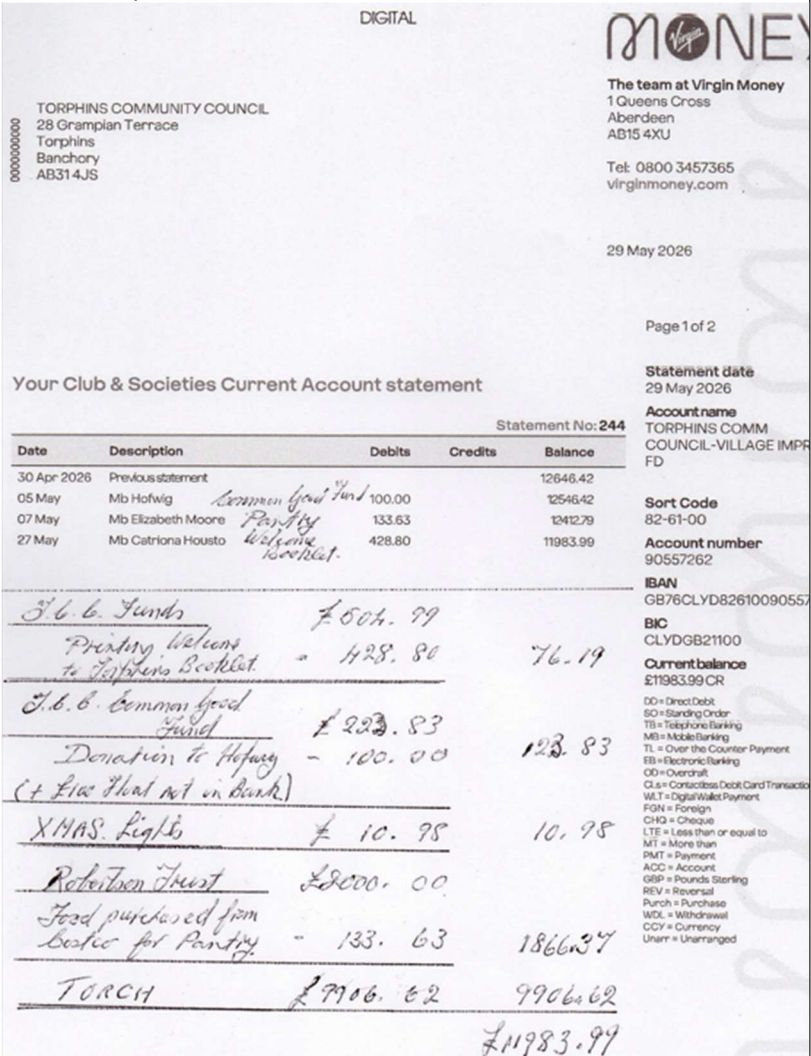




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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ordinary Meeting Minutes</b>  <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:30 pm</b>  <b>Learney Hall, Torphins</b></p>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Sarah Brown (SB); David Birch (DB)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Will Maclean (WM); Iain Firth (IF); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr. Anouk Kloppert (AK)</p>	TCC
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests</b> ED &amp; PA advised they had known Roy Anderson (see planning application below) for many years.</p>	TCC
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (ED, JL)</b></p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Head Teacher Update on Torphins School</b></p> <p>DB advised that the school was now ranked within the top ten in Aberdeenshire and there was an increase in the level of attainment for numeracy and writing with many pupils exceeding national expectations. Dyslexia support using specialist software has assisted with this. Oracy (listening and talking) have also improved and this has improved staff confidence.</p> <p>Plans for next year include more focus on reading using improved library facilities, lunchtime reading groups and spelling. About 25% of pupils require support in these areas.</p> <p>The student roll has fallen below 150 to 144 which has impacts in several ways: There will be a composite class in the next session, funding from the council will be affected and staff numbers are under review. Projections by the council indicate a roll of 122 by 2030. The reasons for this are complex and many, suitable family housing being one and TCC will supportive of planning applications for such homes.</p> <p>DB explained the current progress with the path plan to make access along Bridge Crescent and into the school safer. The preferred option is to make Bridge Crescent one-way, retain parking spaces and construct a proper footpath beside the playground leading to the school gate.</p> <p>A card and £10 award was passed to DB to be presented to Innes Mitchell (P7) for designing the new TCC logo.</p>	DB
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income, Expenditure, Balance</li> </ul>  <p><b>TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b> 28 Gramplan Terrace Torphins Banchory AB31 4JS</p> <p><b>Virgin MONEY</b> The team at Virgin Money 1 Queens Cross Aberdeen AB15 4XU Tel: 0800 3457365 virginmoney.com</p> <p>29 May 2026</p> <p>Page 1 of 2</p> <p>Your Club &amp; Societies Current Account statement</p> <p>Statement No: 244</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Debits</th> <th>Credits</th> <th>Balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>30 Apr 2026</td> <td>Previous statement</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>12646.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05 May</td> <td>Mb Hofwig <i>Common Good Fund</i></td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> <td>12546.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07 May</td> <td>Mb Elizabeth Moore <i>Pantry</i></td> <td>133.63</td> <td></td> <td>12412.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27 May</td> <td>Mb Catriona Housto <i>Welcome to school.</i></td> <td>428.80</td> <td></td> <td>11983.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><i>S.G.C. Funds</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Printing Welcome to Torphins Booklet</i></td> <td><i>£ 504.99</i></td> <td></td> <td><i>76.19</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><i>S.G.C. Common Good Fund</i></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Donation to Hopway (+ £100 that not in bank)</i></td> <td><i>£ 223.83</i></td> <td></td> <td><i>123.83</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>XMAS Lights</i></td> <td><i>£ 10.98</i></td> <td></td> <td><i>10.98</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Retention Trust</i></td> <td><i>£2000.00</i></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>Food purchased from local for Pantry</i></td> <td><i>133.63</i></td> <td></td> <td><i>1866.37</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><i>TORCH</i></td> <td><i>£ 9906.62</i></td> <td></td> <td><i>9906.62</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><i>£11983.99</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Statement date: 29 May 2026 Account name: TORPHINS COMM COUNCIL-VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT Sort Code: 82-61-00 Account number: 90557262 IBAN: GB76CLYD82610090557 BIC: CLYDGB21100 Current balance: £11983.99 CR</p> <p>DD = Direct Debit SO = Standing Order TB = Telephone Banking MB = Mobile Banking TL = Over the Counter Payment EB = Electronic Banking OD = Overdraft CL = Contactless Debit Card Transaction WLT = Digital Wallet Payment FDM = Foreign CHK = Cheque LTF = Less than or equal to MT = More than PMT = Payment ACC = Account GBP = Pounds Sterling REV = Reversal Purch = Purchase WDL = Withdrawal CCY = Currency Unarr = Unarranged</p>	Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance	30 Apr 2026	Previous statement			12646.42	05 May	Mb Hofwig <i>Common Good Fund</i>	100.00		12546.42	07 May	Mb Elizabeth Moore <i>Pantry</i>	133.63		12412.79	27 May	Mb Catriona Housto <i>Welcome to school.</i>	428.80		11983.99	<i>S.G.C. Funds</i>						<i>Printing Welcome to Torphins Booklet</i>	<i>£ 504.99</i>		<i>76.19</i>	<i>S.G.C. Common Good Fund</i>						<i>Donation to Hopway (+ £100 that not in bank)</i>	<i>£ 223.83</i>		<i>123.83</i>		<i>XMAS Lights</i>	<i>£ 10.98</i>		<i>10.98</i>		<i>Retention Trust</i>	<i>£2000.00</i>				<i>Food purchased from local for Pantry</i>	<i>133.63</i>		<i>1866.37</i>		<i>TORCH</i>	<i>£ 9906.62</i>		<i>9906.62</i>					<i>£11983.99</i>	ED
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6.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly Lists of Planning Applications APP/2026/0880 Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage Site To Southeast Of Clais-na-Creig Torphins Banchory – Roy Anderson.</li> </ul> <p>TCC felt that the application was sound and it was agreed that PA would draft a letter of support for the application.</p>	ED																																																																						
7.	<p><b>New or Focus Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request from Tania Mearns for TCC support to develop use of Learney Hall for pickleball, badminton, etc. TCC agreed to support this initiative.</li> <li>Learney Hall: PA system funding report. Carried forward to July meeting.</li> <li>Ongoing survey on New Powers for Scotland's CC per email of 21 May 2026 with over 50 CC now supporting the survey. Carried forward to July meeting.</li> </ul>	WM TCC TCC																																																																						
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torphins Gala: TCC will provide a stand at the gala (a gazebo will be required) and will ask TORCH if they wish to share the stand and some of the costs.</li> <li>• Bus Forum: This was attended by AB. To summarise, Stagecoach advised of several improvement plans under way, newer stock (2023 replacing older vehicles), improved ticketing system and app, express services, etc. All were welcomed but timescales were protracted. Ember were also present and were much praised.</li> <li>• Thanks were noted to PA and WM for their untiring efforts over the previous twelve months.</li> <li>• Andrew McPherson tendered his resignation from TCC. TCC expressed thanks for his efforts in the service of the community.</li> </ul>	
12.	<b>Close 2045</b>	

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