

Torphins Community Council
Minutes of meeting Thursday 1st September 2011
Held in the small Learney Hall

		Action
1.	<u>Present:</u> Steve Thorn (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Sheila Blair, Denis Christie, Rona Edgar, John Lucas, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid.	
2.	<u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Peter Argyll. <u>In Attendance:</u> Cllr Rosemary Bruce.	
3.	<u>Police Report:</u> No police report available.	
4.	<u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 7th July 2011:</u> A general survey of the trees in the park has been requested. Proposed: Denis Christie. Seconded: Liz Moore.	
5.	<u>Matters Arising from minutes not covered by agenda:</u> <u>Gargoyle-</u> Works to be carried out. <u>Notice board at chemist-</u> To be stained. Steve will meet with COAT to discuss the railway line. Concern was raised over the practise of laying loose road chippings on tar and leaving them for long periods. Enquire as to whether this is common practise.	GP ED ST Cllr RB
6.	<u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £728.24. This does not include £600 of matched funding for Christmas lights from Marr Area Funding.	
7.	<u>Planning:</u> <u>Inchmarlo Development-</u> A pre-determination hearing will be held in Banchory School Hall on September 20 th . <u>Lumphanan Wind Turbine Proposal-</u> The date for comments has past. The BBC has a web page informing residents of how television signals may be interrupted. <u>Scotmid-</u> The Marr Area Committee is meeting next week to discuss Scotmid's proposal to change the colour of their sign from blue to white. TCC had no objections to this. Concerns were raised over the replacement windows in the tower as the building is listed. Check what was agreed in the planning approval. <u>The Firs, Beltie Road-</u> Outline planning permission is being sought for a house in the grounds. TCC are concerned over the location of the application and additional access on a tight bend. Pass concerns on to the planning department.	Cllr RB GP
8.	<u>Road Matters:</u> <u>Bridge Crescent-</u> The roads department are seeking further information in order to carry out work before the end of the October holidays. <u>Road markings on Beltie Road-</u> The current lines at the island are for guidance purposes and are not to be filled in. <u>Disable parking-</u> The markings for the disabled space outside the chemist are to be redone as part of the ongoing programme. A second disabled parking space outside the Learney Hall was requested some time ago. To chase. Various cases of <u>hedges overgrowing onto pavements</u> around the village have raised concern. Landowners can be contacted in the first instance and the roads department can be contacted for assistance. To follow up.	JL JL

9.	<p><u>Community Action Plan:</u> <u>Feedback from CAP launch-</u> The event was well turned out with positive support and comments received. Enthusiastic participants were willing to take actions forward in many areas. Meetings will be held in the near future. <u>Group/business list-</u> A list of groups and businesses in the village has been compiled. To be circulated and added to. Many people have been logging onto the website to download the Action Plan. It was suggested that this would be a good medium for CAP working groups to communicate with residents on their progress.</p>	CAP All
10.	<p><u>Photocopier:</u> This would be an expensive single purchase for TCC to finance. Scotmid are keen to locate any photocopier in their new premises. Approach Scotmid to see if they would be willing to share the cost.</p>	ED
11.	<p><u>Post Office Relocation:</u> A letter has been received from the post office asking for comments on its relocation into the new Scotmid premises. Respond with concerns over the location of the counter in the new building as queues will cause a problem at the entrance and the counter is not separate or enclosed.</p>	AF
12.	<p><u>Scotmid License Application:</u> No comments.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Flower Tubs:</u> Aberdeenshire Council are seeking orders for plants for next year. The flower tubs around the village are looking good, though some of them are suffering from drought! As some older tubs are to be removed it was agreed to order more tubs for next year.</p>	RR ED
14.	<p><u>Reform Scotland Community Council Survey:</u> Comments to be sent to Anna by 20th September.</p>	All
15.	<p><u>Marr Area Bus Forum:</u> It was noted that bus fares from Torphins to Aberdeen appear to be disproportionately more expensive than from other villages of a similar distance from the city. This route is heavily subsidised but still very expensive to commute. Comments to be taken to the next bus forum meeting. Email Liz with any further comments.</p>	Cllr RB LM All
16.	<p><u>Core Paths/Gate at Craigmyle:</u> Following recurring instances of a gate being padlocked on one of the paths through Craigmyle estate, clarity over the Core Paths and rights of access is sought. Email landowner over the locked gate. Discuss rights of access with Murray from COATS on Monday.</p>	GP ST
17.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> Viewpoint Newsletter, Aberdeen City & Shire Strategies Development Planning Annual Report, Insurance - for files (Eric), Holiday Inn discounted rates for hotels in Aberdeen, Outdoor Access Newsletter, Polling Station survey - no concerns.</p>	
18.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u> <u>Community Ward Forums</u> have a list of suggestions for TCC to consider in order to benefit us in our role as Community Councillors, including courses. Consider list and report to Liz. Next meeting 10th November in Lonach Hall. <u>Tornaveen Hall</u> is in need of some repair. The hall is community run rather than owned by Aberdeenshire Council. Contact committee member. www.torphins.org.uk now automatically redirects to the Torphins.org website. Thanks go to Gordon Smith for organising this.</p>	All DC

<p><u>Parking in the village</u> is still raising some concerns. The possibility of using the road behind the school was again raised. CAP group to take this on and open up dialogue with the landowners. Liase with Gordon over concerned parties.</p> <p><u>The repositioning of the recycling bins in the park</u> is a great improvement to the centre of the village. However, the plastic bottle recycling bin in the park is filling up very quickly. Request a second plastic bottle bin.</p> <p><u>Car theft</u> in the area is on the increase. Gangs are coming to Deeside with a 'shopping list' and several cars have been stolen recently and taken into Aberdeen. Residents are urged to always lock their cars and shut their windows.</p> <p><u>A dog fighting ring</u> in Aberdeen has also been highlighted. Dog owners are asked to be extra vigilant as dogs tied up outside shops are being stolen.</p> <p><u>A Community Engagement Night</u> is being held by Aberdeenshire Council in Hill of Banchory Primary School on Monday 3rd October at 7pm.</p> <p><u>Mid-Deeside Church Flower Festival</u> is being held in December. The church asked if TCC wished to do a decoration. No 'green fingers' were raised!</p> <p><u>Lamp-posts for Christmas lights</u> need to be prepared ready for the festive season as lights have been purchased. Contact Ralph Singleton.</p> <p><u>Enterprise Growth Fund</u> information to go on notice board.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>Cllr RB</p> <p>Cllr RB AF</p>
<p>19. <u>Date of next meeting:</u> Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.40pm</p>	