

## **Torphins Community Council**

## Serving the Electoral Districts of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen

## Meeting Minutes Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 07.30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins

	Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner	
1.	Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); Campbell Gillies (CG), John Lucas		
	(JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Linda Manning (LM) Liz (Elizabeth) Moore		
	(EM); Colin Rouse (CR)		
	In Attendance: Cllr Peter Argyle (PA)		
	Apologies: Jayne Clarke (JC); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)		
2.	Intimation of noted interests – None		
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016:	TCC	
	Proposed: Eric Day, Seconded: John Lucas		
4.	Police Report:		
	Sgt W. Murdoch, former Banchory based officer who regularly attended TCC	PS	
	meetings, had advised his permanent replacements will not take up post until		
	late March, therefore there is no Police report available this month.		
	Inspector Matt Smith will inform TCC of point of contact in due course.		
5.	Finance Report:		
	There are no movements since last meeting, the bank balance remaining at	ED	
	£896.50		
6.	Planning Matters:		
	<b>6.1. Weekly Lists of Planning Applications:</b> The recent planning applications	ED	
	APP/2017/0414 and APP/2017/0445 for Torphins area were reviewed. TCC		
	has no comments to report.		
	6.2. Glendye Windfarm Proposal:		
	Since no responses were submitted to TCC by the due date, the previously		
	minuted decision to object to the proposals was ratified.		
	TCC resolved to file an objection to the planning application when it is	LM	
	submitted.		
	TCC to maintain contact and to support the Glendye Windfarm Opposition	ED, WM	
	Group as appropriate as the campaign develops.		
	6.3. Torphins School House:		
	PA confirmed again that the Schoolhouse marketing for sale is imminent.	PA	
7.	Open Actions:		
	7.1. Community Resilience Planning (CRP):		
	TCC resolved to appoint a sub committee to develop a Community Resilience	JL, EM,	
	Plan for Torphins and area, and to complete the final plan for approval at the	LM	
	meeting of TCC on 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017. John Lucas, Liz (Elizabeth) Moore and Linda		
	Manning were appointed to the sub committee to develop the plan.		
	7.2. Forward Plan and Objectives for 2017:		
	TCC resolved to update the Community Action Plan prepared several years ago		
	to provide the foundation of the current forward plan. Campbell Gillies agreed	CG	

	to review the previous plan and develop the update.	
	LM to provide a copy of the previous plan and CR to scan an electronic image	LM, CR
	for easy reference.	
	7.3. Road Safety:	
	7.3.1. Proposed Mandatory Speed Limit on A980 at Campfield - TCC received	
	for formal comment, from R. Singleton, Roads Manager, Kincardine & Mearns,	
	a copy of the draft Area Committee report on the proposed 40 mph speed limit	
	on the A980 at Campfield. The report was reviewed and TCC resolved to	WM
	provide a positive response supporting early implementation of the 40 mph	
	speed limit to address the long standing road safety concerns at this location.	
	7.3.2. Proposed roadside signs highlighting blackspots and accidents to	
	encourage improved behaviour – PA advised this matter will be raised by him	PA
	at Area Committee when considering the road safety proposals.	
	7.3.3. Torphins Parent Council report back – LM reviewed her visit to TPC. It	LM
	was agreed parking practices at the school are a serious concern, however the	
	school has limited power to address the concerns.	
	7.4. Torphins Park Updates:	
	7.4.1. Jubilee Stone - The soil is now in place round the Jubilee Stone and the	нв,
	planting plan is confirmed. Heathers and lavender will be obtained from	,
	Aberdeenshire Council by JL, with delivery to ED home, which is near the	JL, ED
	location. EM will provide a surface membrane to suppress weeds, and bark	EM
	and slabs may be ordered to finish off the site.	
	7.4.2. In response to ED's letter regarding play park equipment the school has	
	reported back through the meeting with EM. The recommendation is for a	
	scrambling net to be installed. ED to contact Ian Welsh of Aberdeenshire	ED
	Council to progress a request for funding and installation.	
	7.5. Notice Board Map of Torphins:	
	All comments are complete to finalise the map ready for the TCC meeting on	CR
	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017.	CIT
	The existing wall notice board will be used initially to display a new OS map of	
	Torphins area, and the free standing notice board will be reconfigured to	ED
	enable display of the new Torphins map that is ready for mounting, and hold	LD
	public notices such as minutes of meetings.	
	It was decided to pursue funding by request to Marr Area for a new high	ED
	quality custom noticeboard for the new village map etc.	
	7.6. Dog Fouling:	
	The recurrent problem of dog fouling despite the ongoing campaign and action	ıc
	by TCC was noted. TCC resolved to continue the initiative and continues to	JC
	request all dog owners to act responsibly to always clear up after their dog.	
	Free dog poo bags as always are available at Platform 22.	
	7.7. Torphins Wood Fence and Gate at MDC:	шр
	As previously reported the relocating of this fence and gate has been agreed with Learney Estate staff, however there is no action to report so far.	НВ
	with Learney Estate staff, however there is no action to report so far.	
	7.8. Recycling Bins at Park:	,,
	JL will follow up again with Aberdeenshire Council regarding completion of the	JL
	reconfiguration plan by AC, which was agreed some time ago.	
	7.9. Bus Forum Report:	EN4
	LM approached the authorities regarding the poor timetable signposting at the	EM
	bus stops, which are displayed too high, and are not clear on the destinations	
	of the bus routes from Torphins. AC has advised they are working on a	
	programme across Aberdeenshire to lower the displayed timetables to make	
	them easier to read. The format of the timetable information is also under	
	review.	14/8.4
8.	Correspondence:	WM
	TCC has received the usual invitation to Marr Community Area Forum on 9 <sup>th</sup>	
	March, which will be attended by JL, EM, ED, WM.	
	TCC has been advised of Paths for All training & Marr Paths Future Proofing	
	Network training on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March in Strathdon. TCC	

	has applied for three places for JL, ED, WM on these welcome courses.	
	Other routine correspondence has been distributed by email.	
9.	A.O.C.B.	
	9.1. EM advised TCC membership was also discussed at the TPC, particularly	EM
	regarding the need for young members. The recommendation is to approach	
	Aboyne Academy to seek potential candidates from the pupil population and	
	EM agreed to pursue this action.  9.2. ED asked PA if the Aberdeenshire Council is aware the webcams in	PA
	Banchory and Stonehaven are not working. PA agreed to follow up with AC.	r A
	9.3. WM noted the agenda for the next Area Committee includes an item on	PA
	the Aberdeenshire Town and Public Halls Asset Strategy and asked PA where a	
	copy of this document can be obtained and how it addresses the future of The	
	Learney Hall, which is in need of maintenance and improvement. PA advised	
	the strategy is being developed by AC and will be available to the public when	
	approved, at which time the questions can be addressed.	
	9.4. A local resident has again asked for a skip to be provided at the park in	PA
	summer time, at weekends in particular, for the disposal of garden waste. PA	
	repeated the response that this is not practical, as all such skips must be	
	attended at all times to prevent inappropriate material being left in the skip.	
	The skips at Aboyne and Ballater are manned for the period they are available on location, and are provided there due to distance from the Banchory recycle	
	centre and population size. Torphins is not alone in not qualifying on an	
	economic basis given the relative proximity to Banchory and PA continues to	
	advise no change is possible due to policy and finance.	
	9.5. A local resident has reported instances of walkers tripping in darkness on a	PA
	stone which has been left on the ground to block vehicular traffic in the lane	
	from the top of Balvenie Road to Learney Arms car park. This stone is an	
	attempt to replace the concrete bollard, which is broken, but remains of which	
	still lie on site. PA agreed to investigate the ownership of this land with the AC	
	for action if possible, and to report back as necessary in case the location is not	
	in AC scope.	DA
	9.6. CR noted the Banchory Recycling Centre no longer accepts plasterboard.  The alternative centres are far from the area. CR recommended such changes	PA
	should not be implemented until proper alternatives are in place, in this case	
	to provide a plasterboard waste skip at Banchory. PA agreed this would be a	
	good practice and agreed to pursue with AC waste services.	
	9.7. HB advised he has acquired yellow drainage pipe to replace damaged pipe	НВ
	at the village side of Torphins Wood near MDC, and will install the pipe	
	himself. Many thanks to Hamish.	
10.	Next Ordinary Meeting: 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	
11.	Meeting closed at 9:23 pm	
	Adoption of Minutes:	
	These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	
	and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017.	
	Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Liz Moore	
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