

# Torry Community Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 April 2025

Time: 7:03 PM – 9:10 PM

Location: Greyhope Community Hub, Torry, Aberdeen

### 1. Welcome and Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Victor Onyemejor, who welcomed attendees and explained the cancellation of the March 2025 meeting.

### 2. Attendance

Present:

- Victor Onyemejor (Chair)
- Rotimi Osibajo (Secretary)
- Joanita Dsousa (Treasurer)
- David Fryer (Planning Officer)
- Simon McLean (Member)
- Michal Debski (Member – virtual attendance)
- Clr. Simon Watson (Torry/Ferryhill)
- Clr. Alex Nicoll (Nigg/Kincorth)
- Karen Finch (ACC)
- Donna Cuthill (ACC)
- Richard Caie

Apologies:

- John Mikeljohn (Vice Chair)
- Eremina Sodienye-Cockey (Member)
- Clr. Christian Allard
- Clr. Lee Fairfull

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Chair and seconded by the Secretary. Correction noted: Secretary's name was omitted and will be added.

### 4. Matters Arising

No matters arising were reported.

## **5. Police Report**

No police report was provided.

## **6. Planning Update – David Fryer**

David expressed concerns over the volume of heavy-duty vehicles in Torry and the potential damage to infrastructure. Authorities cited lack of funding for traffic restrictions.

Recommendations/Action Items:

- Propose the development of a Torry Community Planning Framework to Aberdeen City Council.
- Ensure community voices are included in traffic and infrastructure planning.
- Explore engaging consultants to support framework development.
- Gather community input on roads, land use, and major projects.

Responses:

- Simon McLean: Submitted a past plan that was ignored.
- Richard Caie: Highlighted lack of funding commitments.
- Clr. Alex Nicoll: Suggested documenting vehicle misuse for potential fines and funding opportunities; will email Michael regarding traffic concerns.
- Doris: Encouraged involvement in “Your Place, Your Plan, Your Future” programme.
- Chair: Noted support from Jesus House Torry to assist with planning; raised concern over access to submitted plans.

## **7. Councillor Updates – Clr. Simon Watson**

- RAAC update:
  - Funding efforts unsuccessful.
  - Policy reviewed and feedback noted.
  - No asylum seekers housed in RAAC-affected areas.
  - Land ownership under review.
  - Community centre renovation funding secured.
- 20mph school zone consultation underway.
- Community grant application now open.

(See full April report by Clrs. Fairfull and Allard appended.)

## **8. Health Matters**

- Planning a “Tea Breakfast Programme” for men: 9–15 June 2025.
- Shannon (Community Support Network) invited members to an event at Balnagask Centre on 15 June 2025, supported by Aberdeen Health and Social.

## **9. Treasurer’s Report**

Joanita reported the bank requires an updated mandate from the previous treasurer to access the account.

Action Item:

- Complete and submit mandate change documentation.

## **10. Membership**

David Fryer was unanimously co-opted from associate to full member.

## **11. AOB**

- Richard Caie: Announced a social walking group beginning 25 April 2025, starting at Bridge Café, North Balnagask Rd.
- Chair: Reported damage to Greyhope fence; school head has been notified.
- David Fryer: Volunteered for Green Initiative Programme.

## **12. Meeting Close**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

### **Action Items Summary**

Item	Responsible	Deadline
Add Secretary's name to previous minutes	Secretary	Next meeting
Email on heavy-duty vehicle concerns	Clr. Nicoll	ASAP
Update bank mandate	Treasurer	Before next meeting
Begin draft of Community Planning Framework	Planning Officer & Chair	June meeting
Share event flyers for June programmes	Health Committee	May meeting

### **Appendix**

April 2025 Report – Clrs. Lee Fairfull & Christian Allard

(Full text available upon request – key points include budget allocations, RAAC housing update, and community engagement strategy.)

Minutes prepared by:

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