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**Torphins Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of 11th May 2017**

Item no. i	Attendees John Lucas (JL), Chair, Eric Day (ED), Treasurer Nick Poulton (NP), Hamish Booth (HB) Liz Moore (LM).	
3	In attendance Cllr P Argyle (Cllr PA)	
	Apologies Linda Manning, Jayne Clarke, Colin Rouse, Will Maclean, Campbell Gillies Cllrs Blackett and Gibb	
2	Intimation of noted interests None noted	
3	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6th April 2017 Adopted. Proposed by John Lucas. Seconded by Eric Day	
4	Written Police Report None available	
5	Finance report After the purchasing of new flower tubs, materials to refurbish the existing tubs, bark for placing around the Jubilee stone, and the renewal of the annual website fee (£111.75), the bank balance is £251.15. It was noted that the website fees will be more expensive next year.	

6	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>Due in part to the limited information that has been available on the ACC website re new house at Waulkmill to the west of Birley no comments are to be submitted. To check out status.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p>
7	<p>New items</p> <p>Road safety. Speed limit on the north approach to the village. Write to the new Snr Road Engineer, Angela Funk re extension of the thirty mile an hour speed limit to the north.</p>	<p>NP</p>
	<p>Learney Woods</p> <p>Tree felling</p> <p>The trees around the croft at the end of the Learney Avenue are to be felled, along with a general thinning programme of between 15 - 20% of standing trees and the removal of all unsafe trees. This work will take place in the late summer early autumn. Efforts will be made to limit the impact on the community. Clear notices will be posted to keep the public informed of the ongoing work.</p>	
	<p>Torphins Paths Group Launch</p> <p>It is noted a launch event for the new Torphins Paths Group will be held on 3rd June at 2:00 pm with the opening by Cllr. Peter Argyle of the newly replaced Waulkmill Bridge attended by TCC, and an Open Day at Torphins Medical Centre hosted by TPPG. The open day will launch the Torphins Paths Group public consultation, and membership recruitment, with attendance by walking and cycling groups, Community First Responders, and TCC</p>	<p>WM</p>
	<p>Future of the Learney Hall</p> <p>A paper had been presented to Area Committee re the future of Village halls. There is no plan to close the Learney Hall but it will be important to maintain and increase the level of usage. This will be helped when the schoolhouse is sold and monies become available to upgrade the hall. Cllr. Peter Argyle will arrange a meeting between the relevant Aberdeenshire Council personnel and Torphins Community Council to discuss the subject with the objective of identifying where TCC can be of assistance in improving utilisation.</p>	<p>Cllr. PA</p>
8	<p>Open Actions</p> <p>The Play Park</p> <p>The Council has no money available to upgrade or add to the current play equipment. £5000 has been allocated to carry out unspecified drainage works.</p>	
	<p>Noticeboard Map of Torphins</p> <p>The map is to be finalised this week.</p>	<p>CR</p>
	<p>New Notice board.</p> <p>Applications for funding have been made to the Marr Area Committee and to The Bread of Life. Tesco was approached and although they are unable to help on this occasion they offered advice re possible future funding that might be available. Aberdeenshire have given a commitment to remove the old noticeboard</p>	<p>ED</p>

	and to site and install the new one.	
	<p>Recycling Approaches to get a re allocation of recycling bins in the park to more reflect usage i.e. more glass recycle bins and fewer plastic ones is ongoing. Gavin Forest is the Council officer responsible.</p>	JL Cllr PA
	<p>Park Bench An outstanding job of refurbishing the park bench was recognised by everyone and thanks given to Nick Poulton for all his efforts</p>	
	<p>Village flower tubs New tubs have been purchased and thought is being given to where they should be sited. Thanks were extended to Eric and Eleanor Day for their hard work in managing the scheme and for the recent refurbishment of the old and numbering of the new tubs. Thanks were also extended to Robert Reid for his ongoing commitment to the nurturing of the young plants preparing them for planting out in the tubs. All those who adopted a tub last year are to be approached to see if they are prepared to continue in the role. New 'tub adoptees' will be sought at the Torphins Gala. The summer flowers will be with Robert Reid on the 2nd June</p>	ED Cllr PA
	<p>Young People Initiative Aboyne Academy The Academy have confirmed that membership of the CC would qualify as a volunteering opportunity. They will mention both the Membership opportunity of the Council and the Torphins Core Paths Group in their next News Letter.</p>	LM
	<p>CPR Community First Responders will be represented at the Torphins Paths Group launch on 3rd June at Torphins Medical Centre. We will continue to pursue additional public training sessions</p>	WM
	<p>Forward Plan Progress Report Carried forward</p>	CG
	<p>Torphins Emergency Response Plan (TERP) A discussion took place and agreement was reached. The next draft will be prepared and presented to the June meeting for final agreement.</p>	JL
	<p>Mobile phone service in Torphins - Deferred to next meeting</p>	WM
9	<p>Correspondence Louisa Carrigan who has worked on the development of the village map has sent a letter of thanks for the recognition shown by the TCC for her hard work. An oral request has been received querying the collection of garden waste and the possibility of having a skip in the village. This was followed up and the council was approached but they are holding firm to their position of not providing one. This is due in part for the need for these specialist skips to</p>	

	be manned when they are in situation.	
10	AOCB Legal and Governance Service of the Council are now managing the schoolhouse 'situation'. Monies from the sale are still earmarked for the development of the Learney Hall	
	The TCC were represented at the 'Village Hall Event ' held recently. It was an interesting and informative event.	
	Future dates for the diary Waulkmill Bridge launch 3rd June 2017 Launch of the Torphins Paths Group 3rd June 2017	
	Date of next meeting 1st June at 7:30 in the Learney Hall	
	Meeting closed at 21:00hrs	