

## **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.	Present: 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) In Attendance: Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB)  Apologies: Andrew Brazier (AB); Stephen Salter (SS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)		
2.	Intimation of noted interests:  WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge		
3.	Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6 June 2024 previously by email:  Adopted as proposed by email without changes.  Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas	TCC	
4.	Police Report: The Q2 Police Report is expected in July	PS	
5.	Finance Report:  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.	ED	
6.	Planning Report:  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, Innnermarkie Wynd is awaiting decision.	ED	
7.	New and Focus Items:  • Learney Hall Refurbishment and Improvement Update:  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.	AR	

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7.	New Items (Continued):	
	• Learney Hall Refurbishment and Improvement Update (Continued):	
	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.  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.	
	"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.	
	Action Items:	
	<ul> <li>Allan to provide the schedule of proposed works with indicative costs to TCC</li> </ul>	AR
	<ul> <li>TCC Secretary to contact Donald to meet TCC reps at Learney Hall to agree</li> </ul>	WM, DF
	requirements (Capital Planning meeting for LLA budget is in August)	
	<ul> <li>TCC suggest local contractors may wish to participate in the work</li> </ul>	TCC
	<ul> <li>LLA to facilitate addition of local contractors qualifying under the Contractor Framework</li> </ul>	AR
	TCC to review the improvement suggestions received from Hall Users in	TCC
	2022 to validate proposed works and update if necessary (WiFi has been	
	installed since then) Allan was thanked for his proactive and prompt attention to the matter and he	
	departed the meeting.	
	Health Centre Entrance Repairs and Upgrade:	
	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.	
	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.	Cllr SB
	• Torphins Gala Preparation:	C 35
	WM to send ED booking confirmation to pay fee £25.	WM
	SS to provide gazebo.	SS
	ED to organise Guess the Whisky at £2 per entry.	ED
	WM to finalise draft posters for Elections, LPP, Suggestions and AM to print A2.	AM, AM
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8.	Open Action Log:	
	The Open Action Log is an appendix integral to the minutes of meeting.	TCC
	All items were reviewed and updated as detailed in the log, which is available online	
9.	with the minutes at <a href="https://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a> .  Correspondence:	
9.	All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members.	WM
	Items for specific attention include:	VVIVI
	Suicide Prevention Community Engagement – see TCC website	
	Scotland's Towns Funding distributed by Marr Area	
	LDP updates for comment from Aberdeenshire	
	Aberdeenshire Council Plan	
	https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-plan	
	UN Sustainable Development Goals Survey	
	Stagecoach Timetable Review (not currently impacting Torphins but be aware)	
	LPP info received from Cllr SB	
	Alexander Davie educational grants for Torphins	
	https://www.davie-trust.org/	
10.	AOCB:	
	ED reported injuries to resident after falling in sunken street drain on Battock	ED
	Terrace. This drain and others have been reported but not repaired. Raised	
	<ul> <li>urgency due to injury so Cllr SB will follow up.</li> <li>AM reminded TCC of the Alexander Davie Educational Grants recently highlighted</li> </ul>	AM
	AM reminded TCC of the Alexander Davie Educational Grants recently highlighted by Ledingham Chalmers and advised he has circulated. TCC circulated on Facebook.	Alvi
	<ul> <li>AM suggested checks be made for possible funds to augment Hardship Fund.</li> </ul>	AM
11.	Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7:30 pm, Learney Hall, Torphins	7
12.	Meeting closed at 8:55 pm	
12.	Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on	
	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will	
	be confirmed at the meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.	
	Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day	