

Torphins Community Council
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 7th May 09 7:30pm
Held in the **Small Learney Hall**

- 1 **Present**
Denis Christie (Chair), Anna Fraser, Rona Edgar, Gordon Pirie, Anne Allardyce, Eric Day,
John Lucas Alan Bainbridge, Liz Moore **Acti
on
By**
- 2 **Apologies** John Williams, **In Attendance** Cllr P Argyle, Cllr R Bruce
Richard Orr
Police Report
There have been four complaints regarding anti social driving. One of the complaints included
sufficient detail for the Police to be able to track down and approach the driver.
In addition five complaints regarding anti social behaviour and one complaint about 'Quad
biking' have been received by the police.
- 4 **Minutes of Meeting 05.02.09**
The regulation governing the installation of the bus stop is the Disability Discrimination Act it
is not an EEC regulation. All
With the above change the minute was proposed for acceptance by Rona Edgar and
seconded by Eric Day
- 5 **Matters Arising**
School House The property has been advertised a number of times and there are a number
of noted interests.
No closing date has been set.
- Extension to the Learney Hall**
It was agreed that the tabled proposal met the needs of the village and all the features that
had been sought by the sub group were included.
Agreed to forward a copy of the plan to the area manager with a covering letter and to DC
LM
Caroline Cowie.
The question of title deed re the land and of the release of funds from the sale of the School
house and how they would be utilised to fund any proposed extension the Learney Hall was
asked. Cllr Argyle will research and feed back at the next meeting. Cllr
A
DC
The Plan will be displayed on the TCC notice board.
- Local development Plan**
Relevant parts of the 'Main Issues Report have been displayed on the Notice Board.
The consultation period on the proposal is 18th May 09 until Monday 6th July 09.
- A series of workshops have been arranged regarding the Proposed plan, Torphins
evening is planned for Wednesday 17th June 09 07:00pm in the Learney Hall.**
- The Marr Area Partnership is to have a meeting in the small Learney Hall on the evening of
Thursday 14th May 09. All members are encouraged to attend and to email the organiser
Suzanne Wall to indicate intention to attend.
- All members are asked to read and gather their thoughts on the main issues report, email
these thought to Denis who will collate them for us.
The Main Issues Report highlights the technical capabilities of the land that has been
identified by landowners.
- It was agreed that we would ask to increase the area of woodland to be protected to include DC
the wood between Woodside Road, the Avenue of Beeches and the Golf Course.
- Matthew Merchant is to be contacted and asked to forward information about the proposal

that he has submitted.

Denis will circulate the information to Members who are asked to reply to him. Once he has all the opinions gathered he will decide whether or not to invite Mr Merchant to our next meeting or to call an additional meeting.

Road Matters.

a. Bridge Crescent Bridge.

Awaiting outcome of safety audit.

b. Sundayswells Pavement. Areas of dropped pavement have been included to accommodate future timber operations.

The use of the lay-by, which is causing concern to some local residents, (overnight parking, noise from parked cars, litter dropped from parked cars and unofficial use of private wheelie bins) was discussed.

RE

Rona will write to the concerned residents with an outline of our discussion and suggestions for them to resolve issues.

c. Sundayswells speed limit

The 40mph sign is to be relocated to the bridge at the west side of Sundayswells.

DC

The 30mph sign is to be moved from half way along Beltie Road to the west side of Westbank.

ED

d. Footpath linking Battock Terrace and Grampian Terrace

No progress.

e. Gateway on to Craigour Road.

Awaiting action from Aberdeenshire planning enforcement officer

f. Innermarkie Wynd.

No further progress from last meeting

g. Car Park Surface in the Park

DC

Landscape services have considered our request to upgrade the car park surface and are not supportive.

We will write again asking them to indicate what alternatives are available to us.

DC

h. Road Surface between Bridge Crescent and the Park

Denis to write asking when the work to upgrade the road to adoptable standards will be carried out.

h. Access to Station Garage

Reply as been received and the Council are not supportive of installing a pavement to Station Garage.

DC

Write again clarifying our reasoning and asking that Council reconsider our request.

Torphins Website

JL

Members have viewed the site and are pleased with the development.

John to progress

Footbridge over the Learney Burn

It is confirmed that Fordie Estate owns the Bridge. An inspection is to be carried out by the Estate Manager to ascertain what repairs are required.

General state of the village

Victorian Fountain

Contact has been re established with Grigor Robertson. He will carry out the work as soon as he is happy that the risk of frost is past.

LM

War Memorial Garden

The garden is looking very overgrown and neglected.

Gordon will check out the ownership and responsibility to maintain and report back to the next meeting.

GP

Central Freestanding Notice Board

This board requires repairing and upgrading.

Assessment of the state and of repairs required to be carried out

ED

British Legion Flag

An Action of our April 08 meeting was to establish whether or not the British Legion Flag that

Cllr

has been removed from the Church could be hung in the Learney Hall. A
We would like an answer from the Council as whether or not this can be done.

Shop sign

To investigate the availability of funding. Cllr
A

Homecoming Scotland 2009

Rona will continue to liaise with the Gala committee. RE

Christmas Tree lights

Being progressed
Seeking clarification about the type of connection on lampposts for light fittings. ED

Marr Area Partnership

See note above under Local Development plan.

Re Positioning of Re Cycling bins

The discussion with the Council will be progressed with regard to identifying an appropriate alternative site within the grounds of the Old School House. GP
Environmental Services will be approached and given a sketch prepared by GP that shows our suggestion. Cllr
A

6 **Finance.**

Bank balance remains £3373.23
A donation of £350 to be given to the Scouts to be put towards the purchase of their storage trailer. ED

The TCC are supportive of the football club and in principle would be prepared to give some financial support. RE

The TCC would need a detailed specific request from the club in order to progress further.
Rona will contact the club to make them aware of our views.

7 **Late night door knocking**

Denis to write to the police. DC

8 **Planning**

No new applications received
A decision regarding the proposed cattle shed at Wester Beltie was deferred and a site visit is to be organised by Elected Members.

9 **Decision making process of the TCC**

The TCC does not have guidance regarding decision-making.
Agreed to approach Les Allan for advice and possible guidance. DC
Denis will research and then present a set of standing orders for us to debate and agree at a future meeting. DC

10 **Correspondence**

Various items were tabled

11 **AOCB**

A number of the benches in the park are in need of repair, as is the gate that gives access to the park at the west (Golf Road) end of Grampian Terrace. DC
Write to ask for repairs to be carried out.

Date of next meeting June 11th at 7:30 in the Small Learney Hall

Please note the new date, European elections on the 4th prevent us using the Hall for our Meeting on the planned 4th.