

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 7th January 2010

Held in the **Small Learney Hall**

1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anne Allardyce, Sheila Blair, Rona Edgar, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo.</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Cllr Peter Argyll, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, PC Gillian Coull, PC Kim Smith.</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Richard Owens, Gordon Pirie.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The meeting was attended by constables Gillian Coull and Kim Smith. The police have responded to 12 calls from local residents, 2 of which involved criminal offences. These were theft of fuel and scaffolding from a building plot and damage to windows of vehicles parked in Kinnairdy Terrace due to snowballs</p> <p>Comment was made regarding the lack of detailed road information on Weatherline though it was noted that this is not affiliated to the police.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 3rd December 2009</u></p> <p>Proposed : John Lucas Seconded: Rona Edgar</p>	
5.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Following a number of transactions the balance will be £1981.45. This balance includes £750 in Christmas lights sponsorship and £83 donated at the Carol singing. Sponsors of the lights have been thanked by way of a letter and an editorial will be placed in the Piper. The Community council is still actively seeking sponsorship for lights for this Christmas and for flowers and tubs to enhance the village.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>ED</p>
6.	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>APP/2009/4059: Outline planning for erection of 2 Dwelling houses and garages on site to East of Kirkbrae Cottage, Craigmyle Road.</p> <p>Concerns were raised as to the impact these would have on an already dangerous corner on a minor road, as well as the knock-on effect of the potential future building of chalets. The Community Council is to ask for more time to seek clarification on these and other points raised.</p> <p>It was brought to the attention of the Community Council that a triple garage was being constructed at a house on Beltie Road and whether there was relevant planning permission was to be looked into.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>
7.	<p><u>Standing Orders</u></p> <p>Following discussion and a vote on the issue it was decided to allow voting by proxy. Draft addition to the Standing Orders to be circulated for consultation.</p>	DC

8.	<p><u>Local Development Plan</u> No Update</p>	
9.	<p><u>Bridge Crescent Bridge</u> Residents were asked, via a flier and/or email, to comment on the 5 available options. The result of the survey was as follows: Option 1 17 residents in favour and 8 TCC Members in favour Options 2,3 & 4 no residents in favour Option 5 8 residents in favour Clearly there is a preference towards Option 1 which involves making Bridge Crescent one way, imposing a 20 mph speed limit and installing a continuous footpath. Aberdeenshire Council to be notified of this result. Further comments to be forwarded to the Community Action Plan sub-committee.</p>	<p>DC AF</p>
10.	<p><u>Roads Matters</u></p> <p>a. Battock Terrace/Grampian Terrace lane surfacing. No response regarding possible funding. To chase.</p> <p>b. Raemoir Road Junction. Improvements being done in stages. No response to request for lighting needed to improve visibility and safety. To chase.</p> <p>c. Innermarkie Road Rain Water. A plan is to be drawn up to show to proprietors.</p> <p>d. Pavement to Station Garage. Request has received a resounding "No" from Aberdeenshire Council. Carry forward to Community Action Plan.</p> <p>e. Woodside Road. Awaiting response from Mark Skilling.</p> <p>f. Proposed Speed Limits in Torphins. Notices have been put on posts of existing speed limit signs but the wording makes them difficult to comprehend.</p> <p>g. Condition of car park at the park. Committee have been informed that Tarmac is too expensive. Awaiting response for request for other suitable materials.</p>	<p>ED Cllr.RB DC AF DC DC</p>

11.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	JL
a.	Old Schoolhouse. The contractual position regarding the sale is ongoing.	
b.	The Colours. A letter has been received reporting that the Legion Headquarters do not agree to allow the colours to be housed in the village hall.	
c.	Torphins Website. Data analysis shows good usage of the website. A request for information relating to the cost and use of the website has been received. To be discussed with Gordon Smith.	JL
d.	General State of the Village. <u>Shop signage</u> awaiting quote. <u>Gargoyle for fountain</u> is being researched though so far only one deemed as possibly suitable has been sourced (to be emailed to all committee members). Continue to research.	LM All
	<u>Notice board</u> at Tornaveen requires 2 new doors. Thanks go to Eric and John for their efforts in repairing those in the Village.	ED
	<u>Storage Crates on Pavement</u> - Contact manageress in relation to this and injury to child.	DC
	<u>Flower Tubs</u> can be sourced at Cabrach (Community Action Plan)	AF
e.	Christmas Lights. Many thanks go to Nick Edgar for helping to put up all the Christmas lights. Contact for help in removal of lights. Editorial to go in Piper thanking those who sponsored lights.	ED AF
f.	Marr Area Partnership. Draft Marr Community Plan has been circulated.	
g.	Repositioning of re-cycling bins. On hold until sale of Schoolhouse has been finalised. To chase.	Cllr.PA
h.	Cycle rack at Medical Centre. NHS has agreed to cycle parking and will make joint application for funding with Aberdeenshire Council.	
i.	Adoption of BT red phone boxes. Les Allen and BT have been emailed informing of Torphins Community Council's interest in adopting 2 phone boxes. Awaiting response.	AF
j.	Aberdeen Council Design Awards. Awaiting response from owners regarding submission into awards.	AF
k.	Maximising use of Learney Hall. There is an issue with recruitment as Aberdeenshire Council have been unable to get a relief hall keeper and they are prevented from using volunteers. Aboyne to be contacted asking about possibility of bookings being done through the website. Alastair Black, waste services manager, looking into replacement bin for outside hall.	JL
l.	Torphins Gala. Awaiting budget plan for 2010.	
12.	<u>Correspondence</u> Draft Marr Community Plan circulated. Christmas Cards received from Robert Smith MP and Alex Johnstone MP.	

13.	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
	<p>The <u>Community Action Plan</u> sub-committee has been formed and consists of Denis Christie, Rona Edgar, Anna Fraser, John Lucas and Liz Moore. First meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20th January at 8pm. A request for a <u>sand/salt box on Craigmyle Road</u> has been received. Discussion took place in relation to the <u>deteriorating road conditions</u> over the past 3 weeks. Councillor Peter Argyll explained the order of priority for clearing roads and the length of roads that have to be cleared across Aberdeenshire. In severe weather some minor roads may not be cleared as priority is with revisiting major roads and bus routes in order to ensure that they remain clear.</p> <p><u>Savetorphins.org</u> has altered their introductory paragraph as requested. Thank you to them for doing so.</p> <p>Confirmation of numbers of <u>Village Directories</u> received to be passed on to Anna.</p>	<p>Cllr. RB</p> <p>All</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 4th February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall. AGM followed by February meeting</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	