

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 3rd February 2011

Held in the Small Learney Hall

1.	<p>Present: Steve Thorn (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Eric Day (Treasurer), Sheila Blair, Rona Edgar, John Lucas, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid.</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Smith</p>	Action
2.	Apologies: Cllr Peter Argyle.	
3.	Police Report: No police report was available.	
4.	<p>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 6th January 2011: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: Robert Reid</p> <p>The legacy of the late John Robertson has funded the purchase of new flower tubs for the village along with going towards the purchase of new Christmas lights.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising not covered by the agenda: Police were outside the school on Monday 24th January at the end of the school day. A number of cars were stopped. <i>Planning-</i> The signage at Mother Hubbard's had been proposed, by Scotmid, at 2.8m high and TCC had suggested this be reduced to 2.1m high by 1m wide. Numerous phone calls have been received from the current owner of Mother Hubbard's requesting that TCC withdraw this request. Since this was such a prominent site in the village, TCC felt that 2.1m was sufficient height to advertise. This application shall go in front of the planning committee at their next meeting, 15th February, where a decision will be made. <i>Gargoyle-</i> Brian Watt, a local postcard collector is hunting for pictures of the gargoyle at postcard fairs. Cllr Bruce to keep in contact. Contact Grigor, who started initial refurbishment, to see if he has any recollection of the original gargoyle.</p>	Cllr RB LM
6.	Finance: Previously reported at AGM. Balance currently stands at £1312.69 .	
7.	Planning: <i>APP/2011/0125</i> Alterations and Sunroom Extension to Dwellinghouse at 18 Craighour Road - No comment. <i>APP/2010/0052</i> Erection of Cattle Court (Retrospective) at Hill of Beltie - No comment.	
8.	<p>Roads Matters: Report previously circulated by John Lucas:</p> <p>1. <u>Complaint re speeding on Kincardine Road</u> Inspector Andrew Todd actually responded in December to my e-mail, but my change of e-mail address meant I didn't find it until mid January. He confirmed that he was following up with NESAMP and had previously arranged some speed surveys in late summer of last year. The situation is as reported by Sgt Chris Smith at our January meeting but Andrew added he would be carrying out further speed surveys - on all the main roads into and out of the village - when the weather improves. He will keep us fully informed and asks we contact him should there be anything further we need assistance with or have concerns about.</p> <p>2. <u>Bridge Crescent</u> Marr Area Committee has supported our proposal, submitted following our Jan meeting, and a "trial period" of 12 to 18 months will be implemented over the next few weeks. All indications are that the works will include all of our suggestions, including a 20 mph speed limit, weight restriction, and narrowing of the bridge to allow safe pedestrian passage. Speed checks will be carried out and, if required, speed humps will be added on the stretch of road leading to the park. Thanks are due to Cllrs Bruce & Argyle for their support, and to Mark Skilling for his efforts</p>	

	<p>on our behalf.</p> <p>3. <u>Grampian Terrace / Battock Terrace Footpath</u>. Nothing to report.</p> <p>4. <u>Proposal for Introduction of 20 mph Speed Limit on Grampian Terrace</u>. Nothing to report - awaiting speed checks to be carried out (see 1 above).</p> <p>It was noted that the Deeside Piper had inaccurately reported the works to be done on Bridge Crescent. Cllr Bruce has written a letter correcting their error; this was published in this week's Piper. Correspondence has been received from a member of the community concerned about the works to be carried out and raising concerns over the safety issues related to Bridge Crescent. Contact to update on temporary measures to be taken.</p>	AF
9.	<p><u>Old Schoolhouse</u> Still no progress - the matter lies with the estate. The delays have nothing to do with the purchasers. To chase.</p>	Cllr RB
10.	<p><u>Repositioning of Recycling Bins:</u> <i>Report previously circulated by Liz Moore: Email received from Susan Mathers of Aberdeenshire Council</i></p> <p>The notice will be displayed at the existing two recycling points in Torphins - The Square and Torphins Park Car Park. In addition to the Post Office you mentioned previously are there any other suitable locations that you can suggest - do you have a community noticeboard for example? I will also arrange for the notice to be published on Aberdeenshire Council's website as well as issuing a press release.</p> <p>I am also preparing a Comments form as per your suggestion, again I would be grateful if you could advise of locations other than the Post Office to make these available.</p> <p>Les Allen spoke with Alastair Black (Waste Management) and an opportunity for the community to respond in writing will be included in the notices about the proposed removal of the recycling bins. Notices will be displayed more widely around the village and will not be put up until the weather has improved and more people are out and about on foot.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Torphins Community Action Plan:</u> Liz Moore attended today's Marr Area Partnership (MAP) meeting. MAP has an overview of all Community Action Plans and provides funding. Torphins CAP is to be printed in sepia throughout. The CAP group are to launch the Community Action Plan at an event inviting all groups to attend. The community needs to take ownership in order for the CAP to move forward.</p> <p>The road from Woodside Road leading to Craigmyle Estate is currently being looked at as a possibility for applying for 'quick win' funding before the end of March. Improvements have been cleared with adjoining landowners, awaiting approval from landowner. The walking group wish to have improved wheelchair access and to be able to walk two abreast, helping less able walkers. Our thanks go to Gordon Pirie for his efforts in moving this forward.</p>	
12.	<p><u>GMED Meeting:</u> The rescheduled date for the meeting to discuss the proposed new G-DOC out of hours service is 17th February 2011. A request for two members of TCC to attend has been received. Anyone wishing to do so please contact Anna Fraser before 11th Feb.</p>	All
13.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> A note from a member of the community, in relation to any planned memorial plaque for John Williams, was received suggesting a donation to Amnesty International. The current situation is that a roll of honour for all past Chairs is being looked into.</p> <p>A request from Torphins PTA for a donation towards the purchase of a new reading scheme costing £5-10,000. TCC has insufficient funds for such a</p>	

donation and feels the request should be put to Aberdeenshire Council.
 Letter received confirming hall bookings for the year. Note should be made of the date change to our May meeting due to the elections. New date **May 12th**. Aberdeenshire Sports Council newsletter was circulated.

14. Any Other Business:

Hall Bookings- Difficulties have arisen with hall bookings as a request for a booking put in on October 26th was not confirmed in writing until January 16th. Cases have been reported of people not turning up for events as they haven't had their booking request confirmed, thus resulting in a waste of hallkeepers time. Bookings cannot be made over the phone. Raise issue at the next CDG meeting. Write to beforehand.

Cllr RB

Recycling lorry- The lorry was again emptying the recycling bins outside the school at 8.45am this morning as pupils were arriving at school. The lorry then proceeded to travel over Bridge Crescent Bridge. To follow up.

Cllr RB

Website- figures show that the number of hits is up 100 from last month.

Grampian Terrace/Battock Terrace Lane- The lawyer for Learney estate is being contacted with a view to progressing this further.

JL

Funding- Confusion has arisen over where to apply to for like-for-like funding towards our Christmas lights. This should come from Marr Area Committee funding and not Marr Area Partnership funding. Area Top Up also has funding but they need to be approached with invoices before the end of March.

Contact Les Allen in relation to applying for Marr Area Committee funding.

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Noticeboard outside Chemist- To be planed, painted and fitted with a lock.

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Jaffray Road- The road at Sundayswells now has a road sign as requested by a resident in the area.

South Lodge Gate- The barbed wire has now been removed and the path can now be accessed.

Speed signs- The 40mph sign on the main road at Sundayswells has still to be installed yet there is a 40mph restriction when approaching the main road from Bogenchapel. This is causing obvious confusion. To follow up.

Cllr RB

15. Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm