



Torphins Community Council
Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

Meeting Minutes Thursday 2 nd March at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG), John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Linda Manning (LM) Liz (Elizabeth) Moore (EM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA)</p> <p>Apologies: Jayne Clarke (JC); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2nd February 2016:</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day, Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>Sgt W. Murdoch, former Banchory based officer who regularly attended TCC meetings, had advised his permanent replacements will not take up post until late March, therefore there is no Police report available this month. Inspector Matt Smith will inform TCC of point of contact in due course.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>There are no movements since last meeting, the bank balance remaining at £896.50</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: The recent planning applications APP/2017/0414 and APP/2017/0445 for Torphins area were reviewed. TCC has no comments to report.</p> <p>6.2. Glendye Windfarm Proposal:</p> <p>Since no responses were submitted to TCC by the due date, the previously minuted decision to object to the proposals was ratified.</p> <p>TCC resolved to file an objection to the planning application when it is submitted.</p> <p>TCC to maintain contact and to support the Glendye Windfarm Opposition Group as appropriate as the campaign develops.</p> <p>6.3. Torphins School House:</p> <p>PA confirmed again that the Schoolhouse marketing for sale is imminent.</p>	ED LM ED, WM PA
7.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>7.1. Community Resilience Planning (CRP):</p> <p>TCC resolved to appoint a sub committee to develop a Community Resilience Plan for Torphins and area, and to complete the final plan for approval at the meeting of TCC on 6th July 2017. John Lucas, Liz (Elizabeth) Moore and Linda Manning were appointed to the sub committee to develop the plan.</p> <p>7.2. Forward Plan and Objectives for 2017:</p> <p>TCC resolved to update the Community Action Plan prepared several years ago to provide the foundation of the current forward plan. Campbell Gillies agreed</p>	JL, EM, LM CG

	<p>to review the previous plan and develop the update. LM to provide a copy of the previous plan and CR to scan an electronic image for easy reference.</p> <p>7.3. Road Safety:</p> <p>7.3.1. Proposed Mandatory Speed Limit on A980 at Campfield - TCC received for formal comment, from R. Singleton, Roads Manager, Kincardine & Mearns, a copy of the draft Area Committee report on the proposed 40 mph speed limit on the A980 at Campfield. The report was reviewed and TCC resolved to provide a positive response supporting early implementation of the 40 mph speed limit to address the long standing road safety concerns at this location.</p> <p>7.3.2. Proposed roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to encourage improved behaviour – PA advised this matter will be raised by him at Area Committee when considering the road safety proposals.</p> <p>7.3.3. Torphins Parent Council report back – LM reviewed her visit to TPC. It was agreed parking practices at the school are a serious concern, however the school has limited power to address the concerns.</p> <p>7.4. Torphins Park Updates:</p> <p>7.4.1. Jubilee Stone - The soil is now in place round the Jubilee Stone and the planting plan is confirmed. Heathers and lavender will be obtained from Aberdeenshire Council by JL, with delivery to ED home, which is near the location. EM will provide a surface membrane to suppress weeds, and bark and slabs may be ordered to finish off the site.</p> <p>7.4.2. In response to ED’s letter regarding play park equipment the school has reported back through the meeting with EM. The recommendation is for a scrambling net to be installed. ED to contact Ian Welsh of Aberdeenshire Council to progress a request for funding and installation.</p> <p>7.5. Notice Board Map of Torphins:</p> <p>All comments are complete to finalise the map ready for the TCC meeting on 6th April 2017.</p> <p>The existing wall notice board will be used initially to display a new OS map of Torphins area, and the free standing notice board will be reconfigured to enable display of the new Torphins map that is ready for mounting, and hold public notices such as minutes of meetings.</p> <p>It was decided to pursue funding by request to Marr Area for a new high quality custom noticeboard for the new village map etc.</p> <p>7.6. Dog Fouling:</p> <p>The recurrent problem of dog fouling despite the ongoing campaign and action by TCC was noted. TCC resolved to continue the initiative and continues to request all dog owners to act responsibly to always clear up after their dog. Free dog poo bags as always are available at Platform 22.</p> <p>7.7. Torphins Wood Fence and Gate at MDC:</p> <p>As previously reported the relocating of this fence and gate has been agreed with Learney Estate staff, however there is no action to report so far.</p> <p>7.8. Recycling Bins at Park:</p> <p>JL will follow up again with Aberdeenshire Council regarding completion of the reconfiguration plan by AC, which was agreed some time ago.</p> <p>7.9. Bus Forum Report:</p> <p>LM approached the authorities regarding the poor timetable signposting at the bus stops, which are displayed too high, and are not clear on the destinations of the bus routes from Torphins. AC has advised they are working on a programme across Aberdeenshire to lower the displayed timetables to make them easier to read. The format of the timetable information is also under review.</p>	<p>LM, CR</p> <p>WM</p> <p>PA</p> <p>LM</p> <p>HB, JL, ED EM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>CR</p> <p>ED</p> <p>ED</p> <p>JC</p> <p>HB</p> <p>JL</p> <p>EM</p>
8.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>TCC has received the usual invitation to Marr Community Area Forum on 9th March, which will be attended by JL, EM, ED, WM.</p> <p>TCC has been advised of Paths for All training & Marr Paths Future Proofing Network training on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March in Strathdon. TCC</p>	<p>WM</p>

