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Torry Community Council

Minute of meeting held on Wed 15th October. 2025 in the Jesus House Torry Church

Present: Victor Onemeyor, Michal Debski, David Fryer, Justin Umezurike

In Attendance:, Cllr Simon Watson

Apologies: John Meiklejohn, Simon McLean,
Jenny Dsouza, Councillors Alex Nicoll, and Christian Allard

Member of the Torry RAAC Campaign Group and the public in attendance.

Chair welcome everyone to the meeting

Minutes of previous meeting

There being a quorum present, the Minute of the September 2024 meeting was agreed without dissent. Cllr Watson advised of a formal reply regarding the enforcement of the new 20mph zones in that Police Scotland would balance all operational and urgent demands to meet community needs. Simon McLean offered a clarification on the CC powers as a statutory consultee. All comments were noted.

Matters Arising

Coast Road: David Fryer advised that no further details had been received from the Council and understood that new consultations were to be undertaken by the Council before Christmas. All other CCs South of the Dee are ready to discuss options for shared comments and responses on any schemes being brought forward through consultation.

St Fitticks Community Park: A further application had been submitted by the Developers and comments will be submitted before the end of the month, noting that to date, only objections had been received. Two earlier planning applications that were deferred should now be presented to Planning Committee on 6th November

Police Report

Nothing this month

Planning Report

Incinerator update: Whilst it is reported that the incinerator has restarted, it is understood that there are still operational problems. Proposal to request a site visit and a full briefing should be made to SEPA and the Council.

Local Place Plan: To seek and record community viewpoints, an inter-active mapping system that has been used by other Community Councils in Scotland had been examined. An example used by Muckhart Community Council was shown that can record concerns and observations that can then be written up and recorded as an evidence-base. This system can be used through our website, phones can also be used, plus it can be used for those not using a computer. A video to help explain use will be investigated. Chair called for volunteers to join a steering group once a Torry map was fully formatted for use. Four names were received.

Environmental Pollution Talk was deferred due Simon McLean's absence

Treasurer's Report

Balance of current account was confirmed and also confirmed that public liability insurance was now in place. The Annual Accounts for 2024 had been prepared and independently examined. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair requested that the 2024 Accounts as presented by accepted. This was agreed, and that in the absence of the Treasurer at the meeting, that David Fryer (as one of the authorised signatories to the TCC account) be authorised to sign and submit the 2024 Accounts to the Council.

RAAC update

The group shared an update that now includes a formal meeting due to take place the following week with the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary. The Chair was invited to attend subject to work commitments but would nominate David Fryer as Planning Officer to attend in his absence.

Councillor's Report

Cllr Simon Watson shared various update, both verbal and by email.

AOCB

A Social Media Policy has been drafted and would be circulated to all Community Councillors before final consideration at the November meeting.

Condition of Victoria Bridge

Linda Harper raised concerns regarding the condition of the pointing on Victoria Bridge. She noted that weeds, some of which appear to have deep roots that could potentially affect the structural integrity of the bridge, have overtaken the bridge. She stressed that action is required as a matter of urgency.

In response, the Chair offered to accompany Malcolm on a site walk around of the bridge during the weekend following the meeting in order to gain a clearer understanding of the issues raised. He recommended that all members present submit individual complaints to ACC regarding the condition of the bridge and report on any responses received at the next meeting.

Closure:

Meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting to be on Wed 19th November 2025 at 7pm, venue to be confirmed at Greyhope School. There is likely to be no Community Council meeting in December.