

# Torphins Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 09 7:30pm Held in the Small Learney Hall

- 1 **Present Denis Christie (Chair), Liz Moore, Anna Fraser, Eric Day, Rona Edgar, Sheila Blair, Alan Bainbridge, John Lucas, Gordon Pirie, Anne Allardyce**

Action  
By

- 2 **Apologies John Williams, Richard Owens** In Attendance Cllr P Argyle, Cllr R Bruce  
Matthew Merchant, Bob Shepherd, Adrian  
McGregor, Colin Rouse, Emma Pattullo

The meeting opened with a tribute to Timmy Penny who was an active successful and respected chairperson of Torphins Community Council for several years.

The TCC extended the deepest sympathy to her family.

### 3 **Police Report**

PC J Blackhurst was welcomed to his first TCC meeting.

There continues to be an issue with 'boy racers.' The concerns are widespread throughout the area.

The summer has been relatively crime free. There have been one or two incidents of vandalism. These incidents are treated very seriously by the police and are exhaustively investigated. There is currently a review of previous cases of vandalism to ensure that they have been fully investigated.

It is concerning that there have been incidents of fire-raising.

Should any one see such an incident they should call the fire brigade followed by a call to the police, although the fire brigade will always inform the police when they have concerns.

Previously the police have provided a monthly newsletter. This newsletter was displayed on the village notice board and was thought to be a useful means of communication. PC Blackhurst will report back to the Inspector that we would welcome the return of the newsletter.

The TCC again requested that speed checks be carried out on the main entry roads to the village.

### 4 **Approval of Minutes of Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 09**

The minutes were proposed and accepted as accurate.

Proposed by Gordon Pirie

Seconded by John Lucas

It was noted that a letter had been received from a member of the community concerning the last meeting. The content of the letter were noted.

### 5 **Local Development Plan**

Presentation on behalf of Station Garage by Matthew Merchant

The area of land under discussion is currently occupied by the Station Garage but extends from the garage to the Beltie Burn.

The proposal relocates the garage to the south of the site away from the road towards the burn and would incorporate a number of industrial units suitable for letting.

Housing would be built on the area currently occupied by the garage. The housing would include 18x2 bed roomed flats, 11x4 bed roomed detached houses and 10 semi-detached houses. Of the flats some would be incorporated in 2x3 storey blocks.

The two parts of the plan are integral. The houses would be built in phases in small enclaves.

The garage intends to relocate the body workshop from the centre of the village. The site that this would vacate would be used for further housing development.

Strong opinion against any three-story development on the outskirts of the village was expressed.

TCC also asked that any development should include landscaping and screening.

Matthew Merchant said that any sum in relation to planning gain could be ring-fenced for use in regard to amenities in Torphins.

6 **Core Paths**

A plan showing the proposed layout of paths designated to become Core Paths has been received TCC is ask to consult and return a response.

TCC were positive about the proposal. Respond to the letter

DC

7 **Open space community Council Consultation**

TCC is being consulted on the quality and use of open spaces in and around the village. In order to complete this exercise a special meeting has been organised for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Book Hall

AF

8 **Bridge Crescent Bridge.**

A safety audit of this area has been undertaken by the ACC but no one present has seen the outcome. Request sight of the outcome of the audit

DC

The latest proposal includes closing the road at the bridge and excludes the provision of a pavement from the 'bridge' to the school entrance. This was not agreed as the way forward. Further discussion will take place once the outcome of the survey has been seen.

9 **Village Directory**

Production is well under way and it is anticipated that directories could be ready for printers by October 09. Check with Aboyne Creche regarding inclusion in directory.

AB

**Marr Area partnership**

No update

10 **Matters rising from the Minutes**

**A Old School house**

Now at the preferred bidder stage

**B The Colours**

No update

**C Torphins website**

Gordon Smith is providing an excellent service.

By going to, <visitTorphins.co.uk> you are taken straight to <Torphins.org>.

Contact to be made with 'saveTorphins.org' regarding the opening paragraph of their publicity material

DC

Information about the Core Paths to be added to the website.

JL

**D General state of the village**

The notice boards will be repaired this weekend.

ED

A colour plan of the proposed extension the Learney Hall to be prepared

GP

The Victorian fountain has been cleaned. It looks incomplete as the top is damaged and the water pipe is undecorated. All members are asked to research what the fountain would have looked like originally.

All

Contact the mason and ask for suggestions to improve the appearance of the fountain and estimates of costs.

LM

The 'Support Aberdeenshire Business Fund could be approached as a source of funding to finance repairs to the signage above the local shop. Approach the shop owner with advice.

GP

**E Homecoming 2009**

General feeling that the TCC could have made more of the opportunity afforded by the Gala.

We will discuss this with the gala committee

Invite the Gala Committee to attend the TCC meeting in October.

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**F Christmas Tree Lights** A possible supplier has been identified. An application to the area top up fund is to be made for funding to support the provision of lights.

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**G Repositioning of re –cycling bins** No progress

**H Donation to Football Club** The monies promised have been paid and a ‘Thank you’ has been received. T AFC to be asked to add TCC mission statement to sponsor section of their website.

AF

**I Pavilion in the Park**

Following discussion at the Marr committee the pavilion will be considered for future programme of refurbishment.

11 **Finance.**

Current balance £3672.52

12 **Planning**

A number of local applications were brought to the attention of members present. The applications can be viewed on the Aberdeenshire website.

13 **Decision Making Process/Standing orders**

The set of standing orders that had been circulated were considered insufficient for the needs of the TCC.

Prepare a detailed set of standing orders before the October meeting of TCC

DC

14 **Correspondence** Various item of correspondence were tabled including items regarding

‘Station Parking’ AF to respond,

AF

‘Plants for Community Projects’ AF to contact Murray Reid and respond,

AF

A letter from a resident on Woodside road regarding a number of traffic issues. DC to respond

DC

15 **AOB**

John Williams has tendered his resignation from the TCC with immediate effect. The council wanted to record thanks for the work that John had undertaken in the name of the Council.

The application for extension and redesigning of the Torphins church were discussed earlier in the year. The status of the application was raised. It is thought that the permission has not yet been given

16 **Date of next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 09 at 7:30 in the Small Learney Hall**