

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 8th April 2010
Held in the Small Learney Hall

1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), John Lucas, Richard Owens, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie.</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Susan Bennett, Sheila Blair, Eric Day, Rona Edgar, Liz Moore, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, PC Ross Harley & PC Craig Robson</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Peter Argyle</p>	
3.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> PC Harley & PC Robson in attendance. Report of garden furniture being removed from the grounds of Platform 22 and distributed around the village. All items have been returned and an antisocial behaviour ticket given to one youth. The youths were believed to be drinking beforehand. A licence check was carried out on the Learney Arms - nothing to report. Reported vandalism to a car wing mirror on William Street is still being investigated. One antisocial behaviour ticket was given to a car driver for careless driving. A second ticket can result in the vehicle being taken from the driver by the police. Concerns were raised about the excess speed of drivers at all entry points into the village. A speed awareness programme is in progress discouraging inappropriate driving. A request for police presence on April 17th on a drop-in basis was presented. Officers on duty on the day will be emailed to make them aware of the event.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 4th March 2010:</u> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Emma Pattullo Seconded: John Lucas</p>	
5.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1968.62. This includes an Aberdeenshire grant of £569.66.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Planning:</u> APP/2010/0257 (from March meeting) Platform 22. Concerns over the use of corrugated iron as roofing were omitted from the letter to planning department. Another building on the same street has the same roofing material; therefore this would not have stood as a reason for refusal. A number of comments have been made on the application which is believed to be going to Marr Area Committee. APP/2010/0603 Wester Beltie. Alteration to the original application requesting the removal of timber cladding to cattle shed and replacing it with concrete slabs. Write a letter requesting if concrete slabs are used the building is still clad on the outside with timber. APP/2010/0981 Store at Station Garage workshop. Numerous concerns were raised including the position of the store, its unsightly appearance, what is to be stored there and the fact that the application appears to be for a permanent store and not a temporary one. Contact planner to clarify these points before making comment to planning department.</p> <p>Anna requested copies of letters to planning department for records.</p>	<p>GP</p> <p>GP</p>

7.	<p><u>Election</u> Torphins Community Council elections are to coincide with the Community Action Plan Open Event on April 17th, 10.30am-3.30pm, plus additional hours of 6-8pm in the small Learney Hall. This will take the form of a Single Transferable Vote System. TCC members are to be in attendance. Candidates are to do their own canvassing as they see fit and may attend on the day if desired.</p> <p>Electoral register to be sourced. Check finer details of single transferrable vote system.</p>	DC AF
8.	<p><u>Community Action Plan:</u> Open Event confirmed as 10.30am-3.30pm in the school hall on Saturday 17th April. All TCC members are asked to attend at some point during the event and to encourage other members of the community to drop in. Reinforce that only 10-15 minutes of people's time is needed to share their views and comments. Refreshments will be served free of charge. Businesses are encouraged to come and promote their skills but not sell goods. Print A3 posters for shops and notice boards. A mail drop will be done next week encouraging attendance. Look into possibility of including school bus children in this in order to reach some of the outlying areas. Anyone able to help with this to contact Anna.</p>	All EP AF
9.	<p><u>CPR</u> Dr Neil Campbell is training groups in CPR and TCC are invited to be trained. This will consist of 1-1½ hours training at the Health Centre. All agreed this was a good opportunity. Contact Dr Campbell for date.</p>	LM
10.	<p><u>Cycle Rack</u> NHS bid for funding has been unsuccessful. Nestrans funding has been secured though other areas have priority over Torphins. Continue to look into.</p>	Cllr PA
11.	<p><u>Roads Matters</u></p> <p>a. Battock Terrace/Grampian Terrace lane surfacing- Although a channel has been dug, rainwater has already got under the tarmac and it is lifting. Get map of area before taking further.</p> <p>b. Kincardine Road - Mark Skilling has been asked to do a safety audit.</p>	GP/DC DC
12.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a. Torphins Website. Between 5th Feb and 7th March the website had 98 visits - down slightly from last month. An annual gratuity equivalent to maintenance costs to be paid to Gordon Smith.</p> <p>b. General State of the Village. The hunt for original photos of the <u>gargoyle for the fountain</u> has so far been unsuccessful. It was suggested that the photos in the butcher and Learney Arms be looked at and an appeal for photos put on the website. Mr Innes has no photos. Two quotes have been submitted for repairing the <u>shop sign</u>. (Move to CAP) Residents are requested to report <u>faulty street lights</u>, noting their exact location, to Aberdeenshire Council or TCC or by phoning 08456 081205.</p> <p>c. Christmas Lights. Chase insertion of sockets on existing lampposts - 7 in total.</p>	JL/ED EP/JL AF Cllr PA/RB

	<p>The socket on the tower of the Learney Hall has an on/off switch inside the tower for Christmas lights.</p> <p>d. Marr Area Partnership The date of the next meeting is April 14th.</p> <p>e. Repositioning of re-cycle bins. TCC is of the opinion that the recycling in the centre of the village be removed altogether as there has been no sign of it being relocated. Aberdeenshire Council is to be asked for data relating to the usage of both recycling points with a view to relocating some recycling bins in the park if necessary. More matting will be required if this is the case.</p> <p>f. Adoption of BT red phone boxes. Awaiting contract from BT for signing.</p> <p>g. Maximising use of Learney Hall. Advertising for the position of relief hall keeper is now at the preferred candidate status. The next stage involves the training of the new hall keeper. The boiler has a new pilot light and is now in full working order.</p> <p>h. Torphins Gala. The Gala committee will be represented at the Open Event on April 17th. TCC has volunteered to marshal the hill race on Gala day. To follow up budget plan for 2010.</p> <p>i. Roll of honour/plaque. It is generally considered that some sort of record of TCC chairpersons would be a useful historical record. Members are asked to consider what form this would take in time for next month's meeting.</p> <p>j. Snow clearance damage. The exact location of damage is needed before this can be followed up by Cllr Argyll. Members are asked to email Gordon Pirie with exact location of any damage before next month.</p>	<p>Cllr PA/RB</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
13.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> 'Viewpoint' -Aberdeenshire Citizens Panel leaflet. Scottish Health Council Annual Report.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> The possibility of the Colours being reinstated in the church was discussed. To look into. A resident brought up the subject of dog waste making the walk from Monboddo Road to Craigmyle Lodge extremely unpleasant. The public are encouraged to report incidents of owners allowing their dogs to foul pavements and walkways. Look into putting an advisory sign in the roadside.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>Cllr RB</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 13th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall. Note change of date due to the election.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	