

**TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010**  
Held in the **Small Learney Hall**

1.	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b> Anna Fraser (Secretary), Alan Bainbridge, John Lucas, Richard Owens, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie</p> <p><b><u>In Attendance:</u></b> Cllr Peter Argyle, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Hamish Booth, Gordon Smith</p> <p><b><u>Members co-opted onto committee:</u></b> Liz Moore, Eric Day, Sheila Blair, Rona Edgar.</p>	<b>Action</b>
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Denis Christie</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b> No police report was available.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010</u></b>  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.  <b>Proposed:</b> John Lucas <b>Seconded:</b> Emma Pattullo</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b> The bank balance currently stands at <b>£1136.53</b></p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b>  <b>APP/2009/4083</b> Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage - A letter of concern from a local resident was tabled. TCC agreed with the issues raised within the letter and decided to write to the planning department endorsing the contents of the letter and stating their concerns.  The Planning Department have a 21 day consultation period for planning applications. Given that our meetings are monthly it will not be possible for all applications to be presented and discussed at our monthly meetings. In the event of a potentially controversial planning application Gordon will immediately contact the Planning Department to ask for an extension to the consultation period.  Members are asked to look at the planning applications brought to their attention by Gordon and to get back to him ASAP with any comments - regardless of when the next TCC meeting is. These measures aim to stop TCC missing the opportunity to comment on planning applications within the allocated consultation period.</p>	<p><b>GP</b></p> <p><b>GP</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
7.	<p><b><u>Standing Orders</u></b>  Clause 6c relating to the use of a proxy vote, as circulated to all TCC members, to be inserted into the Standing Orders.  The new Standing Orders were unanimously agreed.</p>	<b>DC</b>
8.	<p><b><u>Roads Matters</u></b></p> <p>a. <b>Battock Terrace/Grampian Terrace lane surfacing.</b> To be followed up with Les Allen.</p> <p>b. <b>Raemoir Road Junction.</b> Cllr Bruce received the following communication</p>	<b>ED</b>

<p>c. d. e. f.</p>	<p>from Malcolm Christie: "The interactive signs have been erected and are operational, I understand the trigger speed is 50 mph. Verge markers will be erected approaching the junction and edge lines will be applied during the summer at the same time as other road marking work in connection with planned surface dressing in the vicinity of Raemoir is undertaken."</p> <p><b>Innermarkie Road Rain Water.</b> Pending</p> <p><b>Woodside Road.</b> Awaiting response from Mark Skilling. To chase.</p> <p><b>Proposed Speed Limits in Torphins.</b> Remove from agenda.</p> <p><b>Condition of car park at the park.</b> Aberdeenshire Council to be contacted regarding the possible use of road planings to repair the car park.</p>	<p>DC Cllr PA DC Cllr PA</p>
<p>9. a. b. c. d.</p>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>a. Old Schoolhouse.</b> No progress. To go in abeyance.</p> <p><b>b. Torphins Website.</b> Gordon Smith in attendance. The amount of traffic using the website has been monitored and visittorphins.org, which includes TCC section, has seen an increase in traffic 128% (458 people since last month, 81% of which were new visitors to the site. Torphins.org saw an increase of 75%. These increases are very encouraging and we thank Gordon for this information.</p> <p><b>c. General State of the Village.</b></p> <p>Two quotes have been received for the <u>shop signage</u>. Robert Armstrong of Support for Aberdeenshire Business to be contacted to ascertain grant stipulations. The owners of the shop and Gordon Smith are to be consulted regarding the possibility of Walkers purchasing the original sign. If Walkers wished to purchase the sign they would be asked to contribute towards/provide a replacement sign of similar appearance. Emma to look into the possibility of her making a <u>gargoyle for fountain</u>. Photos of a possible design to be circulated.</p> <p>The <u>notice board</u> at Tornaveen has to be erected. The locks on the notice board outside Morning, Noon and Night are currently not opening and need to be looked at.</p> <p>Half barrels for use as <u>flower tubs</u> can be purchased for £20 from Colin McBain at the Cabrach. It was agreed to purchase 10 of these.</p> <p>Comments have been made about the lack of <u>snow clearing</u> in front of shops this winter. A definitive response to be sought from the council in relation to the shopkeepers' responsibilities concerning this. For information, if a grit bin is empty a call to Banchory Depot (01330 823680) or the Contact Centre (08456 081205) who will make arrangements to get the bin filled.</p> <p><b>d. Christmas Lights.</b></p> <p>Our thanks go to Eric, Nick Edgar and their band of helpers for taking</p>	<p>DC Cllr PA GP EP ED ED Cllr PA</p>

<p>down and storing the Christmas lights. It was decided to concentrate our efforts on getting further sockets fitted to lampposts and funding more lights in time for next Christmas. We will look into the possibility of a children's competition next year.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p>
<p><b>e. Marr Area Partnership</b>  The Draft Local Community Plan is in circulation and members are asked to look at ASAP. The next Marr Community Forum is to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February in Dinnet Hall at 7pm. The agenda includes Community Action Planning. Those wishing to attend to inform Anna. An open briefing session on the switch-over to digital TV is being held at Aboyne Community Centre between 10am and 12 noon on 24<sup>th</sup> February.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>f. Repositioning of re-cycle bins.</b>  Following an enquiry from a member of the TCC an officer of the Aberdeenshire Council stated that the recycling bins in the centre of the village would be relocated into the grounds of the extension to the Learney Hall. As no provision for recycling bins was in the original plan presented to the community for consultation nor was there any provision in the proposal submitted to the authority recently by the TCC the members were confused by this information. It was agreed to follow up on the information given and continue the discussion at the March meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p>
<p><b>g. Adoption of BT red phone boxes.</b>  A contract is ready to be signed. Look into the possibility of TCC needing public liability insurance.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p>
<p><b>h. Aberdeen Council Design Awards.</b>  The owners of the house on the corner of Auchmacoy Road and Grampian Terrace are happy to have their extension submitted to the competition. The closing date for entries is 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p>	<p>RO</p>
<p><b>i. Maximising use of Learney Hall.</b>  Susan Raeper is to advertise for a relief hall keeper. Anyone wishing to apply is encouraged to do so in order to aid the system. Electronic bookings are not practical although booking forms can be requested via email from Aboyne Community Centre. Booking process to be put on website.</p>	<p>JL DC</p>
<p><b>j. Torphins Gala.</b> Awaiting budget plan for 2010. To chase.</p>	<p>DC</p>
<p><b>12. <u>Correspondence</u></b>  Newsletter from Richard Baker MSP.  NSPCC request to become a campaign partner. Ask for poster for notice board.  NOTTSSPORT brochure - surfacing for sports facilities.</p>	<p>AF</p>

	Anna has latest Marr Area Newsletter.	
13.	<b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> A discussion regarding the possibility of commmerating John William's contribution to the TCC took place. It was agreed that members would consider the options put forward and that a decision would be made at the March meeting.	All
14.	<b>Date of next meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</b>	
	Meeting closed at 9.10pm	

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