

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

Meeting Minutes Thursday 6th July 2017 at 19.30 hrs Learney Hall, Torphins

| Learney Hall, Torphins | | | |
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| Item No. | Description | Owner | |
| 1 | Present: John Lucas (JL) (Chairman), Hamish Booth (HB), Eric Day (ED) (Treasurer), Colin Rouse (CR), Campbell Gillies (CG), Liz Moore (LM) (Vice Chairwoman). In Attendance: Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Cllr Paul Gibb (PG). Apologies: Will Maclean (WM) (Secretary), Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Nick Poulton (NP). | | |
| 2 | Intimation of noted interests: None. | | |
| 3 | Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting Thursday 1st June 2017: Approved: Proposed LM and seconded JL. | | |
| 4 | Police Report: An e-mail has been received from Insp Matt Smith explaining the police's current position regarding attendance at CC meetings. TCC is aware of a number of recent break-ins and car thefts. Cllr Blackett to follow up regarding the possibility of receiving update reports from the police at the monthly TCC meetings. | Cllr GB | |
| 5 | Finance Report: Total bank balance: £933.09 The balance given at the June meeting assumed, wrongly, that a cheque issued had been cashed. The cheque is still outstanding and the balance quoted this month reflects that. Income: £570.19 from AC as the general grant. | ED | |
| 6 | Planning Matters: The only recent applications that TCC wished to comment on were those associated with Bracken Hill on Grampian Terrace. A number of comments from residents, and one from the TCC, have been submitted to AC's planning department. A number of issues were discussed including: site and access safety, the ownership and upkeep of the access road to the site - particularly during the development stage which the developer has acknowledged could be very protracted, the communication between the developer and the land owners as well as the integration of the new development into the village. The generally felt view is that the applications are disingenuous in nature, particularly where they state that no work has started on the development when clearly it has. Also, the latest plans not seem to reflect any of the commitments or recommendations made when outline permission was given. It was agreed that TCC would apply to the Marr Area Committee to make representation when these plans were presented to the MAC for discussion. | ED | |

7 Open Actions:

7.1. Torphins Emergency Response Plan (TERP):

An application has been made to SSEN for a grant to fund the purchase of the required equipment. A response is expected in September 2017.

Permission has been giben by AC for the Response Group to have a "room" in the ex Hall Keeper's Flat - the kitchen has been allocated.

7.2. Forward Plan Update:

The plan has been updated and will be forwarded too JL in the first instance for comment

7.3. Torphins Paths Group:

The group continues to to gather funds in order to fund their work; to date £5000 has been awarded by MAC and £500 by the Bread of Life.

An application has been made to LEADER for funding and TESCO will be considered again.

7.4. Road Matters:

The consultation on the proposed 40mph speed limit at Campfield has closed with no objections being received.

The process to get the limit introduced will now move forward to the next stage.

The request for AC to consider an extension to the 30mph limit to the north of the village is being processed by AC.

It was agreed to invite Insp Matt Smith to the September meeting when this would be part of the agenda

Invite Insp Matt Smith to the next meeting.

7.5. Notice Board Update:

The design of the Village map is complete and is both attractive and professional. So far £1850 has been awarded by the Marr Area Committee Budget as well as £500 from the Bread of Life. Further funding is still being sought to finalise the funding of the new notice board - £1400 is still needed.

The provisional dimensions of the notice board have been agreed.

7.6. Torphins Park Update:

The paint on much of the play equipment is of poor condition, being seriously worn. Neil West and Bill Higham will be approached to see if they can supply any paint to allow us to repair the paintwork.

Tel. nos. for the officers were offered and gracefully accepted.

7.7. Mobile 'Phone Service in the Village:

Deferred to next meeting.

7.8. CPR Training update:

Deferred to next meeting.

7.9. Torphins Parent Council update:

School grounds & Bicycle shed - deferred to next meeting.

7.10. Village Flower Tuns update:

A vote of thanks was given to Robert Reid who has replanted all the flower tubs in the village.

There are now 20 tubs around the village giving a colourful and attractive feature to the village.

7.11. Learney Woods update:

15-20% of the trees in the Learney Wood are to be felled. This will create an unavoidable visual impact within the village.

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| | The area to be felled is too small to require a squirrel preservation order. Only the Torphins Wood will be affected. | |
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| 8 | 8.1. Single Community Ward Forum: All Community Councils were invited to attend a Ward Forum in Tarland in June. There was a good attendance with opportunities for "networking" and information sharing. However, when the gathering divided into groups the acoustics and presentations were poor with the presentations being virtually impossible to hear despite the audience attempting to get closer. This was disappointing as several of the subjects were interesting and pertinent to our CC. The whole meeting eventually ran out of time and broke up is disarray. Clir Blackett will discuss this further with officers in an attempt to avoid a repeat. 8.2. Recycling: Gavin Forrest has responded to our requests regarding the recycling facilities in the park but a press statement in the Press & Journal announced that "mini recycling points", such as the one in our park, will be reorganised to accept only glass and fabric with all other materials being collected through road side collections. Should Residents find that one blue top bin is insufficient for their needs an additional one will be provided by AC upon request. Green Waste will continue to be collected at the Crow's Nest site in Banchory. | Cllr GB |
| 9 | Correspondence: Tornaveen Hall: Neil Bayfield has written asking if TCC would provide a reference for their application to the LEADER fund Agreed to provide reference. | JL |
| 10 | Clachnaben and Glendye planning application for a Wind Farm Proposal. The Action Group to oppose the wind farm development has produced flyers and business cards. Agreed to ask for more of these so that any member of TCC who would like to help can circulate them widely. We will also make the available via the TCC stall at the Gala. Request additional copies of the material. | LM |
| 11 | Next Ordinary Meeting: 7th September 2017 at 19.30 hrs in Small Learney Hall. | |
| 12 | Meeting closed at 21.13 hrs. | |

Proposed: Liz Moore - 25th July 2017 Seconded: John Lucas - 25th July 2017

Footnote:

Following initial circulation of the above minutes, an e-mail was received from Nikki Nicol asking that we send future minutes to the generic Infrastructure Services e-mail address marr@aberdeenshire.gov.uk which is accessed by other employees (including Janelle Clark).

Additionally, we should copy:

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