

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 4th March 2010
Held in the **Small Learney Hall**

1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), John Lucas, Emma Pattullo.</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Susan Bennett, Neil Martin, Paula Martin, David Pattullo.</p> <p><u>Members co-opted onto committee:</u> Liz Moore, Eric Day, Sheila Blair.</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Anne Allardyce, Cllr Peter Argyle, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Rona Edgar, Richard Owens, Gordon Pirie.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Community Council Membership/Nomination Process:</u> Alan Bainbridge has intimated his resignation. Torphins Community Council wishes to thank him for his work during his time with them, in particular his hard work constructing the Village Directory.</p> <p>Nomination forms for Community Council members can be obtained from Morning, Noon & Night and the Post Office or downloaded from the website. These are to be returned to Anna Fraser by Monday 15th March.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> No police report was available.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 4th February 2010:</u> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: Emma Pattullo Seconded: John Lucas</p>	
6.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1504.13</p>	
7.	<p><u>Planning:</u> There is currently no recognised procedure in place for those with a vested interest in planning, either as an applicant or an objector. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the procedures recommended by Les Allan of Aberdeenshire Council in that, following any initial discussion, interested parties must leave the room in order to allow for free discussion and any decisions to be made.</p> <p>APP/2010/0257 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (to Form Ancillary Accommodation) including Demolition of Garage, Demolition and Erection of Replacement Gallery/Studio and Cafe. Emma Pattullo noted an interest in this planning application. David Pattullo gave a presentation outlining the proposal. Emma left the room. Concerns were raised over the excessive size of the signs on the front of the building and the use of corrugated iron as roofing. Write a letter to this effect.</p>	GP
8.	<p><u>Standing Orders</u> The new Standing Orders were unanimously agreed. This item is to be removed from the Agenda.</p>	DC
9.	<p><u>Community Action Plan:</u> Suzanne Wall and Mike Powell of the Marr Area Partnership have offered to help. Previous consultations are in circulation. A contact sheet of local groups and businesses is to be circulated. Read, update and return ASAP.</p> <p>Proposed open consultation planning event in school hall on Saturday 17th April</p>	LM All

10.	<u>Roads Matters</u>	Cllr RB
	<p>a. Battock Terrace/Grampian Terrace lane surfacing- Pending.</p> <p>b. Raemoir Road Junction- Comment was made on the poor snow clearing at the junction.</p> <p>c. Innermarkie Road Rain Water. Drains have been unable to cope with the rainwater - photos taken. Burnett & Reid and Aberdeenshire Council to be contacted.</p> <p>d. Woodside Road. Awaiting response from Mark Skilling. To chase.</p> <p>e. Condition of car park at the park. To chase Malcolm Christie.</p>	ED/DC
	<p>Comment was made from a resident about the narrow pavement down Kincardine Road and the potential danger to pedestrians. Request to be made to Roads Department for a visit in order to carry out a safety audit with a view to widening the pavement without the loss of garden land.</p>	DC
11.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	LM
	<p>a. Torphins Website. Information regarding the booking of the Learney Hall and the nomination process for Community Council members can both now be found on the website. Anomalies between website and village directory to be checked. Alan Bainbridge to be removed from contact list. Emma Pattullo's phone number to be amended.</p>	JL
	<p>b. General State of the Village. Now that quotes have been received for the repair of the <u>shop signage</u>, the shop owner and Aberdeenshire Council are to proceed with this. Emma is seeking a description of the <u>gargoyle for the fountain</u> before proceeding with a design. Mr Innes to be contacted for information about the original design of the fountain. The possibility of a 'village melt' to enable all village members to contribute towards the bronze/metal of the gargoyle was discussed.</p>	DC
	<p>The <u>notice board</u> at Tornaveen has been erected. The locks on the notice board outside Morning, Noon and Night are now functioning.</p>	
	<p>c. Christmas Lights. Chase insertion of sockets on existing lampposts. The socket on the tower of the hall was installed with no cable to provide power. Contact Susan Raeper.</p>	Cllr PA
	<p>d. Marr Area Partnership The latest Marr Area Newsletter is available electronically from Anna. The Draft Local Community Plan in circulation is to be commented on before Marr Community Forum on 16th April. The next Marr Area Bus Forum is on Thursday 25th March, 7.30-9pm in the Victory Hall Aboyne. Any comments are to be passed on to Liz Moore. Any comments re bus timetabling, efficiency, driver behaviour should be passed to Liz Moore. Incidents or complaints are always investigated and therefore should always be referenced to the bus route and timetabled arrival or departure from the village.</p>	All

	<p>e. Repositioning of re-cycle bins. Aberdeenshire Council has confirmed that there are no plans to the recycling facilities from the centre of the village to the identified site behind the public toilets. Their repositioning may be included in the plans for the Learney Hall extension though, as yet, no allowance for recycling facilities has been included in these plans. Questions were raised as to what Aberdeenshire Council plan to do with the piece of land left over from the sale of the school house. To look into.</p> <p>f. Adoption of BT red phone boxes. The contract has been updated to include a clause that ensures that TCC having adopted the box would not be allowed to 'sell it on' to a third party. It was unanimously decided to continue with the adoption process.</p> <p>g. Aberdeen Council Design Awards. The nomination is now in. Remove from Agenda.</p> <p>h. Maximising use of Learney Hall. A Community Council member has applied for the position of Relief Hallkeeper in order to lighten the workload and maximise hall bookings.</p> <p>i. Torphins Gala. Awaiting budget plan for 2010. To follow up.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p> <p>DC/AF</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>
12.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Aberdeenshire Community Safety Group is holding its Annual Seminar on 20th April in Kemnay Church Centre. Sports Council Newsletter. Consultation period on the Licensing Boards Revised Statement of Licensing Principles - 5th March until 16th April.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> The possibility of a commemorative plaque or roll of honour was discussed - members asked to consider these before our April meeting. The Upper Deeside Community Development Group is in the process of developing the Adult Learning programme for 2010 - 11 requests and suggestions from members would be welcome. The UDCDG can be approached by groups and societies for financial support for activities to date only two groups have approached the group for funding, both were successful. Comment was made relating to the damage to pavements caused by the contractors responsible for the snow clearing. A gratuity to be given to Mr Reid for all his help in maintaining the flowers around the village last year.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	