

# TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008

- 1. Present:** John Williams (Chair), Ann Allardyce, Sheila Blair, Denis Christie (Sec), Rona Edgar, Anna Fraser, Liz Moore and Scott Murray
- 2. Apologies:** Eric Day, Cllrs. Peter Argyle and Bruce Luffman, and Grampian Police
- 3. Police report:** The monthly report had been circulated to all members.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 were approved.
- 5. Matters Arising:**
  - A. Old Schoolhouse:** An outside property agent has been given the task of marketing the property.
  - B. Learney Hall Extension:** Gordon Pirie is presently working on the plans.
  - C. Roads Matters**
    - **Bridge Crescent Bridge** - formal notice has been served by Aberdeenshire Council that Bridge Crescent (from the A980 Beltie Road to B993 St Marnan Road) will be closed to all traffic for six weeks starting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008. This is to allow the bridge to be replaced by a causeway. Plans or an artist's impression of the work have been requested.
    - **Bridge over Learney Burn** - Strutt and Parker are still having difficulty determining ownership of the bridge. It was agreed that if they do not come up with the answer before the next TCC meeting the Secretary will be instructed to obtain a search report from the Land Register.
    - **Sundayswells Speed Limit** – Aberdeenshire Council reported that the speed check had been carried out and we will be sent the results once they are available. It was also reported that preparations for an electric speed sign were in hand.
    - **Sundayswells Pavement** - The pavement is to be on the south side of the road and work will start in December. A majority of members stated that they did not wish to see street lights erected. John will inform the Council. **Action:- John**
    - **Disabled car parking spaces** – The extra space will be marked out soon. It was suggested that the sand pile be moved to the car park adjacent to the park. John will inform the Council. **Action:- John**
    - **Road signs for St Marnan's Road** – have been requested.
    - **Battock Terrace/Grampian Terrace path surfacing** - a report is awaited from Cllr. Argyle. **Action:- Peter**
    - **Gateway onto Craigour Road** - the Secretary had been advised that Jim Craig of Aberdeenshire Council will investigate the position.
  - D. Children's Play Equipment in the Park:** Work has commenced on the forth item for young children. A climbing frame is being erected.
  - E. Torphins Website:** It was agreed to proceed at the costs provided by Ian Macintosh and VAT inclusion was queried. Grant funding is to be applied for.
  - G. Data Protection Act:** No further progress.

**H. Bus Stop at Kerloch Crescent:** The original request was for a bus stop. However the Council has proposed a location further west with a bus shelter on one side of the road and a bus stop on the other. John will circulate a plan showing this to all members for consideration and comment. Concern was expressed about the bus stop being close to the Innermarkie Wynd junction because it could be a hazard. Any comments should be made to the chairman before the end of November who will pass them to Aberdeenshire Council. It was stated that members of the public were entitled to flag down buses notwithstanding the presence of a bus stop or not. **Action:- John**

**I. Constitution:** The chairman tabled the revised constitution of TCC. He asked members to inform him of any amendments or comments. A Special General Meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008 for its formal adoption.

**J. Torphins Directory:** Completion is expected by the end of November.

**K. General State of the Village:** Thanks were expressed to Liz who is tidying and cleaning the notice boards. The bench near to the General Store is to be replaced by Aberdeenshire Council.

**L. Homecoming 2009:** Liz Moore is progressing this.

**6. Finance:** The balance in the bank is £4,431.88 credit

**7. Planning:**

**Ref: APP/2007/1314.** The Marr area Committee had granted permission for this application subject to reserved matters. The Secretary was asked to ascertain what these reserved matters were.

**Ref. APP/2008/3295.** Alterations and extension to a dwelling house at Stoneleigh, Sundayswells. The Secretary had spoken to the planning department at Aberdeenshire Council and had been advised that the application had not yet been determined. The questions of the close proximity of the extension to the roadway and of the proposed materials of construction are to be further investigated.

**Ref: APP/2008/3441.** Alterations and extension to Bridge House, Bridge Crescent Torphins. There were no adverse comments.

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

**9. Any Other Business**

- Community Development Group - Liz Moore reported that funds were available for a project to be carried out in Torphins and suggestions were requested. Such a project should not only benefit Torphins but ideally the whole of Upper Deeside. Members were asked to contact Liz with ideas by the middle of next week.
- **ECO group of Torphins** - Bronte and Alex at Torphins Primary School had written requesting permission to assist with the village's flower tubs and pots. They are working towards their Green flag Award and it was agreed that the secretary should reply to Bronte and Alex confirming that their assistance would be welcomed.
- **Play area at Torphins School** - the PTA are looking for funding towards providing facilities for a play area at the primary school. Members agreed to assist toward this and Rona Edgar is to prepare a proposal for the Community Council's consideration.

**10. Date of next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Liz tendered her apologies for absence.