

# Torry Community Council

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 June 2025

Time: 7:17 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Greyhope Community Hub, Torry, Aberdeen

### 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by Chair Victor Onyemejor. He welcomed all attendees, encouraged concise and respectful contributions, and apologised for the absence of some council members due to prior engagements. The Vice-Chair joined the meeting virtually.

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted by Secretary Rotimi Osibajo and seconded by Treasurer Joanita Dsousa.

### 3. Aberdeen Coastal Road Update

- The need to consider Torry roads before construction begins was emphasised.
- The Community Council will prepare an official proposal to register concerns about the road's potential impact on Torry.

### 4. RAAC Housing Issues

- No concrete plan exists for affected homeowners.
- More public protests may be necessary to raise concerns with the government.
- Questions were raised about the Councillor representing Torry's position on RAAC.
- Homeowners are still refusing to sell their properties; no progress in negotiations.
- New Housing Secretary appointed in Scotland.
- No proposals from Aberdeen City Council to the Housing Minister regarding homeowner compensation.
- Lack of detailed proposals to address homeowner concerns.

Reacting to the suggestions by of RAAC update regarding homeowner compensation, Christian Allard pointed that there is a detailed plan offering different options for affected homeowners, all of which have been shared with the Torry Community Council. He referred to hard copies of those letters and emails brought to previous meetings, adding that the cited correspondences are in public domain and that he is willing to share more correspondences and details with the community council.

### Action Items – RAAC

- Submit an application to the Scottish Government specifying the amount required to settle affected homeowners. (Responsible: Chair & Planning Officer – Deadline: July 2025)
- Invite the Councillor representing Torry to attend the next meeting. (Responsible: Secretary – Deadline: Before next meeting)
- Provide the Community Council with a copy of the planned proposal. (Responsible: Aberdeen City Council – Deadline: Upon completion)

## 5. Council Report Updates

Tall Ships Event:

- Concerns raised regarding parking availability, road and school closures, and environmental impacts.

Proposed Industrialisation of St Fittick's Park:

- Concerns over visible land acquisition ('land grabbing'), environmental risks, and public health implications.
- The Community Council will formally object to the proposed project.

## 6. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Treasurer's account update presented.
- Update provided on damage to Greyhope School fence.
- Safer Schools initiative not yet implemented at Greyhope Schools; Councillor Christian Allard asked to follow up.

## 7. Meeting Close

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

## 8. Attendance

**Present:**

- Victor Onyemejor (Chair)
- John Mikeljohn (Vice Chair) – Virtual
- Rotimi Osibajo (Secretary)
- Joanita Dsousa (Treasurer)
- David Fryer (Planning Officer)
- Simon McLean (Member)
- Eremina Sodienye-Cockey (Member)
- Clr. Christian Allard
- Clr. Alex Nicoll (Nigg/Kincorth)
- Richard Caie

**Apologies:**

- Clr. Simon Watson (Torry/Ferryhill)
- Michal Debski
- Donna Cuthill (ACC)

Signed,

Rotimi Osibajo, Secretary, Community Council