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Meeting Minutes Thursday 5 th December 2024 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB)</p>	
2.	<p>Intimation of noted interests:</p> <p>AM expressed interest in proposal for new house at Fairview WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p>	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 7 November 2024 previously by email:</p> <p>Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>The Police Report for second half of 2024 had been received with thanks. The various policing crime priorities are covered with additional information on bicycle security. The report was reviewed at the meeting with no significant concerns being raised.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report:</p> <p>The August balance is £9,271.70 with TCC general funds £796.80, Christmas Lights £108.45, Hardship Fund £105.49; and TORCH balance £8,260.96. £252.00 was expended by TORCH for fitting vents to the generator container to finally resolve the condensation issue. The hardship fund will be zero when the final purchase completes.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Report:</p> <p>Six applications are awaiting decision. The new application for boot room extension at Milton of Craigmyle raised no concerns.</p> <p>Proposed New Build Sustainable Home at Easter Beltie near Torphins:</p> <p>Our member AM, architect, presented his plans to build a new affordable and sustainable home following Passive House Design Standards within the plot area of his existing home at Easter Beltie. The extensive Design and Policy statement to be submitted this week to the planning authority was presented and explained to the meeting by AM.</p> <p>The summary of the proposals; design details enumerating sustainability and economy; and compliance with NPF4 and LDP2023 policies were explained. This revolutionary Passive Home type is both highly sustainable and economical to construct, leading the way for the future of house building in Scotland.</p> <p>TCC members were very interested and impressed by the proposals, which provide a compelling argument for Passive Homes to be the norm.</p>	ED AM

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7.	<p>New and Focus Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Place Plan (LPP): Work on finalising the complete draft for consultation continues, with the plan to complete by end of year or shortly thereafter. A link to the draft LPP will be provided on www.torphins.net from where comments and suggestions can be submitted by a close date to admin@torphins.net. • New Deep Potholes on St Marnan Road between crossroads and Platform 22: Concern was raised about the recent appearance of these significant potholes. Cllr AK advised they need to be reported on the Council website and she will follow up for action when that is done. 	PA ED Cllr AK
7.	<p>New and Focus Items (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Lights Lamppost Fittings: The failure of three lamppost socket fittings for the festive lights has been reported to Aberdeenshire Council for repair, with no success to date. Roads have responded: "Unfortunately, as previously noted, the team cannot provide assistance for these lighting units as they have limited resources and due to Aberdeenshire Council being under an essential spend-only policy we can only justify working on lighting issues within an immediate period of time if it is safety critical, which these are not." TCC has appealed to Councillors and to the Marr Area Manager with several requests as we strive to have this failure resolved before Christmas. • Carols Around the Christmas Tree: All arrangements are in place for Carols Around the Christmas Tree on Wednesday 18th December at 6:30 pm Learney Hall. Notes From Torphins and the Praise Band will support the community singing, which all are encouraged to come along to enjoy time with family and friends, with gathering thereafter in the hall for mulled wine and mince meat pies. Donations toward costs and festive lighting will be much appreciated. Thanks to supporting volunteers. 	ED ED
8.	<p>Open Action Log: 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 www.torphins.net .</p>	TCC
9.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members for review and action as necessary or desired. 	WM
10.	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR suggested the Welcome to Torphins brochure, available on TCC website www.torphins.net should be updated. It was agreed to update in January 2025. • WM has received a request from a resident for the trees on William Street to be trimmed by the Council as some trees are becoming excessively large. Cllr AK advised the issue needs to be logged on the Council Website. • PA praised the strong attendance at the 3 pm Remembrance Service at the war memorial. However, this is the first time Aberdeenshire has not been represented by a Councillor to lay the Council's wreath, an action which fell to TCC to perform in addition to the laying of TCC's own wreath. It was noted no Councillor was present in Lumphanan either. This must not be repeated. We believe a Councillor must attend next year and future years. • SS expressed the concern, shared by many, that the traffic control has been in place for many weeks on the Raemoir Road at the Upper Lochton housing development. The time afforded to the developer to complete this work is totally unacceptable and should not have been permitted by Aberdeenshire Council. 	CR WM PA SS

