

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting on 4th December 2008

- 1. Present:** John Williams (Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Denis Christie (Sec), Sheila Blair, Rona Edgar, Anna Fraser, Cllr Peter Argyle
- 2. Apologies:** Liz Moore and Cllr Bruce Luffman
- 3. Police report:** No police representative and the Police Report had been circulated.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 6th November 2008 were approved subject to the correction that a majority had said no to a bus shelter.
- 5. Matters Arising:**
 - A. Old Schoolhouse:** Ron Davidson of Aberdeenshire Council had advised the Chairman that he hoped the property would be on the market in January 2009. Peter stated that the delay was largely due to the length of time in obtaining planning consent.
 - B. Learney Hall Extension:** No change from the last meeting.
 - C. Roads Matters**
 - **Bridge Crescent Bridge** - The works had not started on time because of a land ownership matter. Also certain owners of the properties in Station Road had expressed a dislike of the proposed materials to be used on the facing of the works. These matters were being addressed by Aberdeenshire Council.
 - **Sundayswells pavement** – Following a survey, the residents of Sundayswells had voted in favour of pavement lights by a majority of ten to three. Councillors then voted unanimously in favour of having the pavement with lights. John will inform Mark Skilling. **Action:- John**
 - **Bus Stop on Beltie Road** - fliers to ascertain views about the bus stop will be put to the residents west of the centre of Grampian Terrace. It was decided that the flier will be circulated with the Torphins Directory. Anna will draft the flier. **Action:- Anna**
 - **St Marnan Road** - two name plates have now been erected. One outside the former Bank and one outside Ha'berry.
 - **Battock Terrace Lane surface** - Cllr Peter Argyle had spoken to Jim Craig of Roads Department who explained that the lane is not owned by Aberdeenshire Council and hence not their responsibility. Les Allan, Marr Area Manager had suggested that the matter could be dealt with as a Community Council project and Peter was in favour of this approach. It was decided to obtain a quote for a 'hardcore and quarry dust' surface and Rona agreed to obtain a quotation. **Action:- Rona**
 - **Gateway onto Craigour Road** - the Secretary was asked to write a reminder to Aberdeenshire Council about the matter. **Action: Denis**
 - D. Children's Play Equipment in the Park:** No progress.
 - E. Torphins Website:** The treasurer gave the secretary a cheque for £100, payable to Deeside Design, so that the work can start.
 - F. Footbridge over Learney Burn:** Details on the title are still awaited.
 - G. Sand Pile Relocation:** This had been carried out.
 - H. Torphins Directory:** The Directory has been completed and members agreed to distribute them to the residents of Torphins. John extended a vote of thanks to Alan Bainbridge for his work as Editor of the directory.
 - I. Notice boards:** Liz Moore was commended for making a good job of improving them. In her absence she had suggested that responsibility might be handed over to other organisations in the village as this might encourage them to display items on the boards. Peter suggested placing a notice asking organisations if they wanted to post notices and if

so to contact the Community Council. It was noted that the school project might assist with certain artwork.

J. Homecoming 2009: No change from the last meeting.

K. ECO Group at Torphins School: Rona Edgar had spoken to Bronte and Alex and matters were in hand with regard to looking after two flower beds.

6. Finance: Funds to date stand at £3,934.51 which includes 'Directory' income.

7. Planning:

APP/2008/1375 - Renewal of an application for erection of a dwelling house at Craighour Farm, Torphins. Concern was expressed about certain mature trees which may require to be felled. The Secretary will query this with Planning Department. **Action: Denis**

APP/2008/3295 - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Stoneleigh, Sundayswells, Torphins. Michael Lorimer of Planning Department had advised that the materials to be used will be render to match the existing. Granite coins will be used on the walls as well as natural slate on the roof. There was some concern about over-shadowing the neighbouring property and he has asked for amended drawings in this connection. He said that proximity to the road was not a problem.

APP/2007/1314 - Erection of dwelling house at site to rear of 8 Station Road, Torphins. It was noted that this application had been granted subject to various conditions including the requirement for a scheme of hard and soft landscaping works, and for the public access lane to be surfaced in 'bitmac'.

APP/2008/3910 - Application for planning permission for alteration and change of use from Creamery to office and storage at Craigmyle Torphins. No objections.

Ref: APP/2008/3441 - Alterations and extension to Bridge House, Bridge Crescent Torphins. No objections.

APP/2008/3949 - Application for planning permission for demolition of existing and erection of new dwelling house at Mid Beltie Torphins. No objections.

APP/2008/3862 - Application for planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house at Wyndings 20 Beltie Road Torphins. No objections.

8. Correspondence: There were various items of correspondence tabled for noting.

9. Christmas Plans: Rona and Eric will deal with the mulled wine and Sheila the organisation. Eric will apply for the temporary licence. **Action:- Rona, Sheila and Eric**

10. Disabled Access: The lining for the parking space is to be painted in Spring 2009. John had been contacted by a village member about the problem of poorly installed dropped kerbs and hence difficult disabled access in the village. Peter stated that he had met the affected family, discussed the problem and asked Roads Dept to do a survey. The matter of poor disabled access to Morning Noon and Night was also discussed. It was stated that Morning, Noon & Night intended to install disabled access along with a store refurbishment programme, but no date had been fixed for this yet.

11. Location of New Park Bench: it was agreed that the new park bench will be located on the verge of Grampian Terrace at the mid point of the football pitch.

12. Community Views: an email sent by Liz Moore on 28/11/08 to all community councillors concerning this matter was tabled. The points were noted and it was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

13. Any Other Business:

- **Gritting:** Concern was expressed about the lack of pavement gritting and in

particular those leading to the school, where children had fallen. The secretary was asked to raise this matter with the Council. Also there was concern about treatment of roads in general in the area. Peter said that conditions had been very difficult in recent times and many roads had to be treated by the council. **Action: Denis**

- **Play Area at Torphins School** - members agreed that a donation be made in regard to this from Torphins Community Council funds and a cheque was passed to Rona Edgar for £500.
- **Area of waste land at Annesley Park:** Mr James MacDonald brought to the attention of Councillors his concern over the upkeep an area of ground at Annesley Park which was turning into rough ground. The secretary was asked to write to Cllr Argyle about this as the land is owned by the Council. **Action: Peter**

10. Date of next meeting: - 8th January 2009 (Note that this is a week later than usual)