

# Torry Community Council

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## 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 Dsousa (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 Shantu  
Rose Ross – SHMU

Signed,  
Rotimi Osibajo  
Secretary, Community Council