

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 3rd June 2010
Held in the Small Learney Hall

		Action
1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Liz Moore (Vice-Chair), Eric Day (Treasurer), Anna Fraser (Secretary), Sheila Blair, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Cllr Peter Argyll, PC Andy Mathieson, Rona Edgar, Douglas Falconer, Neil Stanton.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Rosemary Bruce, John Lucas, Emma Pattullo, Richard Owens.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> Denis Christie expressed much sorry on behalf of Torphins Community Council at the tragic death of Mark Scott in a recent car accident. PC Andy Mathieson was in attendance. A couple of investigations were still ongoing and as such, because they are sub judice, could not be commented on further than the following update: 1. The crash on the A980 is still the subject of an ongoing police investigation. 2. The assault on Beltie Road was reported to the police. 5 officers immediately attended and two females were quickly taken into custody. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>The police have been in Torphins repeatedly regarding anti-social driving. Their hands are tied, however, unless the incident is in occurrence when they arrive. Therefore, the public are urged to note as many details as they can (date, time, registration number etc) in order for the police to follow up incidents. Ten drivers have been spoken to recently and one has been charged. Unmarked traffic units and speed detection radars have been in the village and will return as often as they can. Aberdeenshire Council has been monitoring speed in order to gather information from around Aberdeenshire. On 14th May a "Young Driver Roadshow" took place in Banchory aimed at educating and informing young drivers of correct driving procedures and vehicle maintenance. There was a good response with, at one point, over 40 cars from around the area attending.</p> <p><i>Operation Zenith</i> is underway, targeting motorbike riders and educating them in safety. Yellow signs can be seen around the area, particularly at weekends, highlighting danger areas to riders. Comment was made that some of these signs stating to "obey solid white lines" are on sections of road where there are in fact no white lines. This has come about due to a shortage of resin used to mark the white lines but the signs are still put up to avoid riders becoming over complacent on roads and will still convey the message to take care.</p> <p>The question of who is responsible for enforcing the cleaning of mud from the roads was asked. The Roads Scotland Act covers large amounts of mud/manure etc and this would be a police matter. In relation to tractors driving out of fields and leaving mud on the road, this is Aberdeenshire Council's responsibility to enforce cleaning.</p> <p>Comment was made on the excessive amount of grit still lying on the roads and the risk of skidding. This is in the process of being cleared up though the Traffic Department have requested that main roads be addressed first.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour relating to fire lighting and discarded bottles is still a problem though on a smaller scale than previously. If resources allow, the police will patrol areas where this is an occurrence. Information from the public is again important in order to follow up on such instances. 0845 600 5 700.</p>	

4.	<p><u>Craiglash Quarry:</u> Douglas Falconer gave a presentation regarding the renewal of the planning application for Craiglash Quarry. Although the quarry is actually within the Banchory and Mid Deeside area it is close to Torphins and therefore relevant to our community. Legislation requires the quarry to re-apply for planning every 15 years, and this is now up for renewal. The intention is to modernise the plant within the quarry and to have moveable plant. It is not intended that the overall footprint of the quarry will change. It is believed that there is over 100 years of life left in the quarry. The recycling of road materials is to be included in the new planning application with all materials being 100% recycled and no backfilling of the quarry at all. The new application is also for more flexible working hours. These are currently 7.30am - 4pm and hope to change to 5.30am-7pm though they do not expect to open the quarry for these hours on a daily basis. Any queries raised or representation on the planning application should be submitted to the Planning Department at Viewmount, Stonehaven. The quarry will also be holding a public meeting in the small Learney Hall on Thursday 10th June.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 13th May 2010:</u> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Steve Thorn Seconded: Eric Day</p>	
6.	<p><u>Election - eligibility of members</u> The query from last month relating to business owners being eligible to stand for election on TCC was answered by Aberdeenshire Council: "The Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils indicates that residents within the Community Council area and owners of businesses located in that area (though not personally resident there) are eligible for membership. The Scheme also indicates that a Community Council constitution should not conflict with the terms of the scheme and if there is an inconsistency the scheme takes precedence. Business owners are therefore eligible and there is no provision to introduce a maximum quota. Provision cannot be extended to employees of businesses in the Community Council area, otherwise the Scheme would state that anyone who lives or works in the area would be eligible, however, if you so choose co-option could be considered."</p>	
7.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1575.15 after paying the bill for advertising the election.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Planning: APP/2010/1475</u> The Bothy, Easter Beltie - Erection of Link from Existing Annex to Existing Dwellinghouse. No Comments. LDP The draft Local Development Plan will consist of a 28-30 page document plus supplementary documents (all maps and plans). It will go before the Infrastructure Services Committee on 17th June 2010. The Full Council will then meet to discuss it on June 24th, following which it will be put out to full consultation until October 10th. Formal objections will try to be resolved by the Full Council at this stage. Any unresolved issues will go before the Examination & Public (Scottish Reporter's Unit).</p>	
9.	<p><u>Community Action Plan:</u> Liz Moore is in the process of writing up the findings from our Open Event. These generally fall into 4 areas: Housing, Facilities, Youth and Environment. The raw data will be sent to all on TCC. Write to Torphins Primary School thanking for all their help and input. General opinion is that we have a very good Health Practice. They received a few suggestions but the overwhelming feeling is do not change it. Community Learning & Development (CLD) are currently low on manpower but hope to hold a Youth Engagement Event on 24th June in the small Learney Hall inviting representatives from</p>	<p>LM LM</p>

	<p>Health, Scouts, Football, Police etc. Adverts will be put on school buses and around the village and a grant will be applied for to help cover costs. Health Improvement Funding is available for health issues. Marr Community Funding Group can be approached for 'quick win' funding for instant actions (e.g. the need for litter bins). CAP is now looking to extend the group to include representatives from Health and Young People. Next meeting Wednesday 9th June 8pm.</p>	LM
10.	<p><u>Baden Powell Challenge</u>: Suggestions for the Girl Guides doing their Baden Powell challenge include helping with the Village Directory, joining the Community Action Plan group and helping with the flower tubs. It was suggested that joining the CAP group would be most worthwhile. Contact guide leader.</p>	DC
11.	<p><u>Village Directory</u>: Emma Pattullo has agreed to take this on and will contact Alan Bainbridge to initiate a handover. Business/Groups list to be circulated to all TCC members.</p>	LM
12.	<p><u>Litter & Roads Mess</u>: Bob Shepherd will look into the mess between Station Garage and the school. To chase. It is the farmer's responsibility to clear roads of tyre tracks and mud and Aberdeenshire Council will enforce this. The drains have been unable to cope with recent rainfall and gardens have been flooding. Aberdeenshire Council have one machine to cover clearing drains in the whole of Marr and have been prioritising areas most badly affected. The question was asked as to whether or not the grit from the roads can be reused. This needs to be cleaned, screened and processed first in order to meet SEPA regulations. This is not economically viable so it currently goes to landfill.</p>	DC
13.	<p><u>Roads Matters</u></p> <p>a. Innermarkie Road Rain Water- Aberdeenshire Council looking into. To chase.</p> <p>b. Kincardine Road- Nothing economically viable can be done to ease the situation.</p> <p>c. Road Speed Sign at Campfield- Rosemary Bruce is seeking a review of the situation. Look into cutting down bushes on the south side of Campfield - this is the landowner's responsibility.</p>	DC Cllr RB Cllr PA
14.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a. Torphins Website. Marr Area Funding is unlikely to cover the recurring running costs of a website. Agreed to pay £175 running costs annually to Gordon Smith. A live link to planning applications was considered too time consuming to include on the website though a link to Aberdeenshire Council's website with an explanation of which search details to enter will be added.</p> <p>b. General State of the Village. Emma Pattullo is looking into the replacement <u>gargoyle for the fountain</u>. The flowers for the <u>flower tubs</u> arrived today. Tubs are to be purchased and planted up as soon as possible. The lobelia, unsuitable for tubs, is to be planted in the wildflower garden in the park.</p> <p>c. Christmas Lights. Chase insertion of sockets on existing 7 lampposts.</p> <p>d. Marr Area Partnership. The next Ward Forum will include the training of Community Council members and is open to all TCC members. This will be on 26th August at 7pm and will be run by Les Allen.</p> <p>e. Repositioning of re-cycle bins. The feeling of TCC is that these should be removed from the centre of the village and we should continue seeking their being repositioned in the park. Chase change in emptying times.</p>	JL/ED JL/GP EP ED/RR RR Cllr PA Cllr RB

<p>f. Maximising use of Learney Hall. Susan Raeper has been succeded. Liz to confirm that she is on the list of caretakers.</p> <p>g. Torphins Gala. Neil Stanton was in attendance to update on Torphins Gala 2010. They are very hopeful of making a profit this year after receiving a donation of £500 and having a relatively healthy bank balance, though any sponsorship or funding would be gratefully received. Seek funding/sponsorship A meeting was had with the police regarding the drinks licence and it was decided to go ahead with the marquee and a live band on the Saturday night. LOKI, a local band, will perform and admission will be by ticket only, tickets being sold in advance. A TCC display was agreed, under a gazebo outside the marquee. Six more volunteers are still being sought for manning the hill race. Eric's wife has offered to assist the Gala Committee in putting together a business plan.</p> <p>h. Board of Chairpersons. Research previous chairs. Contact Guy Stark, Gordon Ingram and Susan Raeper. Contact Les Allen of Marr Area.</p> <p>i. South Lodge Gate c/f</p> <p>j. British Legion Colours. It is believed that the church's decision will not be reversed once the colours have been laid up. Check for official reply. Ask British Legion of their view on the colours being reinstated in the church.</p> <p>k. Woodside Road-Craigmyle Lodge walkway. Signs have been put up. No extra dog bins will be placed as there is already one in the close vicinity.</p> <p>l. Cycle Rack. Awaiting decision from the Health Board as to where cycle racks will be placed. To chase.</p> <p>m. Parking. A letter has been sent to the sorting office in Banchory regarding the parking of post vans at collection times. To chase. Awaiting a response regarding the in appropriate parking/white lines outside Morning, Noon and Night.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>All</p> <p>All ED</p> <p>DC/AF ED</p> <p>SB LM</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>DC Cllr RB</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Aberdeenshire Sports Council Newsletter - seeking a new treasurer. Aberdeenshire Council Development Plan Scheme.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Friends of Mark Scott are fundraising and wish to have some sort of memorial to him, possibly a bench. TCC are all in favour of this and hope a suitable public place can be found. Rona Edgar will consult on this. CPR training will take place on Tuesday 8th June at 7pm at the Health Clinic. Deeside Festival booklets are available from Aboyne Community Centre. Write to Mother Hubbards requesting they tidy their grounds.</p>	<p>ED</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 1st July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.50pm</p>	