

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 6th January 2011
Held in the Small Learney Hall

		Action
1.	<p>Present: Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Eric Day (Treasurer), Sheila Blair, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn.</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Sgt. Chris Smith</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies: Cllr Peter Argyle.</p>	
3.	<p>Police Report: Speed surveys have been carried out within the 30mph speed limit of Torphins. There is a speeding problem within the village but not one that can be enforced as very few people have been travelling over the threshold for a speeding ticket. High visibility patrols have been in operation and have been stopping motorists and advising of inappropriate speeds. Local police will continue with high visibility patrols and speed checks on the four roads out of the village. Speed surveys will be repeated early in the year to see if speeds vary/increase as the weather improves.</p> <p>Comment was made regarding parents of school/nursery children parking inconsiderately at the school. Police will provide school with an input and patrol at school times, when possible.</p> <p>The road from Torphins to Raemoir is also a concern and NESAMP will be carrying out speed operations along this stretch of road. Operations are intelligence led and priority is given to roads with a history of accidents. The public is encouraged to report incidents to the police non-emergency line on 0845 600 5 700 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.</p> <p>The question of police visiting schools/offices in a pro-active manner was raised but The Road Casualty Reduction Unit, who would have carried out such a visit, no longer exists due to current financial restraints.</p> <p>Alcohol abuse is still a problem in the village. The police are aware and are monitoring and carrying out patrols as resources allow. Any child under 16 found under the influence of alcohol is taken home to their parents.</p> <p>TCC previously enquired about a DVD relating to alcohol misuse, this is "Alcohol- It's Your Choice" produced by the NHS and GADHT. "First on the Scene" is another DVD made by pupils at Banchory Academy.</p>	
4.	<p>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 2nd December 2010: Amend date to Dec 2nd not Nov 1st. Proposed: Steve Thorn Seconded: Sheila Blair</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising not covered by the agenda: <i>Recycling Bins</i>- Rosemary Bruce has spoken with Les Allen and Alastair Black (Waste Department) and notices will soon be put on the recycling bins regarding their potential removal.</p>	
6.	<p>Planning: APP/2010/3915- Formation of a Chimney at Rowans, Sundayswells, Torphins - no comment. APP/2010/3961-Change of Use of Land and Erection of Dwellinghouse (new farmhouse) at Hill of Beltie, Glassel- no comment. SCOTMID application for Mother Hubbards - Servicing of the shop is now being proposed at the south-easterly corner of the building. The signage on the building has been greatly reduced in size and the freestanding totem has been reduced in height, though it is still 2.8m high and 1.35m wide. Write</p>	

	requesting size of totem be reduced.	GP
7.	Finance: Taking into account the Christmas Carol event, where £79.70 was collected in donations, the bank balance currently stands at £1312.69 . Following the donation of £100 towards Christmas lights, an application will be made to MAP to match this. <i>Many thanks go to Nick Edgar and Colin Rouse for their help in erecting and dismantling the Christmas lights.</i>	ED
8.	AGM & Election Process TCC AGM will take place on Thursday 3 rd February at 7.15pm to be followed by our monthly meeting. Nominations are being sought to fill a number of vacant seats. An editorial is to go in the Piper next week. Notice of the AGM to be put on the website. Notices to be put up around the village and nomination forms put in Morning, Noon & Night and the Post Office. Rosemary has agreed to be the Returning Officer.	JL/LM JL AF
9.	Community Action Plan: <i>Report previously circulated by Liz Moore:</i> The sub group for the CAP will be meeting in January with Mike Powell in attendance to guide us. The sub group is depleted and we hope to find another member to boost us at the TCC on Thursday. Anna and Sheila forwarded some photos for the plan for which I am very grateful. Mike Powell had indicated that some monies could be made available for any 'quick wins' within the village. As a result Emma is working to get quotes for the completion of the restoration of the Fountain. I approached the Walking to Health group to see if they could manage to find someone or some people to pull together ideas for path improvements that they would like to see undertaken, at the moment they are adamant that none of the group would be interested in taking forward such a task. Steve Thorn agreed to join the CAP sub group. Next meeting 19 th Jan at 7.30pm.	
10.	Correspondence: none	
11.	AOCB: <i>GMED-</i> The meeting previously cancelled due to the weather will be rearranged for early in the year. Members are asked to keep a look out for the new date and attendance is encouraged. <i>Budget Meeting-</i> to be held in Alford next Thursday. Eric Day to attend, weather permitting. <i>Gargoyle-</i> Emma has spoken to Mairi Shaw (Arts Development Officer) who has advised that the fountain may be a historic listed monument and any improvements may need planning permission and permission of the landowners. She also suggested looking into the Royal Archives for a picture of the original gargoyle and trying the Council Archives. Mr Innes is aware of our interest in improving the fountain with the addition of a gargoyle. Emma to Progress with research and quotes. <i>Walking Group-</i> look into cost of quarry dust being laid on path between Woodside Road and Craigmyle Lodge to allow easier access. <i>Noticeboard outside Chemist-</i> look into repair/removal of this. Concern was raised over the number of shop closures occurring in Banchory-Calders Bakery, The Toy Shop and The Pet Shop are all closed/closing.	All ED EP Cllr RB GP ED
12.	Date of next meeting - AGM Thursday 3rd February at 7.15pm in the Small Learney Hall. To be followed by our monthly meeting.	
	Meeting closed at 9pm	