

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

Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 th April 2016 at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins			
ltem No.	Description	Owner	
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Jayne Clarke (JC), Eric Day (ED), Sarah Fraser (SF), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Liz Moore (LM), Norman Morrice (NM), Colin Rouse (CR) In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA), Apologies: Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF)		
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None		
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting Thursday 3rd March 2016: Approved: ED proposed and CR seconded.		
4.	Police Report: No Report this month.	PS	
5.	Finance Report: Total bank balance £2,116.32 Torphins Community Council balance £1,366.32 £750.00 is held on behalf of campaign to fund second PAD for Torphins. Expenditure in month is £168.35 on whinstone grit for path work to date	ED	
6.	Planning Matters: APP/2016/0810 for erection of dwelling house and subdivision of feu at Denside House, 70A Beltie Road, Torphins, Aberdeenshire, AB31 4JT, was reviewed. TCC has no objection to the proposals, noting the previous line of site issue at the location has been addressed in the current proposals.	ED	
7.	Open Actions: 7.1. Review of Torphins Community Council Website: Report of progress received from Brian Murray advising web site should be available to launch May and also that Torphins Community Facebook page has been created to launch at same time. Group photo of TCC members was taken at this meeting for publication with outline of TCC and membership. TCC approved set up of web domain and admin@tcc email. BM to contact local organisations regarding links to their sites. Members agreed to review Facebook page and content.	WM	
	7.2. Community Garden:No new information on Community Garden project.7.3. Torphins Park:	ED	
	7.3.1. Orchard: Bill Higham is progressing development of proposed orchard planting at west end of park. Bill has advised the area at west end of the old school house site to be retained by the council is not deemed suitable for orchard planting due to the long term commitment of an orchard.	ED	

7.3.2. Drainage in Park: no new developments reported by Bill Higham.	JL
7.3.3. Play Equipment and Funding: ED presented a schedule of play park	ED
equipment in Aboyne and in Torphins, which comparative analysis suggests	
a there is a shortage of equipment in Torphins for older children. ED will	
prepare for the next TCC meeting a schedule of equipment recommended to	
improve the amount and mix of equipment at Torphins.	
7.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins:	
No progress to report on this matter. Following discussion to improve	WM/NM/
understanding of objectives and plans it was decided as follows:	тсс
WM will contact a known design agent following introduction from NM, and	
distribute an example of a village map so all TCC members can develop	
recommendations on content for the next meeting in order that outline	
content can be defined for designer.	
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7.5. Roads:	
PA will follow up on speed monitoring planned for road past Torphins	PA
Church.	
KF advised by email that Aberdeenshire Council has a moratorium on	
consultations on speed in villages at present time.	
7.6. PADs:	
Following delay of the planned Heart Start training, TCC has received advice	WM
from the Heart Start team that training will next be available for Torphins in	
September 2016. TCC decided to request a fixed date and to commit to	
generating publicity and interest to make the course viable.	
7.7. Learney Hall Maintenance	
TCC has been advised by Aberdeenshire Council there are no funds available	
for hall maintenance except to attend to break downs and breakages. An	
exception is the provision of Wi-Fi. It was resolved to formally request Wi-	WM
Fi for Learney Hall.	
LM expressed particular concern about the condition of the flooring in the	
hall, which is in danger of deterioration beyond simple maintenance if not	
resurfaced soon.	
PA reminded the meeting that funds from the sale of the School House are	
earmarked to benefit the community of Torphins, and may provide an	
opportunity for refurbishment when available. PA will investigate if such	PA
funds would also be eligible to be applied as matching for other community	FA
grants that may be available.	
7.8. Path from Woodside Road/Monboddo Road to Craigmyle West Lodge	
7.8.1 JL reported the progress to improve the path already made by TCC	JL
member volunteers and Marshall Watson. There have been many positive	
comments from the community and more will be done to address dog	
fouling and further surface improvement.	
7.8.2. WM advised the TCC Expression of Interest for grant funding from	WM
Paths for All has been approved. Accordingly WM has prepared a draft	
Stage 1 Grant Application, which he presented to the meeting. The TCC	
members agreed the content of the Grant Application to be submitted by	
	TCC
WM as Secretary, subject to minor amendments to be reviewed by email	тсс
prior to submission.	
7.9. Dog Poo Campaign	
TCC congratulated JC on the progress with the campaign to encourage	JC
responsible dog ownership and reduce dog fouling, noting the posters, new	
disposal bins, and markings in and around the village. All these are raising	
awareness and making a real difference with public support.	
JC reported the work continues to improve awareness and facilities. Thanks	
go to Platform 22 for holding a stock of disposal bags, which are free to dog	
owners who sign the Green Dog Pledge available at Platform 22.	
7.10 Report of Meeting with Scotmid	
JL and WM met Scotmid management on 6 th April regarding matters raised	u
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at previous TCC meeting.	

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	Funeral Director's premises on 5 year lease from Scotmid have been vacated	
	so are available for sublet from tenant or possibly new lease.	
	Path and steps from rear car park to front entrance. Were rejected on	
	original planning application but Scotmid will reapply with TCC support.	
	Rear car park improvement will be investigated to confirm if this is a formal	
	parking area and make the area more users friendly to encourage use.	
	Concerns raised by TCC about litter around the premises are understood	
	however Scotmid staff duties do not include litter collection, and there is a	
	quarterly ground maintenance service. Scotmid did commit to improve	
	signage, promote litter awareness, and possibly run a Coop Big Clean	
	campaign in Torphins. TCC will support actions and strongly encourage the	
	community to always dispose of litter properly in the bins provided at the	
	shop and around the village or take home for proper disposal.	
	Security of the ATM was discussed in view of incidents on Deeside last year	
	and Police concerns. Scotmid advised the third party owners and operators	
	of the ATM are satisfied with security arrangements.	
	The meeting with Scotmid suggested concerns with the Post Office changes	
	are settling down with passage of time and experience. TCC members,	1.5.4
	particularly LM did not agree due to concerns with queuing and serving	LM
	process, services available, and signage.	
	TCC resolved Secretary to contact Post Office with concerns.	WM
	7.11 Bus Forum	1.5.4
	LM advised attendance at the latest Bus Forum in Aboyne and	LM
	recommended the forum for its actions to address public concerns. In	
	future TCC will publicise locally the Bus Forum meetings to enable concerns to be raised for the meetings.	
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