



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 <sup>ST</sup> July 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED) (Treasurer); Campbell Gillies (CG); John Lucas (JL) (Chairman); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Carol Reid (CRd) (Vice Chairlady); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); Cllr. P. Gibb (PG)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB) Will Maclean (WM)(Sec)</p>	
2.	<b>Intimation of noted interests</b> – None	
3.	<p><b>Adoption of minutes of meeting 1st June 2019:</b> Proposed: Liz Moore    Seconded: John Lucas</p>	
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b> The Police Report of 28<sup>th</sup> June was reviewed. JL highlighted the near proximity of the recent property break-ins mentioned in the report and type of items stolen, stipulating the necessity for TCC to remind our local community to stay vigilant, 'lock it or lose it' and to report any suspicious behaviour in and around properties.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The bank balance is £818.37 with £248.56 free funds and £569.81 TERP. JL notified the members that we require promotion stands for emergency planning information, which could also be utilised by TCC at the Torphins Gala Day in August to promote the results of the recent Community Council Survey and what happens next. HB &amp; AM agreed that billboards would be required for emergency planning/ safety notices purposes. It was agreed that the current surplus of TERP money could be justifiably used for this purpose.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Planning Matters:</b> The planning applications for Craigmyle area e.g. Greystones, Craigendoran and Pitmurchie Lodge have been approved. There is currently a dispute regarding the level of the proposed garage construction at 64A Beltie Road and its possible skyline obstruction to neighbouring houses.</p>	

7.	<p><b>8.1 Torphins Gala 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019:</b> LM reported on progress via regular sub group meetings. AM demonstrated collation of the results of the earlier community survey questionnaire, into colourful visuals which highlight the key words of the main responses. These to be displayed at our Community Council booth at the Torphins Gala. Meetings held with MAP Advisor to review survey feedback, strongly advised collation of a 3 question survey to circulate on the Gala Day to community members which would further compliment the earlier questionnaire and gain additional feedback to contribute to our proposed CAP submission for the area. CRd distributed the draft copy of the proposed 3 question survey monkey form to all members present for comment. Chairperson JL requested that everyone e-mail CRd with any required changes a.s.a.p. in order to finalise format for printing. LM confirmed that printing costs of the finally agreed CAP would be met by Marr area Partnership funds. CRd to reproduce mind map explaining 'what we do' to support TCC's visual display on Gala day.</p>	All
8.	<p><b>8.2. Roads:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Campfield Safety Measures -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Speed limit extension west to beyond Glassel junction is still being looked into. Aberdeenshire Council's Policy Dep't has stipulated that as 'speed was not a factor' in recent accidents the appropriate stretch of road is subject of the 40 limit. Given that our concern is supported by the police, we will continue to push the concerns of TCC to instigate the requested changes.</li> <li>• b) <b>Pittmedden Road</b> - ongoing concern regarding crumbling road edges and pot holes affecting the entrances to 4 properties. Cllr. PA will check if there is funding allocated. A personal purchase of bags of tarmacadam has been made by CG to fill some pot holes as a temporary remedy.</li> <li>• <b>St Marnan Road</b> - Police Inspector Matt Smith had been contacted again regarding the community's request to extend the current 30 limit, north to the Learney Avenue junction. Members debated the dangers at this spot:- a) encompasses a popular footpath/walking area: b) a children's nursery is cited near the summit. TCC was advised to write to Inspector Smith to raise the matter again, specifically highlighting these points.</li> <li>• <b>Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre:</b> Cllr PG stated that ownership seems to have been established. NHS Grampian had reported back to confirm that their records indicate the ground <i>was</i> owned by the Trust but Aberdeenshire Council had adopted the pavement entrance to the Health Centre and were, therefore, liable for any repairs to said pavement area. He will now take this up again with Aberdeenshire Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>8.3. Community Action Plan (CAP):</b> LM reported on the progress of the sub-committee. CRd distributed proposed 3 question leaflet for comments. AM discussed proposals to introduce a photo competition for local school aged children, and others, the submissions to be included in both the Gala Day display and the Final CAP doc. submission. AM initiated discussion around the timetable for development of the CAP which was agreed as:- 1) finalise questionnaire -July: 2) Gala day survey - August: 3) targeted groups, Schools photo completion commencement - Sept: 4) results collated - Oct: 5) CAP doc. draft including photos - Nov: 6) finalised CAP Doc to MAP - Dec/Jan.</p> <p><b>8.4 Flooding at Innermarkie Wynd</b> ED updated the members that there had been no recent flooding. Cllr PG stated that, following the departure of Bill Higham, Craig Mathieson has been appointed to oversee matters. Matter now closed.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Sub Comm.</p>

	<p><b>8.5. Sale of Schoolhouse:</b> Cllr PA reported that the AC person looking after the sale of the property confirmed there were no clear reasons as to why the two previous offers for the property did not firm up. Therefore no clear issues that can be addressed when re-advertising the property to enhance interest and purchase. The use of modern social media advertising had also failed to bring about any bids. There has been no indication that offering the whole of the land area would increase its appeal and the plan to retain the area of land not currently offered for AC / community use still stands.</p> <p><b>8.6. Learney Hall Curtains:</b> Cllr PG updated the members that quotes were still being sought to repair the hall curtains (see report). LM voiced concerns of going into winter without adequate window coverage to this public meeting room.</p> <p><b>8.7. King George V Community Project Trust:</b> LM reported that the group continues to operate in an interesting, almost ‘ad hoc’, manner. The availability of the Windfarm funding stream cash has now been widely circulated within the AB31 area and publicised to local communities.</p> <p><b>8.8. MARR forum meeting:</b> CRd/HB/JL updated members on the value of the networking opportunity and information gained from attending on housing regeneration/renovation project funders, in particular the ‘land for local housing’ project supported by neighbouring McRoberts Trust, Tarland.</p>	Cllr.PG
9.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson JL referred to a letter of notification that the Bus Consultation was open for feedback online and that community members were urged to make their comments on the new timetable before September deadline.</li> <li>• Members were to note of the recent Forestry Consultation Circular</li> <li>• Cllr PG updated the members on correspondence enquiring how Community Councils planned to mark V.E. day next year.</li> </ul>	All bus users and TCC members All
10	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED raised concern regarding the muddy condition of the ground at the entrance to the farm at the southern end of the new Waulkmill footbridge. There is a recollection that Aberdeenshire Council would be attending to this in order to make it create a proper footpath. Cllr PA will take this up with appropriate dept.</li> <li>• Chairperson JL was approached by the Learney Hall Keeper to enquire when the weeds growing round the external walls of the hall were scheduled to be treated by the Council. Cllr PG noted this and would make enquiries regarding delay in maintenance.</li> <li>• ED also mentioned that the park’s popular and regularly used skateboard structure was becoming rusty and required maintenance. CR stated that the council owned Pavilion required repainting and maintenance our we will lose these facilities. It was agreed that a funding application could be made to MAP small grants scheme for this purpose.</li> </ul>	Cllr PA  Cllr PG  Cllr PA/PG

