidence. Cllr. PA will seek additional information on the matter regarding responsibilities and how the issue will be resolved for safe access.</p>	<p>ED TCC</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>
8.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>8.1. Election 2019 Requirements: Nominations opened on 18th April and close on Thursday 16th May at 4:00 pm. If a ballot is necessary Area Office will organise it for Monday 27th May at Learney Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, with results announced next day. AGM will be on Thursday 6th June at 7:30 pm at Learney Hall.</p> <p>8.2. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speed limit extension west to beyond Glassel junction. Roads Dept. were surprised the Police support an extension as this seemed to be a change of thinking. More investigation to be done. ○ Layby on westbound side of carriageway No further action as required for tanker turning. Matter closed. • Junction at Mid Beltie on B993: It is noted the hedge has been cut more although not right up to junction. Cllr. PA advised there are no funds to improve the junction layout. Monitoring and reporting of the hedge should continue as necessary to minimise risk of encroachment on visibility. • Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to bridge north of Learney Avenue: Police are not supportive of this proposal, however TCC understood a further speed survey was to be done. Cllr. PA will keep working this matter. • Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre The investigation continues with AC and NHS. Cllr. PG will continue the effort to identify the ownership. <p>8.3. Community Action Plan: The CAP committee has met and agreed the implementation plan. The committee recommend to publish the graphical report of the community survey responses. TCC agreed to post the material on TCC website and to display at the Gala. The agreed themes and actions for the CAP were summarised. Community member AM will address town-planning matters including policy, identifying five most important issues, and footpaths. C Reid is investigating opportunities for continuous learning, including Young at Heart Programme Deeside, and comparison with what available elsewhere. The committee will form a steering group, operate a village engagement and information-sharing process, including the Gala, and engagement with the school,</p>	<p>Community</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>LM CAP sub-comm.</p>

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8.	<p>8.3. Community Action Plan (contd.): young people, and the TERP programme. The document will include introductory historic background of Torphins, maps, population data and review of the previous CAP achievements. Finally, agreed themes and action plans will be documented.</p> <p>8.4. Village Welcome Pack: In hand for future production.</p> <p>8.5. Flooding at Innermarkie: It was reported from a resident of Matheson Lane that investigatory excavation has been seen. ED will follow up with Bill Higham of AC for a report.</p> <p>8.6. Sale of Schoolhouse: The correspondence from TCC to the Marr Area Manager and resulting reply and input from Cllr. PA and Cllr. PG were reviewed. TCC expressed again their frustration with the lack of progress to sell and develop the site. New approaches are needed to change the situation. Cllr. PA explained the background and difficulties of where we are, and concern to protect the value of proceeds for hall improvement. Cllr. PG suggested an approach to Grampian Housing Association, together with looking at selling the whole plot, pointing out that grant funding from central government is available for such housing association developments. Following discussion TCC agreed Cllr. PA should approach the appropriate senior Council Officer to advance the proposal to consider making the whole plot available, and to engage in discussion with Grampian Housing Association to seek a realistic agreement with them.</p> <p>8.7. Learney Hall Curtains: Cllr. PG advised the purchase order has been approved and issued to the vendor. The majority of the curtains have been collected and sent to the vendor for repair. The remaining curtains in the small hall and stage, stair and balcony window areas in the hall are yet to be collected. Cllr. PG will advise the officer to ensure the quantity per the quotation are repaired, and new rails and rehang are completed.</p> <p>8.8. CPR Life Saving Training: WM expressed concern only one person has registered for the free training on 8th May despite wide publicity. It was resolved to re-advertise through TCC facebook and Cllr. PG undertook to post the event on Torphins Community Forum facebook (completed). All members are asked to encourage interest and registration. The course maximum is 20 and minimum required to proceed is 8.</p> <p>8.9. King George V Community Project Trust: LM described the continuing challenge to obtain clarity on the roles and responsibilities of the committee formed to administer the distribution of funds arising from the Tornaveen wind turbine project completed some time ago. Funds will be available for all of AB31 postcode, not just the TCC area. It has been established this is the case because in 2012 TCC rejected the proposals for the wind turbines and maintaining integrity did not agree to the CARES funding plan. The developer went elsewhere for the funding plan, resulting in the wide AB31 scope. The committee is awaiting a letter of authority to administer the funds and is developing guidelines for applicants and distribution.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>ED, BH</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr PA (done) TCC</p> <p>LM</p>
9.	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received has been distributed by email.</p> <p>9.1. Claydykes Woodland Creation Scheme – It was agreed TCC response to the consultation should make no objection.</p> <p>9.2. Waste Updates – these are published on TCC and AC websites. Cllr. PA advised the major waste strategy changes are impacted by unexpected funding difficulties from central government, which are being addressed.</p>	<p>WM</p>

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9.	<p>9.3. Early notice of A957 Slug Road closures July and August 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A957 Blairydrine Bridge – 1/7/2019 to 14/7/2019 ○ A957 Cowton Bridge – 15/7/2019 to 11/8/2019 ○ A957 Mowtie Bridge – 12/8/2019 to 18/8/2019 ○ A957 Findlayston Bridge – 19/8/2019 to 24/8/2019 <p>CLlr. PA advised there is notice coming of road closure at Deeside Activity Centre commencing 7th May for four days.</p>	
10.	<p>AOCB:</p> <p>10.1. CR raised the disappointing closure of The Learney Arms. TCC hopes a new tenant will be found soon to take over the lease, as this is an important asset for the village.</p> <p>10.2. HB stated he would like to see the proposed Torphins Orbital Path Route pursued, with the route around the Beltie Burn to the south of the village being a clear objective, as the Annesley site is not recommended for housing in the draft LDP while the Station Garage housing development is now approved. WM advised this is part of the Torphins Paths Group proposed routes in the Torphins Area feasibility study and agreed it could be time for TPG to reactivate pursuit of this section given the planning developments.</p> <p>10.3. WM advised the meeting of the TPG Torphins Woodland Trails grand opening event on 11th May 2019 starting at MDC at 2:00pm, in association with Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival. Mrs. C. Grant will cut the ribbon on the improved path through the Torphins Woods around Monboddoo. There will be a wide variety of free woodland activities for children and path and health information stalls, plus healthy food and refreshments available to purchase. All welcome.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>HB</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
11.	Next Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 6th June 2019	
12.	Meeting Closed at 9:34 pm	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes:</p> <p>These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 3rd May 2019 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 6th June 2019.</p> <p>Proposed: Liz Moore</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Seconded: John Lucas</p>	