



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB);</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Iain Firth (IF); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 9 January 2025 previously by email:</b> Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Secoded: Peter Argyle</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Learney Hall Refurbishment:</b> Pam Jamieson, Venue and Asset Officer (South), Live Life Aberdeenshire was welcomed to the meeting to appraise members of the final plans for Learney Hall refurbishment. The contract has been awarded to R. Davidson, Dyce, for work to commence on 24 February 2025 and scheduled to complete by 31 March 2025. The building will be closed for use during this period. The following works, which had been reviewed and agreed with TCC last year, were confirmed. Main Hall - Floor sanded and resealed Lesser Hall - Floor sanded and resealed, Room decoration, New LED lighting Kitchen - Replacement kitchen with new fridge and cooker, New vinyl wood effect flooring, New windows, Room decoration Ladies Toilets - Space reconfigured to provide two separate ladies toilets accessible from the stairs, New sanitaryware, Room decoration, New vinyl flooring Gents Toilets - New sanitaryware, Room decoration, New vinyl flooring, New windows Accessible Toilet - New sanitaryware and fixtures, Room decoration, New vinyl flooring, New windows Entrance hall - Room decoration, New wood effect vinyl Flooring Electrical upgrade - There will be an Electric upgrade in the kitchen, lesser hall, gents toilets and accessible toilet Downstairs Flat - Storage shelving to be installed It is hoped the flat use can be converted from residential to storage in order to make a substantial saving on Council Tax applied to that area of the building. TCC expressed gratitude to Pam and the Council for at last progressing this work which has been requested over many years. Finally it was confirmed the roof on the park pavilion has been repaired and Pam took note that the gutters also need some attention.</p>	PJ

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5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The bank balance is £9,293.95 being TCC General Funds £926.54, Festive Lights £108.45, TORCH £8,260.96. General funds benefitted from Carols Around the Christmas Tree donations of £240.18, which are much appreciated.</p>	ED
6.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b> The following applications await decision. APP/2025/0048 – Extension at Pitmedden Farmhouse APP/2024/1698 and 1699 – Extension at Craigmyle West Lodge – an updated design and heritage statement has been submitted APP/2024/2011 – Hilltop House, new passive house – Comments have been submitted</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>New and Focus Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Place Plan (LPP):</b> The full draft document has been finalised and work is progressing to initiate the public consultation.</li> <li>• <b>Winter Road Treatment and Gritting:</b> ED expressed his concern that road and pavement treatment had been inadequate during the severe cold weather spell in January. Days passed before certain areas were treated, and when treatment did occur the grit and salt applied was inadequate. There are 12 grit bins in the village yet only 3 are recorded on the Council website, and many of the bins are empty. Specifically the bin at the junction of Grampian Terrace and Innermarkie Wynd is not recorded and is empty. Despite repeated requests for the bin to be filled it remains empty. Cllr SB advised she had been made aware of an equipment failure when the pavement gritter was not dispensing adequate material, however we believe the machine was also travelling too fast to properly apply the material. Cllr SB undertook to follow up about the mapping of the grit bins and the filling of the empty bins, including specifically on Grampian Terrace.</li> <li>• <b>Water Main Bursts on Craigour Road:</b> This matter is already the subject of correspondence from TCC to Scottish Water, although no satisfactory response has been received to date. Due to the latest burst this last week WM raised the matter again, since it is clear the repetitive ongoing disruption of frequent failures here is not acceptable. IF will be contacting Scottish Water again and Cllr SB undertook to contact Scottish Water expressing our concern and for further information towards a resolution.</li> <li>• <b>Request from Torphins Patient Participation Group:</b> TCC has received a request from TPPG to assist with a work party of volunteers to tidy the grounds at Torphins Medical Centre, which are not being well maintained by Grampian Health Board. It is understood a similar request has also been submitted to Torphins Paths Group, who have tools and equipment. Discussion of the matter asked whether TPPG members would participate, and whether a call should go out to the wider community for assistance. It was decided Secretary should advise TPPG that TCC is willing to assist and to follow up regarding wider publicity.</li> </ul>	<p>PA</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>
8.	<p><b>Open Action Log:</b> The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting. All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online with the minutes at <a href="http://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a>.</p>	TCC

