



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

Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 th October 2016 at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins																										
Item No.	Description	Owner																								
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB), Jayne Clarke (JC), Eric Day (ED), Sarah Fraser (SF), John Lucas (JL) (Chair), Will Maclean (WM), Colin Rouse (CR),</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA) Ralph Singleton (RS), Principal Roads Engineer, Marr, Aberdeenshire Council PC Kathy Callaghan and PC Iain McNab for Police Report</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Geva Blackett (GB), Cllr Katrina Farquhar (KF), Liz Moore (LM), Not Present: Norman Morrice (NM)</p>																									
2.	Intimation of noted interests - None																									
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1st September 2016: Approved: John Lucas, Seconded: Eric Day																									
4.	<p>Police Report PC Kathy Callaghan and PC Iain McNab attended to present the Police Report October 2016, including in particular road safety concerns. The Police Report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.</p>																									
5.	<p>Finance Report</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Funds Available at 31/08/2016</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1550.07</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income: Torphins Gala</td> <td style="text-align: right;">103.05</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure: Gala</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(75.80)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Repair of Christmas Star</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>(623.89)</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds Available at 06/10/2016</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£953.43</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant Receivable from Scotmid towards Christmas Star Repair</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>240.00</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total TCC Funds at 06/10/2016</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£1193.43</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Funds held in TCC bank account on behalf of Defibrillator Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£750.00</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Funds Available at 31/08/2016	£1550.07		Income: Torphins Gala	103.05		Expenditure: Gala	(75.80)		Repair of Christmas Star	<u>(623.89)</u>		Funds Available at 06/10/2016	£953.43		Grant Receivable from Scotmid towards Christmas Star Repair	<u>240.00</u>		Total TCC Funds at 06/10/2016	<u>£1193.43</u>		Funds held in TCC bank account on behalf of Defibrillator Group	<u>£750.00</u>		ED
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6.	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications: The following recent applications were reviewed and the decision was made that no TCC comments are required.</p> <p>APP/2016/2557 Treetops, Monboddo Road, Torphins, Aberdeenshire, AB31 4FT - Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Dwelling house.</p> <p>APP/2016/2693 Plot 1, Land Adjacent to Kirkbrae Cottage, Craigmyle Road, Torphins, Aberdeenshire - Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of Dwelling house.</p> <p>APP/2016/2694 Plot 2, Land To East of Kirkbrae Cottage, Craigmyle Road, Torphins, Aberdeenshire, - Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of Dwelling house.</p> <p>APP/2016/2729 22 Grampian Terrace, Torphins, Aberdeenshire, AB31 4JS - Certificate of Lawful Use for Use of Land as Garden Ground.</p>	ED																								

	<p>6.2. Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>APP/2016/1356 JL noted the application for erection of dwelling houses at the Old School House Torphins, has now been updated by the planning authority to relocate the bus stop and bus shelter away from the proposed entry to the development. This does not address TCC submitted concern regarding increased traffic movements at the school crossing area.</p> <p>APP/2016/1051 It is noted the application for erection of seven houses at Bracken Hill appears to have been amended to six houses; the developer has committed to 0.4 hectares of onsite replanting of native tree species to compensate for the 0.7 hectares woodland already removed; and individual soakaways at each property will be provided to mitigate flood risk.</p>	
7.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>7.1. Road Safety and Speeding:</p> <p>JL welcomed Ralph Singleton, Principle Roads Engineer, Marr, Aberdeenshire Council to the meeting, and summarised principle concerns that have been communicated to Aberdeenshire Councillors, Aberdeenshire Roads, and Police Scotland, being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vehicle speed at entry and through village - A980 Torphins to Raemoir accident rate - A980 at Campfield Filling Station action to address speed and lay-by/parking hazards where there is a complex road situation and high number of vehicle movements <p>RS explained research of incidents in the area demonstrates the major issues are driver behavioural, rather than road design matters that can be addressed by engineering solutions. Additionally, analysis of fatal accidents between Lumphanan and Raemoir since 2004 does not present a clear common causality in terms of type of accident and location.</p> <p>In UK on A classification roads no major physical obstruction is allowed, such as speed humps and speed tables. UK authorities are reluctant to have multiple changing speed limits, and speed limits, including supported by flashing signs, are dependent on driver compliance, and enforcement. RS would recommend mandatory driver training for offences, however this is not Scottish Government policy.</p> <p>Council actions at Campfield have improved driving conditions by “texturing” the road surface, and by removal of roadside vegetation. Major changes to the road layout will not happen in the current financial environment. The idea of local landowners removing barriers to visibility was discussed, although it was recognised improved diving conditions could unintentionally increase speeds.</p> <p>RS asked for feedback regarding the 40 mph limit through Sundaywells. This was introduced in 2010 with some local resident objections, was not 30 mph as residents did not want street lighting, and 40 mph was considered appropriate for the essentially rural environment of the area. TCC repeated the concern about drivers exceeding the speed limit in the area and the need for speed monitoring and enforcement as required. The monitoring is now to be provided by Aberdeenshire Council and Police Scotland, however, both RS and TCC noted concern regarding stretched resources limiting support for enforcement. RS was thanked for his attendance and support and TCC decided on the following action plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue the implementation of a mandatory 50 mph speed limit at Campfield, with the support of Aberdeenshire Councillors. RS will assist such initiative although decision making will be at high level. • Pursue erection of roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to encourage improved behaviour. PA and RS will investigate support to implement this initiative. • Mount publicity campaign to highlight issues to improve driver behaviour, liaising with other Community Councils, and school from 	<p>TCC, RS, Cllrs</p> <p>TCC, PA, RS</p> <p>TCC</p>

	<p>educational standpoint to influence parent drivers.</p> <p>7.2. Flower Tubs: Robert Reid has grown and prepared winter flowers for distribution to the Flower Tub volunteers. ED will contact the individuals and organise distribution. WM will post information on the TCC website and Facebook page, and ask for feedback on possible locations for more flower tubs.</p> <p>7.3. Torphins Park: 7.3.1. Orchard Update – Due to lack of enthusiasm from parties consulted JL will advise Bill Higham to drop the orchard idea but instead to provide a other additional trees at the west end of the park. 7.3.2. Drainage including rear of Village Farm Court Update – JL to check with Bill Higham for update. 7.3.3. Play Equipment and Funding Proposal – No response from Torphins Youth Group leader. Decided to pursue acquisition of outdoor gymnastic training equipment with available Area funding and possible matching. 7.3.4. PA confirmed the redundant electrical box on the north side of the park is to be removed.</p> <p>7.4. Notice Board Map of Torphins Update CR advised map is prepared ready for adding specific location/point of interest names, which will now progress.</p> <p>7.5. Second PAD for Village: WM advised Torphins Patients Group agree Torphins Church as a potential location. WM to approach the Session Clerk to offer a PAD to be located at the Church. WM to approach Heart Start to assist with sourcing equipment. SF to approach the Gala Committee Chair regarding additional funding to augment the funds already donated by Bread of Life and J. Watson.</p> <p>7.6. Telephone Box at Sundayswells: CR has completed the painting of the new door. Publicity will be posted on the TCC website and Facebook</p> <p>7.7. Beltie Burn Bridge: JL will pursue an idea that OTC Bridge of Don could repair the bridge by contacting the adjutant to request this be addressed as an OTC exercise.</p> <p>7.8. Meeting with NHS Area Community Health Coordinator regarding path development: JL to contact to request a meeting on a Thursday at the early convenience of the NHS coordinator.</p> <p>7.9. Torphins Community Resilience Plan Members continue to review available documentation prior to moving forward with a plan for Torphins</p>	<p>RR ED WM</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>ED</p> <p>PA</p> <p>CR</p> <p>WM</p> <p>CR</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>TCC</p>
8.	<p>Correspondence: 8.1 Tree Preservation Order The Learney Arms: The Secretary has received a new tree preservation order from Aberdeenshire Council for the grounds of The Learney Arms and neighbouring property. The order is updated to meet current circumstances, and unlike the previous order names and specifically identifies trees subject to the order. A copy of the order is being distributed to all TCC members. TCC may submit comments by 14th October if necessary, however TCC generally welcomes the new order. 8.2 Marr Community Area Forum: The next meeting will be in Banchory East Church on 16th November. Agenda is being distributed and TCC members wishing to attend will advise Secretary to submit names.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p>
9.	<p>A.O.C.B. 9.1. Christmas Carols at Tree: JC request agreement of the date for the Christmas Carols at the Christmas Tree in order to begin preparations. TCC decided on Thursday 22nd December 2016, which will enable organisation and promotion to progress. 9.2. Christmas Lights: ED advised he requires TCC volunteers to erect the Christmas Lights on</p>	<p>JC, ED</p>

	<p>Saturday 26th November 2016. As usual thanks to Eric for organisation and preparation of equipment.</p> <p>9.3. Anniversaries: It was noted that significant anniversaries are upcoming for the foundation of TCC and commencement of the Christmas Carol celebration. The dates will be verified and plans developed and publicised as appropriate.</p> <p>9.4. Digital Media Strategy: The proposed Digital Media Strategy document was reviewed and approved for publication.</p> <p>9.5. Co-opting New Member: Nick Poulton was thanked for his interest in TCC and willingness to help. John Lucas proposed and Eric Day seconded the appointment of Nick Poulton to TCC, bringing the current membership to ten. A nomination form will be completed and submitted to Area.</p>	<p>JL, ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>NP</p>
10.	Next Ordinary Meeting Thursday 3rd November 2016 at The Learney Hall	TCC
11.	Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.	
12.	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 6th October 2016 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 3rd November 2016. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC