

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 13th May 2010
Held in the Small Learney Hall

1.	<p><u>Present:</u> Denis Christie (Chair), Anna Fraser (Secretary), John Lucas, Gordon Pirie, Robert Reid, Steve Thorn</p> <p><u>In Attendance:</u> Cllr Rosemary Bruce, PC Graham Wilson & PC Alex Carnie, Rona Edgar.</p>	Action
2.	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Cllr Peter Argyle, Sheila Blair, Eric Day, Liz Moore, Emma Pattullo, Richard Owens.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Election:</u> Denis Christie welcomed Robert Reid and Steve Thorn onto the Community Council. Liz Moore was elected as Vice-Chair (nominated: Anna Fraser, seconded: Gordon Pirie) and Eric Day was elected as Treasurer (nominated: Robert Reid, seconded: John Lucas).</p> <p>Comment was made that some members of the public didn't know who all the election candidates were or if they were standing for re-election as opposed to being nominated for the first time. Future elections shall explain this as well as explaining that not all members are due for retiral at the same time meaning that some members will remain on TCC and not be up for re-election.</p> <p>The fact that business owners, with a business in the village but residing outside the boundaries of TCC, can be elected onto the Community Council was queried and the question of re-wording those eligible for election to include people working within the village was raised. Refer to Aberdeenshire Council for further clarification.</p>	AF/DC
4.	<p><u>Police Report:</u> PC Graham Wilson and PC Alex Carnie were in attendance. Incidents of youth anti-social behaviour and car vandalism were being looked into following a lot of reports from the public and lots of police enquiries. Enquiries into incidents on William Street and St Marnan Road are ongoing. The school playground and Learney Avenue woods continue to be a problem for rubbish etc. Underage drinking is a concern and is being looked into. Police praised the input from certain residents resulting in positive policing. Policing in the area is very much intelligence led and they rely on the public to provide information in order to police a situation. The public are reminded of the non-emergency number: 0845 600 5 700.</p> <p>A traffic road show is to be held in the Bellfield car park in Banchory on Friday 14th May highlighting elements of anti-social driving.</p> <p>The community is being urged to put items of gardening equipment away securely as theft complacency has led to a rise in incidents of goods being stolen from cars, garages and sheds. People are urged to help avoid opportunist criminals stealing from outbuildings and vehicles.</p> <p>Road Safety Officers will be contacted by the police to aid speed monitoring. NESAMP asked to focus on Torphins. Aberdeenshire Council will also be looking into monitoring B roads through villages. Onus is also</p>	PC AC PC GW

	<p>on the Roads Department to use traffic calming methods. Look into when this will take place.</p> <p>It is worth noting that new legislation on Anti-social Behaviour and Driving means that, after an initial warning for anti-social driving, further incidents can result in a driver's car being seized. The public are urged to note registration numbers, times, dates of anti-social driving. An incident outside Playgroup was mentioned involving excessive speed. In such instances the most effective policing can be done through the police contacting the driver directly following details being reported by the public.</p> <p>Denis received an email from Inspector Andrew Todd stating that the police will be giving a quarterly report for the Marr area. Inspector Todd to be notified of next meetings and briefed in advance of these if any police matters have arisen.</p>	<p>Cllr RB</p> <p>DC</p>
5.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting 8th April 2010:</u> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Gordon Pirie</p>	
6.	<p><u>Finance:</u> The bank balance currently stands at £1680.62</p>	
7.	<p><u>Planning:</u> APP/2010/0603 (from previous meeting) Wester Beltie. Only one letter of objection has been received and planners consider it to be only a minor material change. APP/2010/0981(from previous meeting) Store at Station Garage workshop. Planners have been asked to include a restriction on planning permission from permanent to temporary and request that adequate vegetation be planted. APP/2010/1289 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at 5 Fare View - No Comments. APP/2010/1140 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at 10 Craighour Avenue - No Comments. APP/2010/1246 Erection of Dwellinghouse at site to the south of Nether Mains Cottage - No Comments.</p> <p>Craiglash Quarry to attend next month's meeting in relation to extending their planning permission. To confirm.</p>	<p>AF</p>
8.	<p><u>Community Action Plan</u> Liz Moore is in the process of collating and analysing information gathered from the Open Event. A Youth Engagement event is being organised and we hope to hear feedback from Torphins Patient Group. Next meeting 9th June 8pm.</p>	
9.	<p><u>CPR</u> Training date Tuesday 8th June. Time to be confirmed.</p>	<p>LM</p>
10.	<p><u>Anti-social Behaviour:</u> See Police Report (4).</p>	
11.	<p><u>Baden Powell Challenge:</u> Three Girl Guides from 1st Torphins Guides are carrying out their Baden Powell Challenge and have asked TCC for ideas for activities involving "something for the community." Please email Denis Christie with any suggestions.</p>	<p>All</p>
12.	<p><u>Village Directory:</u> Alan Bainbridge is unable to do the Village Directory this year though he would be available for help/consultation. Emma</p>	

	<p>Pattullo has kindly volunteered to take this on. TCC thank Alan sincerely for all the time and hard work he has put into the Village Directories.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Litter and Road Mess:</u> A letter has been received from a resident regarding the mess of mud on the roads. It is up to farmers to clean roads and police can be notified if they are unkempt. Seek clarification of the regulations on this from Inspector Todd and ask Roads Department for procedures.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the amount of litter on Station Garage's site close to the school boundary. Contact Bob Shepherd.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Roads Matters</u></p> <p>a. Innermarkie Road Rain Water- Denis Christie has written to Aberdeenshire Council stating that the drains cannot handle the quantities of rainwater. Awaiting response.</p> <p>b. Kincardine Road- Mark Skilling has looked at this problem in detail. The road is not wide enough for a pavement on both sides of the road. The red visibility strips were added in the past for improved safety when emerging from drives. Nothing cost effective can be done and the matter has been passed on to Malcolm Christie, Roads Manager. To follow up.</p> <p>c. Road Speed Sign at Campfield- A query was raised as to why there was a 50mph speed limit when approaching from the west but not when approaching from the east. Look into.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>Cllr RB</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a. Torphins Website. This month the website 110 visits to it from 5 countries. An annual gratuity to be paid to Gordon Smith. Look into adding planning applications to website.</p> <p>b. General State of the Village. The hunt for original photos of the <u>gargoyle for the fountain</u> is still ongoing. It is believed the original gargoyle represented a sun god. Any further information would be gratefully appreciated.</p> <p>c. Christmas Lights. Chase insertion of sockets on existing 7 lampposts.</p> <p>d. Marr Area Partnership. Meeting tonight. Future meetings to be announced.</p> <p>e. Repositioning of re-cycle bins. Aberdeenshire Council, while appreciating the wish for the recycling bins to be removed from the centre of the village, are not keen to remove the recycling bins completely as a 2nd bin was put in to cope with demand and both sites are used to capacity. The car park of the Learney Hall extension has been earmarked as a potential site, as a suitable site cannot be found at the moment. It was asked whether or not the bins in the centre of the village could be removed and the ones at the park emptied more frequently. Look into the practicalities of this. Concerns were raised that the bins were being emptied in the morning when children were arriving at school. Look into changing times. Aberdeenshire Council commented that they had only</p>	<p>JL/GP</p> <p>Cllr PA/RB</p> <p>Cllr RB</p> <p>Cllr RB</p>

	<p>received one letter (from TCC) on this matter. Members of the public are encouraged to write with their concerns to Les Allen and the Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>f. Maximising use of Learney Hall. C/F to next meeting.</p> <p>g. Torphins Gala. TCC has received an offer of help for the Gala committee to help them in producing a business plan. Contact Dave Cowie. Volunteers are needed to help marshal the hill race at the Gala on Saturday 21st August starting at 2pm. Contact Gordon Pirie if available. A TCC presence at the Gala has been suggested. Contact Dave Cowie.</p> <p>h. Roll of Honour/Plaque. A board of Chairpersons, back-dated to the formation of TCC, was unanimously agreed upon.</p> <p>i. Snow clearance damage. Locations of any damage caused by the snow clearance are to email Gordon Pirie.</p> <p>j. South Lodge Gate. c/f</p> <p>k. British Legion Colours. These are believed to be going to the British Legion Headquarters in Aberdeen. Ask church for permission to reinstate the Colours in the church.</p> <p>l. Woodside Road-Craigmyle Lodge walkway. Awaiting response into the possibility of signage and a bin. To chase.</p> <p>m. Cycle Rack. Awaiting response.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>All DC</p> <p>All ED</p> <p>SB</p> <p>Cllr RB Cllr PA</p>
16.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan. "Connect" - Scottish Health Council Newsletter. Invitation for a 'town twinning' with Sainte Croix in France. SCARF (Save Cash And Reduce Fuel) offer of a talk or presentation & leaflets.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> The BT contract relating to the adoption of the telephone kiosk was signed and witnessed. The speed limits to the north of the village will be looked into as part of Aberdeenshire Council's B roads review. Concern was raised that the post van is causing an obstruction to both the road and visibility when emptying the Post Office box. Contact sorting office in Banchory. Concerns were also raised over parking outside Morning, Noon and Night as cars on both sides of the road restrict vehicle movement. Contact Roads Department.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>Cllr RB</p>
14.	<p>Date of next meeting - Thursday 3rd June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Small Learney Hall.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	