



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7:30 pm Morven Room, Mid Deeside Church, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Andrew Brazier (AB); Stephen Salter (SS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p>	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6 June 2024 previously by email:</b> Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b> The Q2 Police Report is expected in July</p>	PS
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The balance is £10,572.44, with TCC general funds £733.29, Christmas Lights £510.05, Hardship Fund £495.40; and TORCH balance £8,833.70. TCC received the annual grant from Marr Area, this year increased to £719.00, as CCs now have to purchase insurance directly rather than Aberdeenshire organising and paying. Expenditure was £12.00 for rent of Tornaveen Hall at May meeting, and TORCH purchased a key safe at £33.95.</p>	ED
6.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b> APP/2024/0723 - Decommissioning of Two Existing Wind Turbines and Erection of Single Wind Turbine (Height to Hub 65m, Height to Blade Tip 91m) and Associated Infrastructure, awaits decision APP/2024/0995 Alterations and extension at Kirklee, 16 St Marnan Road is awaiting decision. APP/2024/0977 – Alterations and extension at Shadynook, Innermarkie Wynd is awaiting decision.</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>New and Focus Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Learney Hall Refurbishment and Improvement Update:</b> Allan Rae, Service Manager – Operations, Live Life Aberdeenshire, had been invited by TCC through Cllr SB to provide an update on the plans for Learney Hall. In 2022 the Council had advised TCC of plans for refurbishment plus incremental work to be funded by the £78,000 ring fenced money guaranteed from part proceeds of sale of the old school house. There has been no visible progress since. Allan was welcomed and introduced himself, explaining his background of experience in commercial leisure settings before joining LLA in September 2023.</p> </li> </ul>	AR

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7.	<p><b>New Items (Continued):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Learney Hall Refurbishment and Improvement Update (Continued):</b>  Allan confirmed the £78,000 funds are ring fenced in the current Council budget and available for project work to be started this year. The Council capital budget has been cut since 2022 however work can proceed now in tandem with the ring fenced spend, although TCC notes the Council element is significantly smaller than in 2022. The project officer, Donald Fraser, has visited to review the survey work of 2022 and is ready to meet on site to finalise plans with TCC. In 2022 the facility received a “B” rating, which is reasonably satisfactory, and minor roof work was done at that time.</p> <p>Allan advised the Council will fund critical maintenance elements which include timber treatment, and rewiring kitchen, toilets and hall areas. It is suggested the ring fenced funds will cover the costs of full refurbishment and modernisation of the kitchen, the disabled toilets, male toilets, and female toilets. The floor also needs sanding and surfacing but this has not been allocated at this time. TCC would like to see this included in the work.</p> <p>“Aesthetic” works are covered in an annual allowance that could provide some benefit next year. Allan suggested the potential for community fund raising also exists to complete additional works.</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allan to provide the schedule of proposed works with indicative costs to TCC</li> <li>○ TCC Secretary to contact Donald to meet TCC reps at Learney Hall to agree requirements (Capital Planning meeting for LLA budget is in August)</li> <li>○ TCC suggest local contractors may wish to participate in the work</li> <li>○ LLA to facilitate addition of local contractors qualifying under the Contractor Framework</li> <li>○ TCC to review the improvement suggestions received from Hall Users in 2022 to validate proposed works and update if necessary (WiFi has been installed since then)</li> </ul> <p>Allan was thanked for his proactive and prompt attention to the matter and he departed the meeting.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Health Centre Entrance Repairs and Upgrade:</b>  Recent further complaints by residents, and resultant minor pothole filling by the Council, raises the urgency to implement the planned improvement project proposed by Aberdeenshire Council. The open issues list tracks the progress from opening the issue in 2018, to the Council proposal in early 2022, yet to be implemented. Delay is reported as caused by the time taken to acquire two parcels of land at the site not owned by Aberdeenshire. TCC is very concerned at the slow progress from Council Legal and Estates office and urges a more proactive effort with the representatives of the Learney Estate, owners of part of the site, to complete the acquisition of the small parcel of land.</p> <p>TCC felt if delays continue then the Council proposed project could be dropped in favour of simple resurfacing of the area. (It later transpired the Council has obtained grant funding for the project and the only delay lies in land acquisition, which would have to conclude even for resurfacing.) TCC urges the Council to proceed with urgency with the proposed improvements. Cllr SB to write Officers.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Torphins Gala Preparation:</b>  WM to send ED booking confirmation to pay fee £25.  SS to provide gazebo.  ED to organise Guess the Whisky at £2 per entry.  WM to finalise draft posters for Elections, LPP, Suggestions and AM to print A2.</p> </li> </ul>	<p>AR</p> <p>WM, DF</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>AR</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>Cllr SB</p> <p>WM</p> <p>SS</p> <p>ED</p> <p>AM, AM</p>

