



Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 2 nd May 2024 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); Will Maclean (WM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK) part; Dave Ellis; Scott Findlater (part); Carey Fraser (CF); Gordon Smith (GS) part; Jack Rigby (JR) (part);</p> <p>Apologies: John Lucas (JL); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	<p>Intimation of noted interests: ED and CR expressed an interest in the matter of planning application APP/2023/1374. WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p>	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 4 April 2024 previously by email: Adopted as proposed by December email without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Iain Firth</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Jack Rigby, Digital Stakeholder Lead Officer, Aberdeenshire Council: PA welcomed JR to the meeting and handed him the floor. JR presented his extremely informative presentation with enthusiasm and impressive expertise and knowledge of the subject. The presentation link is provided at Appendix II to these minutes. Everyone present learned a huge amount of new and previously unknown information about the provision and roll out of superfast, ultrafast and gigabit broadband across Aberdeenshire, and particularly within the TCC area. JR advised he is available by email and telephone for contact to answer specific questions to help consumers acquire improved broadband, within the confines of UK and Scottish Government programmes. Digital Engagement Team Remit: Stimulate demand in programmes and voucher schemes; Engage with communities for aggregation; Work with stakeholders and funders; Support residents, businesses and communities in matters relating to digital connectivity. Contacts: Email: jack.rigby@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Telephone: 01467 469322 Email: digitalengagement@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Landing Page: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/support-and-advice/communities/Digital-Connectivity/ A number of questions arose from the audience, with all answered by JR. If you have unsatisfactory broadband provision available JR encourages you to contact the team. PA thanked JR for his deep knowledge of the subject and highly informative presentation, which sentiment was endorsed by all present.</p>	JR

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5.	<p>Police Report: The Q1 Police Report received 8th April 2024 was reviewed. The detail in the report was noted with thanks while no issues of significant concern were noted.</p>	PS
6.	<p>Finance Report: The balance is £10,059.91, with TCC general funds £97.29, Christmas Lights £530.57, Hardship Fund £530.57 after purchases for pantry £154.33; and TORCH balance £8,936.65 following service of generator costing £238.80. The annual insurance charge, now paid direct by TCC to Zurich from general funds, was £293.73.</p>	ED
7.	<p>Planning Report: Little activity. APP/2023/1374 – See Open Item Action Log No. 2401.</p>	ED
8.	<p>New Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters Arising from Tornaveen Community: Continued concern about poor broadband. A resident present at the meeting gets only about 1 mbps and has to use 4G service for internet. See presentation on broadband and digital connectivity. Speeding on B9119 has been a concern at times and has been reported to Police. Carey, Treasurer of Community Hall Committee and TORCH member reported the community is pleased to have the generator transferred from the Learney Hall under the TORCH programme. Asked about any interest from Tornaveen in joining TCC the concern reported is the low number interested in the Hall committee, which does not bode well. However, Tornaveen residents are willing to assist with TCC Newsletter distribution. • Concerns of Local Resident Regarding Several Matters: Poor condition of car park behind Learney Arms. It is recognised the ownership is split however it would be good if the surface could be repaired. A word with owners will be arranged. Scotmid crossing danger and bad/illegal parking. As recorded in open item action list the Council is procuring new bollards for the crossing area to make improvements. Police Scotland 101 number. This is Police Scotland national policy and while we are often dissatisfied with call centres this is unlikely to be changed. Cllr SB did report that Police Scotland are improving their call management process for reported incidents. • New Logo Design: See also Open Action Item 2406. CR has submitted a suggested new design (see Appendix I) maintaining the key features of the current logo but adding the names of the other communities around the centre-piece. Tornaveen and Campfield added, and including “Community Council” under the word Torphins. There was general agreement this is a good improvement. WM suggested the words “Community Council” should be bolder. The design will be put forward along with whatever designs arise from LM efforts per Item 2406. 	<p>Tornaveen</p> <p>PB</p> <p>CR</p>
9.	<p>Open Action Log: The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting. All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online with the minutes at www.torphins.net.</p>	TCC
10.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members. • Notice has been received of new HoFWIG public meetings, all at 7:30 pm. Torphins Church Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7:30 pm; Midmar Hall Tuesday 7th May 2024; Banchory West Church Monday 6th May. 	WM

