

# Torphins Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7:30pm

Held in the **Small Learney Hall**

- 1 **Present** Action  
By  
Denis Christie (Chair), Anna Fraser, Rona Edgar, Gordon Pirie, Anne Allardyce, Eric Day, John Lucas, Alan Bainbridge, Liz Moore
- 2 **Apologies** John Williams, **In Attendance** Cllr P Argyle
- Police Report**  
There was no police report available.
- 4 **Minutes of Meeting 05.02.09** All  
Item; sale of the Schoolhouse should read 'that other than in exceptional circumstances the schoolhouse will be sold to the highest bidder'.  
  
Item; State of the village: Notice boards The school is being asked to maintain an interesting display on a notice board. The fabric of the notice board will remain the responsibility of the Community Council.  
  
With the above amendments the minutes were accepted.  
Proposed Rona Edgar Seconded Anna Fraser
- 5 **Matters Arising**
- Bus Stop on Beltie Road**  
The stop has been installed on Beltie Road in a spot that was not approved by the TCC.  
This unsatisfactory outcome is due in no small way to our unwieldy decision making process.  
The decision making of the TCC will be tabled as an item on the May meeting  
The raised pavement associated with the bus stop is a requirement of the ECC.
- Re positioning of the re-cycling bins**  
This subject will be included as an item on the May agenda.  
Discussion included the possibility of re locating the bins into an area of the 'School House Feu'. To seek the views of the Environmental Services Dept. Cllr  
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- Learney Hall Extension**  
Proposal tabled at the meeting  
The proposal takes account of all the issues and suggestions that were raised and agreed by the working sub group. All  
Discussion of the proposal will be an item on the May agenda which will allow time for all members to familiarise themselves with the design and where appropriate to share/consult about it.
- Local development Plan** D C  
We now have a map on which to mark out our response to the Aberdeenshire Council re the bids made by local landowners. (We will display the TCC Submission, maps and narrative on the notice board)  
Invitations to agents who represent the local landowners who have noted bids have been sent out. To date only one response has been received.  
Matthew Merchant, who acts on behalf of Station Garage, will be invited to attend our May meeting. DC

## Road Matters.

### a. Bridge Crescent Bridge.

Note of site meeting previously circulated. A suggestion to be put to the council is that a simple structure be erected under the bridge to support it that would allow for a continued flow of traffic in a safe manner.

Mark Skilling of the council is to work up a proposal to present to the TCC taking account of the outcome of a safety audit that he is to organise.

We will continue our discussion once his report is available.

**Sundayswells Pavement.** The new pavement includes a lay-bye and two areas where the pavement has been lowered. We are unclear why this has been done, Denis will investigate and report to the next meeting

DC

### b. Sundayswell speed limit

Clarification regarding the relocation of speed limits is to be sought

DC

To be an item on TCC May Agenda

### d. Footpath linking Battock Terrace and Grampian Terrace

The application to the Marr Area Committee will have to be represented. It must include information on the ownership of the pathway.

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### e. Gateway on to Craigour Road.

Awaiting action from Aberdeenshire planning enforcement officer

### f. Innermarkie Wynd No update.

**g. Car Park Surface in the park** Landscape Services to be approached.  
Letter to be written.

DC

### h. Access to Station Garage

Denis to write to Aberdeenshire Council asking that the pavement be extended from the current end in village to the Station Garage, also to request a reduction of the speed limit to 30 mph from the present site to the east of Station Garage.

DC

## Torphins Website

John Lucas has agreed to act as 'OIC' of the Torphins website.

The designer is waiting for information to be submitted to him use to populate the site.

He would prefer a 'slow, steady flow of information'

Any photographs of the village can be emailed to John for consideration.

Denis will forward the history information that he has been gathering for inputting onto the site.

We need to decide how we would like to represent the Community council on the site. JL

Should we include the Torphins Community Council 'Mission statement'?

Should we post the Council meeting minutes? Do we want to have a section on the locality and local issues?

Do we want links to other sites such as the school, or local businesses e.g. Mother Hubbard's?

We will apply for a grant to help fund the website.

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## Footbridge over the Learney Burn

Still trying to determine ownership of the bridge

### General state of the village

Locks have been acquired to repair the notice board.

The school is prepared to adopt one of the notice boards.

We will dedicate one side of the freestanding notice board to communicating with the village about the Local Development Plan.

The notice board that is mounted on the shop wall is dedicated to TCC business.

Once the board is repaired the School will be given a key so that they can keep their side up to date.

### **Homecoming Scotland 2009**

The Torphins Gala Committee is planning to have a Scottish theme.

Rona will continue to liaise with the Gala committee.

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### **Christmas Tree lights**

Being progressed

To make contact with Banchory Round Table

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**Marr Area Partnership** Cllr Argyle reported that it was an interesting successful meeting

### 6 **Late night Door knocking**

There have been several incidents of someone knocking on the doors of elderly residents in the middle of the night.

This is upsetting for them and could be disorientating and dangerous.

DC

Report to the police

### 7. **Finance.**

Bank balance remains £2973.10.

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### 8. **Planning**

Mid Beltie House; replacement. No objections.

Erection of Cattle shed at Mid Beltie; Write stating objections. (Pollution, road safety, impact on visual amenity, impact on neighbouring property).

GP

Extension to the Church. It was noted that Alan Bainbridge, Rona Edgar, Anna Fraser, Anne Allardyce and Denis Christie were all members of Mid Deeside Church TCC to write objecting on a number of issues.

### 9 **Correspondence.**

A Variety of items were tabled and distributed. Including a paper informing us that there will be a change in the planning law as of 6<sup>th</sup> April 09.

Torphins Football Club approached the TCC looking for Sponsorship. Item deferred

Torphins Scouts approached the TCC looking for a donation towards the cost of buying a storage trailer. Agreed in principal that the TCC will give a donation. To approach Scouts for guidance on an appropriate amount.

### 10 **AOCB**

**Area used as car parking at the top of the Learney Avenue.** Denis to write to Mark Skilling about the mess of bottles and other rubbish which is left lying about here.

**Richard Owens** was proposed by G Pirie and seconded by J Lucas as a new member of the Council. This now brings the Community Council up to its full complement of twelve members.

**Date of next meeting March 2nd at 7:30 in the Small Learney Hall**