

Torry Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 May 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:02 PM

Location: Greyhope Community Hub, Torry, Aberdeen

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Victor Onyemejor. The Chair welcomed all attendees and encouraged contributions to remain brief, issue-focused, and respectful.

2. Apologies

- Joanita Dsouza (Treasurer) – childcare responsibilities
- Eremina Cookey (Member) – family visit
- Okechukwu Umezuruike (Member) – work-related travel

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted by David Fryer and seconded by Michal Debski.

4. Torry Health Matters Update

- The Torry Men's Wellbeing Programme was announced.
- Health professionals will be in attendance.
- Refreshments will be provided.

5. RAAC Housing Update

- John Meikljohn reported on the RAAC situation. The community's proposal was not well received.
- Appointment of a new TCRC Chairperson announced.
- Clr. Christian Allard denied that the Council received letters from homeowners, but evidence was read aloud confirming receipt.
- Paula Fraser raised concerns about council support for affected homeowners.
- The community called for concrete action on RAAC.
- £20M in Scottish Government housing funds mentioned; Clr. Allard clarified the strict criteria for accessing it.
- John Meikljohn committed to writing to the government about the funding.
- Community demanded a public inquiry regarding the funding.

- Chair emphasized prioritizing homeowners' wellbeing.
- Cllr. Allard noted that health and wellbeing support details will be released soon.

6. Presentation: Aberdeen South Link Road

- Budget: £25 million
- Purpose: Improve links between Aberdeen South, Cove, and Torry; redirect heavy goods traffic
- Key Milestones:
 - Design completion: May 2025
 - Contractor procurement: Summer 2025
 - Full business case: Autumn 2025
- Stakeholder engagement required during planning and construction
- Traffic management to include temporary lights, one-way systems, and closures
- Community benefits to be part of the contractor tender
- Target completion: 2027

7. Event Update: Tall Ships Aberdeen

- Expected attendance: 400 participants
- Duration: 4 days
- International guests: 2,000
- Media presence: 50 outlets
- Sail trainees: 230 (Aberdeen)
- Local traders: 60

Community Concerns:

- Need for clear traffic management plans
- Public safety provisions
- Stephen may return to update the Council on these concerns

8. AOCB

- Rose Ross (SHMU) presented on Connect Torry:
 - It serves as the community's website and directory.
 - Offers event publicity for the Community Council.
 - Can function as a signpost to other websites.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Attendance

Victor Onyemejor – Chair
John Meikljohn – Vice Chair
Rotimi Osibajo – Secretary
David Fryer – Planning Officer
Michal Debski – ICT – Member
Simon McLean – Member
Christian Allard – Councillor, ACC
Simon Watson – Councillor, ACC
Ross Stevenson – Guest Presenter, ACC
Kenneth Smith – Guest, ACC
Stephen O’Neil – Guest Presenter, Tall Ships, ACC
Donna Cuthill – Community Officer, ACC
Ian L. – TCRC Chair
Paula Fraser – TCRC
Richard Caie
Leslie-Ann
Linda Harper
Lyn
Annie Munroe
Gupta Shanu
Rose Ross – SHMU

Signed,
Rotimi Osibajo
Secretary, Community Council