Torry Community Council
Meeting Minutes
Date: 20 August 2025
Time: 7:15 PM – 9:32 PM
Location: Jesus House Torry, 45 Glenbervie Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9JN

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1. Welcome and Opening
The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chair Victor Onyemejor, who apologised for the late start and explained the venue change due to Aberdeen City Council's new booking system. He confirmed that bookings have been secured for subsequent months, except for September.

Apologies:
- Cllr. Simon Watson – ACC (Torry/Ferryhill)
- Audrey Nicoll – MSP, ASNK
- ACC Chief Executive / Representative

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2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
- **Cllr. Christian Allard** raised an objection that the previous minutes did not reflect his efforts in addressing the RAAC issue, including official letters sent to the Scottish Government.
- The Chair acknowledged the omission and promised correction.
- **Decision:** The minutes were not adopted and will be amended for approval at the next meeting.

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3. RAAC Update
- Members, especially affected homeowners, expressed dissatisfaction with Aberdeen City Council's handling of RAAC matters.
- Concerns raised:
  - Offers to homeowners were considered inadequate and unfair.
  - No funding request has been made by ACC to the Scottish Government, according to community members.
  - **Cllr. Allard** clarified that compensation requests had been submitted, though no substantial response had been received.
  - A letter from the ACC Chief Executive was read, stating that ACC actions align with council committee decisions.

Key Issues:
- Homeowners reported securing legal representation to protect their interests.
- Mental health concerns were noted among affected households.
- Demolition of affected homes has been paused.
- Alternative council properties offered were rejected by homeowners as insufficient in value.
- Community members called for collaboration between all parties.

Proposals:
- Explore fiscal flexibility and other funding mechanisms with the Housing Minister.
- Consider a **vote of no confidence** in the ACC Chief Executive (motion deferred to next meeting).

Action Items – RAAC
- Amend previous minutes to reflect Cllr. Allard's actions. (**Secretary – Next meeting**)
- Explore fiscal flexibility funding with Housing Minister. (**Planning Officer & Councillors – September 2025**)
- Prepare for discussion of motion of no confidence. (**Chair – Next meeting**)

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4. Other Matters

a) Police Report

- Police report for July was presented.

b) Jesus House Asset Transfer

- Jesus House Torry Church reported delays in the council-led asset transfer process.
- Requested support from councillors to ensure completion for community use.

Action Item: Councillors to follow up with ACC officers. (**Councillors – September 2025**)

c) Environmental Concerns

- Ongoing complaints of unpleasant smells raised.
- An ACC councillor confirmed actions are underway to address the issue.

d) Community Local Plan

- **David Fryer** updated the meeting on progress towards submission.
- Planning team tasked with finalising the report before the deadline.

Action Item: Planning team to complete draft local plan. (**Planning Officer – Before submission deadline**)

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5. Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at **9:32 PM**.

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6. Attendance

Present:

- Victor Onyemejor – Chair
- John Meikljohn – Vice Chair (Virtual)
- Rotimi Osibajo – Secretary
- Juanita Dsouza – Treasurer
- David Fryer – Planning Officer
- Michal Debski – ICT / Social Media Admin
- Simon McLean – Member
- Cllr. Christian Allard – ACC (Torry/Ferryhill)
- Cllr. Lee Fairful – ACC (Torry/Ferryhill)
- Cllr. Alex Nicoll – ACC (Kincorth, Nigg & Cove)
- Pst. Dapo Olanrewaju – Minister-in-Charge, Jesus House Torry
- Lynn
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7. Action Summary

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Amend last meeting's minutes to reflect Cllr. Allard's RAAC efforts	Secretary	Next meeting
Explore fiscal flexibility funding options with Housing Minister	Planning Officer & Councillors	Sept 2025
Prepare motion for no confidence discussion	Chair	Next meeting
Councillors to follow up on Jesus House asset transfer delays	Councillors	Sept 2025
Finalise draft of community local plan	Planning Officer	Before submission deadline

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Signed:

Rotimi Osibajo

Secretary, Torry Community Council