

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 7th October 2010
Held in the Small Learney Hall

		Action
1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn, Richard Owens</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> P.C. Andy Mathieson, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Cllr Peter Argyle,</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Eric Day Sheila Blair,</p>	
3.	<p><u>Chair persons resignation</u></p> <p>It was noted that Denis Christie has resigned from both the position of Chair and as a member of the community council.</p> <p>The members of the TCC wanted to record their gratitude for the exceptional skills and dedication that Denis has applied to the post of chair during his time of office. His resignation was recognised as a great loss to the TCC.</p>	
4	<p><u>Police Report:</u> The Police continue to be active in the area and are happy to respond to reports of incidents from the community. The non-emergency number is 0845 600 5 700.</p> <p>Concern was raised over 'Daddy Racers' who travel very fast through the village from about 6:00 am. Speeding on the Glassel to Westhill road has been identified to the police as problematic. Although 6:00am is the end of the shift for police stationed at Banchory, monitoring will be put in place when it is possible.</p> <p>An incident involving young teenagers cavorting and being verbally abusive to residents on St Marnans Road, whilst under the influence of alcohol, was raised. The police were called and responded very quickly.</p> <p>A good locally produced DVD and accompanying documents has just been published it is recommended viewing.</p>	
5	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 2nd September 2010:</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed: J Lucas, Seconded: G Pirie.</p> <p>Matters arising not covered by the minutes; None.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1280.15.</p> <p>There have been no transactions this month.</p>	
7	<p><u>Planning:</u> There have been no new applications this month.</p> <p>The TCC submitted comments on the Scotmid application. A retail impact study is not required.</p> <p>The roads department has asked that the plan be amended to include 25 parking spaces.</p> <p>We objected to the height of the proposed totem pole.</p> <p>Comments to the authority regarding the value that is placed on comments submitted by the TCC about planning applications is still outstanding. A letter will be written asking for feed-back. The two examples to be used are the wind turbine on the Pitmurchie Hill and a porch extension in the centre of the village.</p> <p>Write letter and liaise with DC.</p>	GP
8	<p><u>Local Development plan</u></p> <p>The minutes from the public meeting held to discuss the development plan were used as the basis for the TCC submission, the submission has received the</p>	

	<p>automatic acknowledgement. All the submissions will now be analysed and planners will try to resolve as many as they can. Unresolved issues will go to the Reporter in Edinburgh for resolution.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Community Action Plan/Youth Event:</u> A meeting has been held with Mike Powell of the Marr Area Partnership and a template for the plan agreed. It should be ready for comment by the end of October 10. We are still struggling to find volunteers to take forward issues that have been raised by the CAP. An appeal for volunteers will be added to the Torphins website once the plan is agreed.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Roads Matters:</u> Innermarkie Road Rain Water- No progress. Liaise with Denis Road sign at Campfield. LED sign has been replaced; although some brush wood has been removed more clearance is required towards Raemoir. Litter and Road Mess. The cowshed has been erected. Monitor the state of the road as this progresses into use. Station Garage has improved the state of its site to the front and side but their remains a large amount of litter to the rear of their bodyshop. Speak to owners re clearance. Speed limit on St Marnans Road. The speed limit will not be altered at the moment as the required criteria have not been met. It will be revisited in the future. It was suggested that concerned residents, including mothers of children who attend the playgroup, should write to the roads department individually. Grampian Terrace to Battock Terrace Lane resurfacing. Concerns were expressed regarding the ongoing deterioration of the foundations to the adjoining wall. This wall may collapse if work is not undertaken to re surface the lane. Liaise with Mike Powell. Signs on Woodside Road. The 30 mph sign on Woodside Road will be moved shortly. (Now done) The sign regarding dog fouling remains in the burn. The Dog Warden will check out and replace. Speed signs for Sundayswells. These have been ordered and should be in position by the end of October 2010 Speed signs at Station Garage. 40mph signs are on order but a discrepancy in referencing the distance will delay the installation until Dec 2010. The LED AT Annesley Grove. This has been adjusted it will now say 'thank you' to drivers going slower than 30 mph, 35 - 45 it will register the speed and above 46 mph will simply state 'slowdown'. Bridge Crescent. The draft report on Bridge Crescent should be with us for our November meeting. The hole on the road surface has been repaired and a 'thank you' sent.</p>	<p>JL Cllr RB All JL JL</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> Torphins Website.</p>	

There have been 692 visits to the site this month from 42 countries. This is an increase on previous months. The average visit lasts 2mins 52 secs.

General State of the Village.

Gargoyle for fountain -Still researching for picture of gargoyle, the P&J have no picture. Approach local resident.

Flower Tubs- Flowers have been ordered for next year... The beds have been changed for the winter. Thanks were expressed to the Reid family for their work.

The new tubs are ready to be placed around the village.

The Old School House- Concerns were raised over the very slow progress that is being made with the sale of the property.

Wild Flower Garden- Request to remove the sign -Agreed.

Christmas Lights- Requests for donations have been sent. Numbers of the 7 lampposts requiring rewiring for lights to be given to Cllr Argyll.

The Scottish Government is encouraging councils to save energy. The new lights are LED so they have low energy consumption.

Marr Area Partnership- There is a local ward forum in the village on the 11th November in the Learney Hall, everyone is encouraged to attend.

Repositioning of re-cycle bins- The bins are still being emptied as the school children arrive for school, despite reassurance that this practice would stop.

Repeat the request to reschedule the emptying of the bins

Meeting with Les Allan (Marr Area Manager) to discuss resiting of the Bins.

DC is still willing to draft a document to the Aberdeenshire Council. We will put the letter on hold to see that outcome of the meeting arranged for 8th Oct 2010.

Board of Chairperson- Carried Forward to next meeting.

British Legion Colours- Contact Gordon Ingram to ascertain the Legion's view on the correct place to hang the Colours.

Village Directory- Work in progress.

Health Centre Cycle rack- Check on Progress.

Torphins Gala. Made a small financial loss. It is looking for financial support. Agreed £250.

Parking. A Disabled Only parking bay beside the post office will be marked when the junction lines are repainted.

Torphins Amateur Football Club- C/F until treasurer if present. Invite representative to attend meeting to expand on support required.

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Cllr RB
JL LM

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Cllr PA

12. Correspondence

Naming of Road Letter from a local resident asking that a road name that was used many years ago be reinstated. No objections, seen as a move that might aid deliveries. Contact resident to inform of our views.

Circulated -'The Aberdeenshire Council Design Awards 2010' and the 'Schedule of Disabled Parking Spaces.

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13.	Any Other Business	
	Bench situated at the War Memorial has been damaged. Ask Landscape services if it is a council bench and then if possible repair.	Cllr PA
	Cash Machine at Scot Mid. This machine is seen as a popular well used service. No reference is made to siting another machine in the proposed new Scotmid Site. Monitor with a view it including cash machine into the design.	All
	Materials that have been stored by the TCC under the Learney Hall stage have been attacked by mice. Agreed that we should retain the Painting Bazaar signs but get pest control in to deal with the mice.	Cllr RB
	School Janitors. Due to budget cuts school janitors are no longer to be allowed to open schools in the evenings. Our school is very well used in the evening. If the proposal goes ahead following the October school holiday there will no one to open the school for scouts, brownies football, the PTA etc. The post of relief caretaker (key holder) has been advertised since July but there has been a very poor response.	
	Future of Torphins. A suggestion was tabled that the TCC could look at the vision for the village of the future. It was suggested that routes into the village could be lined with specimen tress. Please think about this and other ideas for discussion at the next meeting.	
	Election of Chair	All
	Everyone present was asked to consider whether or not they would be prepared to undertake the duties of the Chair of the TCC until the AGM in Feb 2011. The election will take place at our Nov meeting.	
14.	Date of next meeting - Thursday 2nd November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.	
	Meeting closed at 9:30pm.	