

## **Torphins Community Council**

### **Report to Aberdeenshire Council in respect of the future of Bridge Crescent and Bridge Crescent Bridge, Torphins.**

Torphins Community Council has carried out a survey of the residents of Torphins on the future of Bridge Crescent and Bridge Crescent Bridge. TCC have also deliberated on the issue at length and voted on the matter at their January 2010 meeting.

Five options were put forward as possible solutions to the problem. Of these options, two allowed for keeping the bridge open for vehicular traffic weighing less than three tons, and three for closing the bridge to vehicular traffic altogether, but leaving it open for pedestrian traffic.

Details of the five options were displayed for a considerable period on the TCC village notice board and were posted on the Torphins Website. TCC members delivered flyers about the issue to every household in the village and attention to the options was also announced by way of articles in the Press and Journal and the Deeside Piper.

The result of the survey was as follows:

Option 1	17 residents in favour and 8 TCC Members in favour
Options 2,3 & 4	no residents in favour
Option 5	8 residents in favour

Clearly there is a preference towards Option 1 which involves making Bridge Crescent one way, imposing a 20 mph speed limit and installing a continuous footpath.

In addition to indicating their preference as to which particular option they would prefer to see, many residents suggested additional refinements to their choice such as the inclusion of some speed humps, consideration of additional parking facilities nearby and various others. It was agreed by TCC to consider these additional refinements through its Community Action Plan Sub Committee and report further to Aberdeenshire Council.

TCC understands that the issue is to be decided upon by Aberdeenshire Council this month and we look forward to hearing the final decision.

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