

Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS)	
	In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG) Apologies: Cllr. G. Blackett (GB) Not Present: Campbell Gillies (CG)	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 3 rd December 2020 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	TCC
4.	Police Report: Police Report has not been received recently	PS
5.	Finance Report: The balance at bank is £4,386.40 less outstanding cheques £66.50. Details of balance as follows:	ED
	TCC free funds £1,059.34, TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £100.58 Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £2,540.00 (-£300.00 to pay Jan) - Stuart Family Donation £200.00 (-£100 to pay Jan)	
	Welcome Booklet printing grant - Foundation Scotland £300.00 (-£300 to pay Jan)	
6.	Planning Matters: No new applications since last meeting. Of 38 applications during 2020, 35 have been approved and 3 as per last meeting are in process.	ED
7.	New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log): 7.1. Schedule of meetings for 2021 - Approved 7.2. Indiscriminate parking on road at Scotmid — Concern was expressed about drivers seen parking very near the corner at Scotmid, and across the recently installed dimpled paving slabs for people with impaired sight. This is clearly dangerous for traffic emerging at the junction and for pedestrians. What can be done to address this bad driving practice? Suggestions included double yellow lines and railings on the pavement edge. If the Scotmid car park is improved and a proper access to the shop created then it would be an alternative to on street parking. Cllr PA will take up with Roads Dept. for recommendations.	WM ED
	7.3. Speeding on Beltie Road – Examples of driving at over 50 mph on Beltie Road have been observed despite Police compliance checks last year. Cllr. PA will get an update on the monitoring equipment and suggests moving one of the flashing signs to the 30 mph area. Needless to say all drivers should be responsible and comply with the law.	ED

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7.	New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log) (Continued):	
	7.4. Path from Brebner Place to Waulkmill Bridge particularly top section to	JL
	Kinnairdy Terrace connecting path – a resident has complained about the muddy	
	state of the path. It is very unlikely the Council will have funds to address the issue	
	and one concern was expressed that the grass path should be retained rather than	
	installing any new hardcore surface. The condition will improve with drier weather.	
8.	Open Action Log:	
	The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting.	TCC
	All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online	
	with the minutes at www.torphins.net.	
9.	Correspondence:	
	9.1. There has been reduced correspondence over the holiday period, however what	WM
	has been received has been distributed by email, particularly COVID updates.	
	Community Ownership Support Service will be running two webinars providing an	
	introduction to the Community Asset Transfer process this month. This is Module 1	
	of COSS 6-module programme 'Assets for People and Places'. The first webinar will	
	be held on Thursday 21st January from 10am to 12 noon. The second will be held on	
	Thursday 28th January from 7pm to 9pm. Both webinars will be the same.	
	Information and booking at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/module-1-	
	introduction-to-community-asset-transfer-presentation-tickets-133335651523	
10.	A.O.C.B.	
	10.1. AM raised the idea of creating a proper public village square in Torphins as a	AM
	centre point and asset for the community. The section of Aberdeenshire Council	
	land being retained at the old Schoolhouse was recommended as a location.	
	Discussion led to suggestions to add the garden area at the rear of Learney Hall and	
	possibly to add an area of land to the west of Learney Hall if the owners agreed.	
	With enthusiastic support for the idea AM agreed to develop the idea and create	
	visualisations for a promotional presentation.	
	10.2. CR reported the failure of the Monday rubbish collection this week, for which	CR
	an apology had been received from the Council, citing the bad weather and staffing	
	difficulties. Cllr. PA again apologised and advised there are staffing difficulties with	
	the COVID situation and the Council will pick up excess at the next regular collection.	
	10.3. WM asked for an explanation to understand the lack of road and pavement	WM
	treatment from New Year, remedied by considerable treatment in Torphins on 7 th	
	January. Cllr. PA explained the continuing bad weather put pressure on the service,	
	which due to financial constraints has to adhere to the prioritisation system.	
	Unfortunately this tends to leave lower priority areas unattended if the demands	
	are continuous on the higher priority areas.	
	10.4. LM again voiced concern about proposals for the future management of wind	LM
	turbine and similar grant awarding bodies in the Deeside area. Changes should not	
	be made without proper approval of all governing bodies and publicity to the public.	
	10.5. ED advised problems with the Road fault reporting system and Cllr PA agreed	ED
	to pass on the information to appropriate team.	
	10.6. HS expressed concern that everyone in community should look out to help	HS
	people in difficulty or lonely under the new lockdown. We agreed to publish	
	encouragement to help people on TCC Facebook and other media and BoL window.	
12.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom (link HS)	
13.	Meeting closed at 9:12 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members	
	on 9 th January 2021 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting.	
	Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4 th February 2021.	
	Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore	

