

Torry Community Council

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.
- Cllr. 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 – Cllr. 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 Cllrs. 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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