

**TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**  
**Held in the Small Learney Hall**

1.	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b> Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Sheila Blair, Eric Day, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn.  <b><u>In Attendance:</u></b> Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Cllr Peter Argyle, Matthew Merchant, Rona Edgar.</p>	<b>Action</b>
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Richard Owens</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Chair person</u></b>  It was agreed in the absence of a volunteer for the position of Chair that the Vice-Chair would continue to carry out the duties of the Chair until the next annual general meeting due in February 2011.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Police Report:</u></b> There was no police available.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Station Garage Proposal. Presentation by Matthew Merchant architect.</u></b>  The proprietors of station garage are ready to lodge their planning application to the authority. There are two principle sites, Station Square and Craigour Road. The Craigour Road site is currently zoned for business use, realistically there is limited local demand for business premises. The proposal is an enabling development, the sale of the residential units being used to fund further residential and industrial development. The development would be a 'gateway development' that includes 18x2 bedroom flats, 10x3 bedroom semi and detached homes and 11x4 bed roomed detached homes, and would be formed from 5 enclaves and 2 blocks of flats. It would be 90mtrs away from the centre of the treatment plant. The business development would include smaller starter units as well as the development of Station Garage. The body shop would be relocated to the Craigour site allowing for the Station Square site to be developed. The plans for this site include the building of 12 residential units. These could be low cost. The development would not be large enough to be regarded as a sheltered housing complex. The proposal includes landscaping.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010:</u></b>  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting once the date of the next meeting has been changed to read 4<sup>th</sup> not 2<sup>nd</sup>.  <b>Proposed:</b> Eric Day <b>Seconded:</b> Steve Thorn.  Matters arising not covered by the minutes; None.</p>	
7	<p><b><u>Finance:</u></b> The bank balance currently stands at <b>£1280.15</b>.  Following the resignation of the Chair the signatories of the account need to be updated.</p>	<b>ED</b>
8	<p><b><u>Planning:</u></b> The church has submitted a revised set of plans. They now propose building to the north of the church. The proposal includes extending the car park into the area of woodland adjoining the site. The plans will be uploaded to the Torphins.org website.  TCC will not be submitting any comments. Individuals should respond as they see fit.  Morning Noon and Night. Comments have been placed onto the website they include objections to the size of the totem pole. The proposed revised signage would incur lasting damage to the fabric of the building. Currently the exterior</p>	

	of the building is in its original condition. TCC has submitted comments on the revisions.	
9	<p><b><u>Torphins Community Action Plan</u></b></p> <p>The preferred document template was circulated. The contents of the document need to be agreed by the TCC. Please let Liz have your comments ASAP.</p> <p>The Marr Area Partnership local forum meeting (11th Nov 2010 to be held in Learney Hall) is to include training/ information on funding. This information will be useful for us as we try to encourage people to work to achieve the outcomes outlined in the plan.</p> <p>The CAP group is depleted and needs to grow again. We need to start thinking about how to engage the community.</p> <p>Circulate date for next meeting.</p>	LM
10.	<p><b><u>Road Matters</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Road Speed Sign At Campfield-</b> Request further clearance of bushes to the east of Campfield.</p> <p>b) <b>Litter &amp; Road Mess -c/f Clearance</b> of litter from around the Station Garage body shop. The road at Wester Beltie from the golf course to Beltie Road is covered in thick mud. In addition the Cowshed that was planned as being enclosed has been erected open-sided. Local residents are to contact environmental health.</p> <p>c) <b>The lane from Battock Terrace to Grampian Terrace.</b> Contact Learney Estate re allowing TCC to maintain the lane, before applying for grants to carry the work out.</p> <p>d) <b>Road re- surfacing</b> in the centre of the village is being carried out.</p> <p>e) <b>Park car park.</b> Road planings are being used to improve the surface of the park car park.</p> <p>f) <b>Sign re. dog fouling</b> The sign regarding dog fouling remains in the burn. Dog Warden will check out and replace.</p> <p>g) <b>Bridge Crescent.</b> The draft report on Bridge Crescent should be with us for our December meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr R B</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL ED</p>
11	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Torphins website-</b> No update.</p> <p>b) <b>General state of the Village-</b> Liaise over the preparation of new tubs for spring. Continue to look for photo of the Victorian fountain</p> <p>c) <b>Christmas lights and Christmas Carols</b> £100 donation has been received towards the costs of Christmas lighting. Check out the voltage of the Christmas lights. Approach the Learney Estate to see if they will donate Christmas tree for the village. Agreed to hold carols around the tree on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.</p> <p>Order mince pies. Apply for licence</p> <p>Book hall</p> <p>Contact Trevor Sasella re. master of ceremonies and Charlie Harper and Pam Aukland re. trumpets</p> <p>d) <b>Marr Area Partnership.</b> Invitation extended to all TCC members to attend the next forum meeting in the Learney Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November '10 6:45 for 7:00pm.</p> <p>e) <b>Re positioning of re cycling bins.</b> The meeting with Les Allan was productive</p>	<p>RR &amp;ED ALL</p> <p>Cllr PA ED ED</p> <p>LM/ AF LM SB</p>

	<p>and reasonably positive. Make follow up contact</p> <p>f) <b>Board of Chairpersons:</b> Deferred</p> <p>g) <b>South Lodge Gate</b> To be followed up</p> <p>h) <b>Village Directory</b> Work is ongoing</p> <p>i) <b>Cycle Rack at Health centre.</b> NHS Grampian area to install a cycle hoop at the centre</p> <p>j) <b>Parking in the centre of the Village.</b> Still problematic when PO van arrives. Research previous correspondence.</p> <p>k) <b>Torphins Amateur Football Club.</b> c/f</p> <p>l) <b>Bench at the War Memorial.</b> This was damaged beyond repair by a car. The Gardener who looks after the memorial had it removed.</p> <p>m) <b>School Janitors.</b> Issues resolved and relief janitor has been appointed. <b>Collection of the recycling</b> at the same time as the children are walking to school will be managed by the recycling team having an early tea break so as to avoid being at Torphins at 09:00am. <b>British Legion colours.</b> Contact British Legion Member for information.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>ED</p> <p>AF</p> <p>RR</p>
12	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance Settlement Statements.  NHS consultation on Draft Strategy For Maternity Services.  Draft Aberdeenshire Community Plan. Scotmid Licence Application.  Public Performance Report for Aberdeenshire Council.  ASCC Annual Ballot - Election of National Officers.</p>	
13	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Resurfacing of the roads at the centre of the village has had a seriously negative effect on the trade of the local shops. Better signage of the detours would have helped the situation. Also if there had been advanced warning the traders could have adjusted their stock to take account of the road closures. Road matters not covered above:</p> <p>There have been a number of examples of indiscriminate road signs being displayed during road works. These are unhelpful and can be dangerous. The new road at Tesco's in Banchory is very dark with ramps and unmarked, unlit traffic islands having been installed. No lighting has been provided during the works stage. Some form of temporary lighting would make the area safer. The stretch of road between the South Deeside Road and the Durriss Bridge continues to have a terrible surface as a result of the last winter and requires urgent attention.</p> <p>The new signage at Raemoir Junction has had no effect on the speed of the traffic. The junction is very dark. The group thought that 'edge posts' were to be fitted.</p> <p><b><u>Advance warning of Road Closure The road from Torphins to Lumphanan is to be closed for two weeks from the 15<sup>th</sup> November.</u></b></p> <p>The length of the Agenda- It was agreed that a number of standing items will be removed from the agenda with emailed updates being circulated prior to the meeting. The aim will be to make the meetings more focussed.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Date of next meeting - Thursday 2nd December 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</b></p> <p>Meeting closed at 10pm</p>	

