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Meeting Minutes Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7:30 pm **Learney Hall, Torphins** Item Description Owner No. Present: Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); Will 1. Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR); Apologies: John Lucas (JL); Stephen Salter (SS); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK) 2. Intimation of noted interests: AM expressed interest in proposal for new house at Fairview APP/2024/2011 WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge TCC 3. Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 5 December 2024 previously by email: Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day 4. **Police Report:** PS The Police Report for Q3/Q4 2024 was reviewed in December. Next Report April 2025. 5. **Finance Report:** ED The bank balance is £9,053.77, being TCC General Funds £687.32, Festive Lights £118.45, Hardship Fund (£2.96), TORCH £8,260.96. The small hardship overspend on final possible purchase for pantry will be resolved from general funds, meaning the Hardship Fund is now zero. There are no sources currently readily available to continue the fund. The Carols Around the Christmas Tree event was well attended and donations to offset costs of the event greatly appreciated, as is the work of the volunteers. The income was £239.68, with direct costs of £130.20 leaving a net cost of £109.48 on general fund. 6. **Planning Report:** Three applications were presented. APP2024/1793 Milton of Craigmyle boot room ED extension, which has been approved. APP/2024/1732 Birley Steadings demolition, which has been withdrawn. APP/2024/1699 Craigmyle West Lodge extension, which is awaiting decision. It was noted the application for APP/2024/2011 has been submitted TCC for new home at Fairview. The Chair requested members review and submit any comments direct to himself for any necessary progression before the deadline. 7. **New and Focus Items:** Local Place Plan (LPP): Work on finalising the complete draft for consultation continues, with note the PΑ deadline has been extended by Aberdeenshire. 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.

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| 7. | New and Focus Items: | |
| | Dismantle Festive Lights and Repair of Lamppost Fittings: Due to the snow and ice conditions threatening work safety the dismantling of the village festive lights has been delayed to 18 th , January, when the assistance of all volunteers and high lift operators will be much appreciated yet again. The failure of three lamppost electrical fittings feeding the illuminations was reported to Aberdeenshire Council in November, however the Council deemed the matter low priority, adding that the replacement of any fittings would have to be in | ED |
| | 2025 at the cost of TCC. Consequently TCC has requested a quotation from the Council for the replacement and fitting of 14 new fittings to cover all lampposts, to ensure future durability. The quotation is awaited. We urge haste from the Council as it is likely very significant fundraising will be required by TCC, and of course the Council will then have to resource the actual work on their lampposts to be completed as early as possible. | |
| | Torphins Paths Group application to Marr Area Partnership for grant for development of "Blacksmiths Path" TPG advises that the group is planning to develop the trod grass route from the "old smithy" down to the end of Learney Avenue, through the recent plantation by Learney Estate, and develop in the area at edge of Fordie Farm field on east side of A980, thus avoiding the busy A980 and linking to the quiet minor roads circling to north of Torphins. Landowners and tenant are supportive. A grant application has been submitted to Marr Area Partnership. | WM |
| 8. | 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 . | тсс |
| 9. | Correspondence: All correspondence received has been distributed by email to all members for review and action as necessary or desired. Of particular note are: • Marr Area Community Council Forum online Tuesday 14 th January at 7:00pm • Aboyne Bridge Options public drop In sessions. The first public session will be held on Tuesday, January 14, at Aboyne Community Centre, with the second event at Birse Hall on Tuesday, January 21. Both sessions will run from 11am-7pm where the community will be briefed on the options in further detail. • Transport Scotland online consultation on proposed 50mph limit for single carriageway roads and increased limit for trucks. Access at: https://www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/national-speed-management-review-consultation/ | WM |
| 10. | AM congratulated the organisers and participants on the success of The Torphins Tractor Run, which has become an established and exciting Deeside Christmas Event, reflecting positively on Torphins. All members agreed the event was a big success. As well as providing great family entertainment during the festive period, the event generously facilitates fund raising for several voluntary organisations. | AM |
| 11. | Next ordinary meeting: Thursday 6 th February 2025, 7:30 pm, Learney Hall, Torphins | |
| 12. | Meeting closed at 8:25 pm Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 10 th January 2025 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 6 th February 2025. | |
| | Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: Peter Argyle | |