

## **Torphins Community Council**

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Meeting Minutes				
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 8:00 pm Learney Hall, Torphins				
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Carol Reid (CRd); Colin Rouse (CR)			
	In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); George Reid; Anna Bichard Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr. P. Gibb (PG)			
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None			
3.	Adoption of minutes of meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019:  Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas	тсс		
4.	Police Report: The April Police Report received on 11 <sup>th</sup> May was reviewed.	PS		
5.	Finance Report: The bank balance is £744.12 with £174.31 free funds and £569.81 TERP. Annual grant advance of £200 from Aberdeenshire will increase balance to £374.31 and balance of grant will be paid with completion of AGM.	ED		
6.	Planning Matters: Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report. Recent approvals were reviewed, none being unusual.	ED		
7.	New Items: 7.1. Fire Hydrant ED reported two fire hydrant markers, one on Auchmacoy Road and one on St Marnan Road, have been damaged and moved away from location, being a concern for identification of hydrants. It was agreed ED will contact Colin Westwood of the fire service.	ED		
8.	Open Actions: 8.1 Torphins Gala 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2019: A double pitch has been booked for TCC. It was decided to run the Guess the Whisky competition to offset pitch cost, and to operate the Human Fruit Machine again due to demand. The main focus will be on community engagement and awareness/feedback for the Community Action Plan. Details will be finalised at the 4 <sup>th</sup> July meeting of TCC. 8.2. Torphins Cemetery:	тсс		
	It is noted the Aberdeenshire Council has completed renovation works at the cemetery with very satisfactory results. Much appreciated.	C Rouse		

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8.	Open Actions (Continued):	
	8.3. Roads:	
	Campfield Safety Measures:	CII DA
	Speed limit extension west to beyond Glassel junction.      Reads Dept. are seeking more information from Police.	Cllr. PA
	Roads Dept. are seeking more information from Police.  O Laybys opposite four houses on road to Pitmedden from Campfield.	Cllr. PA
	Having been noted in January there could be reserve budget in 2019/20 for	CIII. I A
	this, Cllr. PA undertook to check if there is funding allocated.	
	Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to	Cllr. PA
	bridge north of Learney Avenue:	
	Police are not supportive of this proposal, however Cllr. PA will keep working	
	this matter.	
	Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre	Cllr PG
	The investigation continues with AC and NHS. It is understood a resident has	
	written to Aberdeenshire with concerns about the matter but no reply has been	
	received. Cllr. PA will follow up. One member suggested it would be a fine	
	example of goodwill to the community if Aberdeenshire Council would simply deal with this relatively minor surface repair.	
	JL invited George Reid to raise his concern. George advised he is very upset that	JL
	the grass area on the parking behind Learney Arms is no longer cut since change	
	of ownership two or three years ago. George has contacted the owner several	
	times. TCC agreed to consider the matter for appropriate action.	
	8.4. Community Action Plan:	
	The CAP committee has met with Roisin Daly of Marr Area Partnership who	AM
	provided guidance and examples of CAPs. The process is relatively prescriptive with	CR
	data gathering requiring ratification and report back to public, and a clear process	
	set for outputs. The sub-committee plans to talk to various groups and individuals in	
	the village, including the school and Beaver Cub Scouts for younger people, and other key groups in the community, with a formal process implemented to ensure	
	comprehensive and inclusive consultation. One specific example mentioned was	
	developing a process to enable young people to assist with technology questions	
	from older people, providing an opportunity to meet volunteering in the community	
	objectives.	
	8.5. Village Welcome Pack:	
	The sub-committee has developed an outline design and list of contents, with an	LM Sub
	intention to provide the Pack in hard copy and online.	Comm
	8.6. Flooding at Innermarkie:	ED,
	Although we have been unable to obtain a report from Aberdeenshire Council we do note there were pipe repairs at the excavated area, and this area has been	BH (AC)
	resurfaced. Further, the recent wet weather has not exhibited any flooding. We are	<i>5.1. (7.10)</i>
	hopeful the problem is resolved and close this matter.	
	8.7. Sale of Schoolhouse:	
	Cllr. PA has asked appropriate officials if the whole site could be sold to make a	Cllr. PA
	more attractive proposition and is awaiting a response from Housing Dept. who	
	wished to retain the area.	
	8.8. Learney Hall Curtains:	Cllr. PG
	With the closure of the firm who had provided the attractive quotation some	CIII. PG
	months ago, on whom the Council had raised a PO, the Council is now seeking	
	quotations from other small firms who may perform the repair work with competitive pricing. It is noted more curtains have been removed from the hall	
	since last meeting in May.	

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	8.9. King George V Community Project Trust:	
	LM advised the challenge continues to obtain clarity on the roles and responsibilities	LM
	of the committee formed to administer the distribution of funds arising from the	
	Tornaveen wind turbine project completed some time ago. The committee has	
	written to the Chair of the Trust to seek clarification.	
9.	Correspondence:	
	Correspondence received has been distributed by email.	WM
	9.1. AC News Release on new Kerbside Recycling and Waste Collection	
	<b>9.2.</b> Consultation on Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership is open until	
	11 <sup>th</sup> June. Individuals to report as desired.	
	9.3. Light touch review of new CC Scheme of Establishment with comments due by	
	30 June. Agreed Secretary to submit on behalf of TCC that this review is premature, and based on experience of matter are skeptical of productive engagement by AC.	
	<b>9.4.</b> The central government review of local governments' process was highlighted.	
	<b>9.5.</b> Litter Prevention Action Plan consultation feedback is due by 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2019. It	
	was agreed members should read and consider the proposals so a submission can	
	be agreed at the next TCC meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019.	
	<b>9.6.</b> Two Torphins road closures were noted and details are on TCC Facebook page.	
	<b>9.7.</b> The recent Household Recycling Centres news release was noted.	
	<b>9.8.</b> C Rouse noted the LDP Newsletter he recently received and provided details of	CR
	the web address for others to request future issues.	
10.	<b>10.1.</b> Anna Bichard raised a concern that the areas of vegetation on the land behind	
	the school had been sprayed with weed killer without the school being informed to	
	keep children away. The bank is now bare and it is understood the Council plans to	
	replant with low maintenance plants. Anna believes this is dangerous and wasteful	
	and more environmentally favourable approach should have been found. Cllr. PA	
	agreed to investigate with Education and Landscape Depts. of the Council.	
	Anna also raised concern over ongoing fly tipping of garden refuse in many areas of	
	Torphins. This matter can be highlighted with the recent announcements on AC	
	summer disposal arrangements recently posted on TCC Facebook.	
	<b>10.2.</b> It was decided to publish the next TCC Village Newsletter in September 2019.	
	Members should start preparing materials. AM suggested investigate village coat of	
	arms for use, Banchory having new coat of arms recently.	
	<b>10.3.</b> LM had investigated if the surplus TERP funds could be appropriately applied in	
	a school project but this was rejected. LM will now reach out to others such as	
	Torphins Patients Participation Group.	
	<b>10.4.</b> C Reid reported on the Bus Forum on 5 <sup>th</sup> June. A new "clean page" timetable is	
	to be introduced in August 2019. There is a new manager at Ballater depot, new	
	engineer, and budget to upgrade fleet on Deeside. Controversy continues with	
	users over the evening service cuts and lack of toilet on long routes to/from	
	Braemar. Heavy use in town to nearer destinations on buses heading out to Deeside	
	remains a concern as sometimes no seats left for people travelling further out.	
	Reduced Council funding again mentioned by Operator. Union Square bus station is to be renovated however.	
11.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	
12.	Meeting closed at 9:36 pm.	
14.	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members	
	on 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting.	
	Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019.	
	Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas	
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