

Torphins Community Council
Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

The 30th Annual General Meeting of the Torphins Community Council, which serves the electoral district of Torphins, Glassel and Tornaveen, was held on Thursday 4th February, 2010 in the Small Learney Hall, Torphins

Those present: Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Sheila Blair, Rona Edgar, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Gordon Pirie, Richard Owens

In attendance: Councillor Peter Argyle, Councillor Rosemary Bruce, Hamish Booth, Gordon Smith

Apology for absence: Denis Christie (Chair)

Minutes of 29th Annual General Meeting held on 5th February 2009. These were agreed as a true and accurate account. Proposed: Sheila Blair, Seconded: Liz Moore.

Chairman's Report: Liz Moore presented the Annual Report on behalf of Denis Christie (Report attached)

Treasurer's Report: Eric Day presented audited accounts for the year ending 31st December 2009 and gave his report on these accounts. They show a balance £1,197.53. (Income & Expenditure attached)

Retiral of sitting members: Four members were due to retire and duly did so. Five of those present expressed a wish to join Torphins Community Council.

Election of New Members: As the number of those wishing to join Torphins Community Council exceeds the number of vacant positions, advertisements to go out locally and in the Piper inviting nominations for members.

Any Other Business: There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm.

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Chairman's Report to the AGM for the year 2009/2010

Dealing firstly with **the membership** of Torphins Community Council it was with great sadness that we met the news of the death of our past Chairman John Williams in October 2009. John had served the Council for many years with a large part of this time as chairman, a duty which he performed with vigour and conscientiousness. He had a passion for resolving issues towards the improvement of the village. We shall miss him as a valued member of the Community Council.

Since the last AGM we were pleased to have joined us as members, Emma Pattullo, Alan Bainbridge and Richard Owens bringing the Council up to its full complement of twelve members.

On matters of **planning**, our Community Council has played an active role in the processes towards the production of the Draft Local Development Plan by Aberdeenshire Council. Although working under very strict timescales, we produced a clear and concise image of how we saw the future development of Torphins, addressing such issues as housing, retail, parking and recreation. We produced a detailed submission which was provided to Aberdeenshire Council for their consideration during the production process of the Draft Local Development Plan.

On **crime**, the village has a very low rate, but we are always mindful of what we can do to keep it that way. There have been a small number of incidents however, and we thank Inspector Andrew Todd and his team of Police Officers, for their regular attendance at our monthly meetings when they update us of the current crime position.

The matter of the **general state of the village** was very much an active issue in the minds of the Community Council and issues such as the condition of the Victorian Fountain, the deteriorating state of the notice boards, the position regarding the vacant schoolhouse, the condition of the car park adjacent to the park and several others, were the focus of our attention. As a result of our efforts, the fountain has been cleaned and is going to be refurbished, the notice boards have been repaired and discussions with Aberdeenshire Council are ongoing in regard to state of the car park. The schoolhouse was advertised for sale by Aberdeenshire Council and it is understood that it has now been sold. Proceeds from the sale are to be ring fenced towards the cost of constructing the extension to the Learney Hall. To tackle issues regarding the future state of the village and other matters to benefit the village, a sub-committee has been formed to prepare a Torphins Community Action Plan.

Various **roads matters** were brought to the attention of the Community Council during the past year, the most noticeable of which, was the future of Bridge Crescent and the bridge. Various options for the future of Bridge Crescent were put forward and we carried out an extensive survey of the residents on this matter. The results of the survey were given to Aberdeenshire Council and we await their decision. Other roads matters tabled for our comment mostly related to speeding and it is noted that new speeding restrictions are to be introduced on roads leading into the village. In addition we have been in discussions with Aberdeenshire Council in regard to the creation of Core Paths in and around the village.

The Community Council is ever mindful of the need to keep residents informed of the various issues as they arise and are dealt with. To this end, in addition to the press and the notice boards we arranged for a Community Council section on the [torphins.org website](http://torphins.org). Through this, residents have access to up to date events, details of the members of the Community Council and all agendas and minutes of our meetings.

It was pleasing to note the success of our efforts to brighten up the village during the festive season with the installation of **Christmas lights** and our thanks go to all those who generously sponsored these lights. We were also pleased with the support we got from the residents in regard to the carol singing event which, yet again, proved to be very successful.

I would conclude by thanking the residents for their continuing support toward the Community Council and would also thank all members of the Community Council for their excellent efforts over the past year. I also thank Aberdeenshire Councillors, Peter Argyle and Rosemary Bruce, for their valuable advice and assistance.

Denis Christie
Chairman

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INCOME				
Balance C/Fwd	21/12/2008			£2,973.10
Aberdeenshire Council Grant			£611.27	
Legacy from John Robertson			£1,000.00	
Photocopier				£49.71
Carol Concert				£95.35
Sponsorship of Village Xmas Lights		£750.00		
Interest				£0.89
Torphins Village Directory - Advertisements		£759.00		
Returned cheque from above			-£40.00	
		Total Income		£6,199.72
	Less	Total Expenses		£4,734.84
				£1,464.88
Balance at Bank at 31/12/2009		£1,197.53		
Plus Cash Due to Bank		£862.40		
				£2,059.93
Minus Cheques Not Cleared		£595.05	£1,464.88	

EXPENDITURE				
AGM & Carol Concert Intimations 2009		£64.52		
Honorarium to Alan Bainbridge for compiling TVD	£150.00			
Donation to 1st Torphins Scouts			£350.00	
Drinks License - Carol Concert			£10.00	
Keys & Padlocks for Village Notice Boards		£155.28		
TCC Web Site - Deeside Design			£308.00	
Sponsorship of Village Web Site to Gordon Smith	£154.00			
Donation to Torphins Football Club		£350.00		
Keys for Notice Boards			£19.00	
Post Office - Stamps for admin			£7.69	
Tarland Granite Works - cleaning fountain		£301.30		
Village Directory - Printing Costs			£494.80	
Rickard Timbercraft - Repair of Village Notice Board	£115.00			
Rickard Timbercraft - New Village Notice Board	£552.00			
Blachere - Xmas Lights for Lamp-posts		£1,288.00		
Fittings for Lamp-posts	Lamp-posts			£39.25
Costco - Photocopier Ink Cartridges		£49.08		
ACC - External Electrical Sockets for Hall		£309.00		
Tesco - Mincemeat Pies for Carol Concert		£11.92		
Clydesdale Bank charge for returned cheque		£6.00		
		Total Expenses		£4,734.84
Correct Balance at 31/12/2009	31/12/2009			£1,464.88