

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 1st July 2010
Held in the Small Learney Hall

1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Sheila Blair, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Cllr Rosemary Bruce.</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Peter Argyll, Richard Owens</p>	
3.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> Police have circulated a Marr Area Update. They continue to be active in the area and are content to respond to reports of incidents from the community. The non-emergency number is 0845 600 5 700.</p> <p>Concern was raised over a recent very near miss regarding a young child nearly being knocked down outside Morning, Noon and Night, despite the child looking for cars. The possibility of a lollipop person was again discussed and is seen as more of a necessity now that all school children will be arriving and leaving school at the same time as of August. Query Aberdeenshire Council about insurance matters should volunteers be used and the possibility of them employing a crossing patrol person.</p>	Cllr RB
4.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 3rd June 2010:</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: Sheila Blair Seconded: Steve Thorn.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1280.15 after cheques have been cashed. This balance is relatively low as TCC are not due to receive any more funds until March 2011.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Planning:</u> APP/2010/1833 + APP/2010/1933 Erection of signage and ramp at Morning, Noon and Night - no comment.</p> <p>Planners are looking into the speed limit along Craigmyle Road in relation to a previous planning application. The siting of the houses further forward on the plot may be enforced in order to avoid large numbers of trees being felled. Concern was raised that comments made to the planning department by TCC have on occasion appeared to be ineffectual. Cllr Bruce reiterated that if TCC object to a planning proposal then the application automatically goes to the Area Committee for discussion. Write letter to the planning department for clarification of the weight TCC comments have on planning applications.</p> <p>APP/2010/1805 Erection of a Temporary 40m High Wind-Speed Monitoring Mast. Although outside TCC area, this application will have some visual impact on many of the residents of Torphins. Concern was also raised that this is the pre-requisite for a wind turbine farm on the hill behind Pitmurchie House. Letter of objection to be sent to Planning Department and copied to Lumphanan Community Council. Search for the results of Aberdeenshire Council's survey into wind turbines and their effects on communities. Notify residents via the website and notice board.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>GP</p> <p>Cllr RB</p> <p>JL/DC</p>
7.	<p><u>Community Action Plan/Youth Event:</u> All information is in the process of being analysed and the format agreed. TCC need to get together to prioritise the actions into short-term (quick win), medium-term and long-term categories. Some of the recurring requests include litter/dog bins (appropriately labelled),</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>clearing of walkways, move recycling from centre of the village, upgrade toilets, traffic issues, park facilities, village activities for youth and keep fit for over 50's. Approach Craig Watson with these needs.</p> <p>A display at the Gala shall provide feedback to the community.</p> <p>TCC need to consider a mission statement for the Community Action Plan.</p> <p>The Youth Event had a very relaxed atmosphere. Young drivers wish to meet with those complaining against them. SACRO (mediation group) to be contacted to organise meeting.</p> <p>Organise date for next CAP meeting.</p>	<p>DC CAP All LM AF</p>
8.	<p>Local Development Plan: The proposed Local Development plan has gone through 2 committees-The Infrastructure Services Committee and The Full Council-with no alterations for Torphins. The Draft Local Development Plan is being prepared with the deadline for any comments on this being 1st October.</p>	
9.	<p>Adoption of BT Phone Box: Contracts have been signed and monies paid. Several windows on the Sundayswells box have been smashed and need replaced. Research insurance. The owners of Campfield filling Station are still interested in taking over the Campfield phone box though the new contract doesn't allow TCC to pass ownership over without the agreement of BT. Contact BT regarding transfer of ownership.</p>	<p>DC DC</p>
10.	<p>Roads Matters:</p> <p>a. Innermarkie Road Rain Water- No response from Roads Dept. To chase.</p> <p>b. Road Speed Sign at Campfield- Roads Dept are aware that 50mph sign is malfunctioning and one is on order to be replaced. No sign will be erected at the west of Campfield as the bend here is wider. Broom has been cut down for clearer visibility.</p> <p>c. Litter and Roads Mess- To check with garage owner regarding the clearing of litter between Station garage and the school.</p> <p>John Lucas has agreed to correspond on future Roads Matters in order to relieve Denis Christie of some of his paperwork.</p>	<p>DC DC</p>
11.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a. Torphins Website. The website has been refreshed and all are encouraged to take a look. There is now a link to Aberdeenshire Council's planning website.</p> <p>b. General State of the Village. The <u>flower beds</u> have been planted and 5 tubs have arrived ready for planting. The flower tubs at Morning, Noon and Night are being vandalised every weekend. These may be removed when the ramp for the shop is built. Thank you to Robert Reid for removing the <u>litter</u> at mother Hubbards, some of which was many years old. Tub are to be purchased and planted up as soon as possible. <u>Gargoyle for fountain</u> -c/f.</p> <p>c. Christmas Lights. Numbers from the 7 lampposts requiring rewiring for lights to be given to Cllr Argyll.</p> <p>d. Marr Area Partnership. MAP will pick up the costs of our Community Engagement events. This, along with the CDG, will cover all our costs.</p> <p>e. Repositioning of re-cycle bins. The time for emptying the recycling bins has been rescheduled. Lorna Hogg from Aberdeenshire Council has been contacted with possible options for the recycling bins: 1) Move right back under the trees - this was voted against by TCC. 2) Move some quiet recyclates (paper, plastic) to the park - this was agreed by TCC. 3) Have smaller recycling points (glass,</p>	<p>ED</p>

<p>cans) inside the Learney Hall -voted against by TCC. 4) Have recycling bins in the school playground - voted against by TCC. The quiet recyclates being moved to the park and other recycle bins being removed completely was unanimously the preferred option of TCC. Awaiting response from Lorna Hogg regarding these options.</p> <p>Comment was made about the possibility of having some bins removed to Sundayswells. Look into residents' comments.</p> <p>f. Maximising use of Learney Hall. Applicants awaiting training.</p> <p>g. Torphins Gala. TCC to have a display at the Gala for the results of our Community Consultation results. This may be unmanned as TCC has been asked to steward the hill race. Display boards, tables and gazebos required.</p> <p>h. Board of Chairpersons. Les Allan of Aberdeenshire Council doesn't favour a Board of Chairs. Records of previous chairs are only kept for a certain length of time by Aberdeenshire Council. Consider other options for next meeting.</p> <p>i. South Lodge Gate c/f</p> <p>j. British Legion Colours. Contact Gordon Ingram to ascertain the Legion's view on repositioning the Colours.</p> <p>k. Village Directory. Emma has been receiving enquiries regarding entries into the directory. To contact Alan Bainbridge. Aim to have ready for October.</p> <p>l. Cycle Rack. c/f</p> <p>m. Parking. No acknowledgement has been received regarding the parking of Post Office vans outside the chemist. Vans are still parking and blocking visibility. To follow up. Arrangements have been put in place to extend the road markings outside Morning, Noon and Night. A solid white line will be marked 12 metres from the junction when the junction markings are being redone.</p>	<p>CIlr RB</p> <p>ST</p> <p>LM/AF</p> <p>All</p> <p>LM</p> <p>EP</p> <p>DC</p>
<p>12. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Marr Community Plan 2010-2014.</p> <p>Wholesale Bulb Catalogue.</p> <p>Consultation on Health Services for Children with Complex Needs.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council in conjunction with the police are organising "Street Sports" in Banchory. Research dates in order to advertise.</p> <p>Letter of thanks from the Medical Practice for the renewal of flowers at the surgery.</p>	<p>LM/AF</p>

<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>*Comment has been received from a member of the community regarding the bridge rails on the path from Woodside Road to Craigmyle Lodge. The rails are wide enough for a child to get through and the question was asked as to whether they could be made narrower. This raised further concern that the rails could then be used as a ladder. As children should be accompanied by a guardian when near water, it was decided that the rails were best left as they are.</p> <p>*The undergrowth at the park needs cutting; tree branches are bending and need pruning. Contact Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>*Aberdeenshire Council are carrying out speed assessments on the B993 (Church to Kincardine O'Neil Road). Speed data will be collected and reported to Marr Area in September.</p> <p>*The planning application from the Church has been revamped with the opposed new extension being on the north side of the church. Await this going planning.</p> <p>*The Old Schoolhouse is sold and awaiting conveyancing issues to be resolved.</p> <p>*A Scottish Government document (2009) suggests that business owners residing outside the TCC area are not eligible for election onto TCC. As this post-dates Aberdeenshire Council's Scheme For Establishing Community Councils clarification on this will be sought from Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>*Some of the youths at the Youth Event expressed an interest in attending meetings. Members of the public are welcome to attend any of TCC's meetings. Look into the possibility of co-opting youth members onto TCC.</p> <p>*The stile at the gate in the park, beside the old railway bridge on Innermarkie Wynd, has rotten posts that need to be replaced. Contact Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>*A request has been received from a member of the community asking that steps be created onto the old railway line allowing access from the road to the Golf Course. Assess site.</p>	<p>Cllr RB</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>Cllr RB</p> <p>DC</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 10pm</p>	