

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 12th May 2011

Held in the Small Learney Hall

1.	<p>Present: Present: Steve Thorn (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Rona Edgar, John Lucas, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid.</p> <p>In Attendance: PC Jill Coull</p>	Action
2.	<p>Apologies: Cllr P Argyle, Cllr Rosemary Bruce.</p>	
3.	<p>Police Report: The police have responded to 6 calls to the Torphins area resulting in two criminal reports being filed. The public are encouraged to continue passing on specific details (i.e. vehicle registration numbers) to the police as this will result in a thorough examination of the incident being made. A Young Drivers Day, targeting 17-25 year olds, is being held in Aboyne on Thursday 28th July. Members are asked to pass on details of any interested parties.</p> <p>A speed survey will be carried out in two different locations in the village. Following discussions with the police it was decided that these will be placed opposite the church on St Marnan Road and near the bus stop to the west of Innermarkie Wynd. They will be in place for a two week period at the earliest opportunity outwith the school holidays.</p> <p>Divisional operations will be targeting road traffic offences and anti-social behaviour this weekend.</p>	ALL
4.	<p>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 7th April 2011:</p> <p>9. Old Schoolhouse - it has been 10 months since the agreed date of entry has elapsed and 22 months since the preferred bidder was announced.</p> <p>Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Fountain Gargoyle: Grigor Robertson, who refurbished the fountain, has advised how best to complete the refurbishment of the fountain. He advised that Gordon Ingram was the best person to approach regarding photos of the original gargoyle and a weather vane from the blacksmith would finish the top off nicely. A lead lion's head water spout, 10mm in diameter, has also been identified. Experiment with the appearance of a gargoyle of that size and circulate photos to all members in order to ascertain if it would be of the correct proportions.</p> <p>Notice board outside the Chemists: Repairs should progress next month following consultations with the joiner.</p> <p>Funding for additional Christmas Lights: Eric Day has been in touch with the light company as there are special offers on at the moment. Susan Mathers at Aberdeenshire Council to be contacted regarding the maximum size of lights for the lampposts.</p> <p>Bushes at Campfield will be cut back as soon as resources allow. To chase.</p> <p>Old Schoolhouse: To chase for an update.</p>	GP ED ED Cllr PA/ Cllr RB
6.	<p>Finance: Balance currently stands at £2357.68. £600 of this balance is ring</p>	

	<p>fenced for the purchasing of Christmas lights for the village. Payment has been received from Marr Local Community Planning Group for the work to upgrade the surface of the lane from Woodside Road. This money has been paid out to the contractor. £40 has been collected from the photocopier.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> App/2011/1174: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at Sunningdale, Beltie Road. Liz Moore noted an interest and duly left the room in order for discussions to take place. No comment. App/2011/1328: Erection of dwellinghouse and change of use of land at site to south of Nether Mains Cottage. No comment. App/2011/0983: Retention of existing chalet at Jess Shiel, Craigmyle. No comment. Station Garage Application. The application will go to council as it falls on land that was originally deemed suitable for commercial use. Scottish National Heritage has an interest regarding wildlife. This would be a major development for the village and an update of the status of the application was requested for the next TCC meeting.</p>	<p>CllrPA/ Cllr RB</p>
8.	<p><u>Road Matters</u> Bridge Crescent: The trial period was originally planned to be started and completed by the end of May yet no works have commenced. Contact Malcolm Christie for update. Comment was also made that many road markings needed redoing after the winter.</p>	<p>JL</p>
9.	<p><u>Torphins Community Action Plan:</u> The final document has gone to the printers. The Action Plan will be launched at an event that will be organised to coincide with the removal of the recycling bins. Invites will be sent to all groups in the community. A CAP meeting will be called shortly. <u>Repositioning of the recycling bins:</u> The consultation received only 20 responses. Some residents believed that they had already been consulted at our Community Action Plan event and hadn't commented further. TCC unanimously agreed to go ahead with the 3 month trial period to remove the bins. To follow up.</p>	<p>LM LM</p>
10.	<p><u>Post Office:</u> Scotmid has confirmed that they will be running the Post Office from its current site until it is moved into their new premises. TCC wish to make the community aware of the situation in order to ensure its continued use before it moves to Scotmid. Retirement of Irene Bonner- collection boxes are now in the bakers, post office and Morning, Noon & Night. Platform 22 is also accepting donations. These boxes will be removed just before our next meeting. In the meantime boxes will be emptied and weighted for safety. Consider how/when presentation could be made to Irene.</p>	<p>ALL LM ALL</p>
11.	<p><u>Photocopier:</u> This has been removed from Morning, Noon and Night in order to get a quote for a service. The photocopier is a community service rather than a fundraiser.</p>	<p>ED</p>
12.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> A letter has been received from Aberdeenshire Council</p>	

	<p>informing us that Torphins will not be getting a Village Orderly this summer. Enquire whether or not the duty carried out by previous village orderlies could be undertaken and supervised by community service.</p> <p>Two 'Reporters' from the Scottish executive will be looking at all the comments from the Local Development Plan. This will be a year long process.</p>	LM
13.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>Village Directory: To contact Emma for an update.</p> <p>Gala: TCC will again man the hill race. Contact Neil Stanton to inform.</p> <p>Innermarkie Road Rainwater: Contact Cllr Argyle and Cllr Bruce to chase Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dept to resolve.</p> <p>Grampian Terrace/Battock Terrace Lane: Learney Estate has agreed to TCC going ahead with the upgrading.</p> <p>Flower Tubs: Robert is looking for help for the first week of June to bring the plants over from Alford. Gordon will be available.</p> <p>Website visits are similar to last month.</p> <p>Core Paths: It is proposed that a core path (616.01) through Torphins Woods is updated at a cost of £39,000. TCC are concerned about the impact this will have on the flora and fauna and the damage to tree roots as the proposed path would be 1.5m wide running through mature woodland. TCC would like to see the existing path upgraded with natural materials. Contact concerned parties and inform of inaccuracy of route of path through Learney Estate (616.03)</p> <p>The school Eco Group who been clearing rubbish in the park were also concerned about the amount of rubbish behind the school wall at Station Garage's workshop. Contact Bob Shepherd.</p> <p>The list of items in abeyance has been edited and updated.</p>	<p>ST</p> <p>GP</p> <p>ED</p> <p>RR/GP</p> <p>ST</p>
14.	<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u> Thursday 2nd June 2011 at 7.30pm.</p>	