



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30 pm Tornaveen Hall, Tornaveen		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Peter Argyle (PA) (Chair); Andrew Brazier (AB); Eric Day (ED); Iain Firth (IF); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB); Carey Fraser (CF), Tornaveen Hall Treasurer</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Andrew Macpherson (AM); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB); Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 6 February 2025 previously by email:</b> Adopted as proposed by email with exception of change to AOCB item 7, Raemoir Road closure, which was revised at description of concern. Final minute to be distributed with March minutes. Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Eric Day</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Police Report:</b> Q1 Report expected April</p>	PS
5.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The bank balance is £8,992.68, comprising TCC general funds £698.27, Festive Lights fund £108.45, TORCH £8185.96. The only expenditure was £301.27 for insurance renewal, a 2.7% increase on last year, with 75% allocated to TCC and 25% allocated to TORCH for coverage of their assets and operation.</p>	ED
6.	<p><b>Planning:</b> The following applications await decision. APP/2025/0242 - Change of Use of Butchery to Class 4 (Business) Light Industrial at Craigenkerrie Farm. TCC is concerned with adequacy of access road and the continued lack of access for walkers where there was a fenced path, since removed by the owner. Adequate road access must be provided for a light industrial facility and walker access to Hill of Beltie maintained. APP/2025/0181 – Shed at garden of Craigmyle West Lodge. APP/2025/0048 – Extension at Pitmedden Farmhouse. APP/2024/2011 – Hilltop House, new passive house – Comments have been submitted APP/2024/1698 and 1699 – Extension at Craigmyle West Lodge – an updated design and heritage statement has been submitted which has now been accepted by Aberdeenshire Council. The following application has been withdrawn. APP/2024/1732 Demolition two farmhouses at Birley.</p>	ED

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7.	<p><b>New and Focus Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matters Arising from Tornaveen Community</b> CF advised Tornaveen Hall has a skeleton committee who maintain the hall, which is just about breaking even, for regular users and other one offs such as birthday parties. The hall ran a successful Hogmanay event with about 50%/50% attendance from Tornaveen and Torphins. TORCH continues to be supported. PA expressed thanks to the committee and for CF attending this evening's booking.</li> <li>• <b>Hill of Fare Windfarm:</b> The case has moved from Energy Consents Unit to Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) and Reporter appointed to consider case for public enquiry. Response whether to take part in public enquiry due by 11 March 2025. Secretary to respond with advice TCC will participate. The chairs of six local community councils will meet soon to continue coordinated efforts</li> <li>• <b>Local Place Plan (LPP):</b> The consultation announcement was reviewed. The plan is to commence on 10<sup>th</sup> March and continue until 31<sup>st</sup> March at 5:00 pm. The draft LPP will be published on TCC website with links from TCC and TCF Facebook and promotion with posters in community. Comments will be submitted to TCC via the website comments page or email direct to <a href="mailto:admin@torphins.net">admin@torphins.net</a>. Questions may be submitted to <a href="mailto:peter_argyle@hotmail.co.uk">peter_argyle@hotmail.co.uk</a> Responses will be considered at the TCC meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Overhanging Trees at Woodside Crescent:</b> A resident contacted TCC regarding the urgent need to cut back trees overhanging the house properties at 5 to 8 Woodside Crescent, most of which residential property is owned by Aberdeenshire Council. The trees are part of Torphins Wood owned by Learney Estate. The matter has been ongoing for several months. The Council has been informed Learney Estate will not cut back the trees and will not pay the Council if it does the work and recharges the estate. Since these are trees not hedges there is not a clear enforcement procedure, therefore the Council is investigating legal procedures. Residents have been referred to the Council complaints procedure regarding their disappointment at the lack of resolution. Since an electric cable passes through the trees at the location TCC wonder if SSEN have responsibility to cut the trees to prevent danger to the overhead line. Cllr SB undertook to contact Cllr GB who has been pursuing the matter with Aberdeenshire Council.</li> <li>• <b>Request from Torphins Patient Participation Group:</b> TCC has received a request from TPPG to assist with a work party of volunteers to tidy the grounds at Torphins Medical Centre, which are not being well maintained by Grampian Health Board. TPPG have now raised enough volunteers from TPPG, Torphins Paths Group and the Venture Scouts to instigate volunteer work planned for 10 am on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</li> </ul>	<p>Tornaveen</p> <p>PA</p> <p>WM</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p> <p>WM</p>
8.	<p><b>Open Action Log:</b> 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 <a href="http://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a> .</p> <p><b>Village Festive Lights</b> open item is of high importance so is reported in detail here. <b>Aberdeenshire ceasing to support festive lighting.</b> Following is the report on the matter presented by ED who has coordinated the festive light effort for the village for decades.</p>	<p>TCC</p> <p>ED</p>



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10.	<p><b>AOCB (Continued):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB advised residents have a concern about the tree felling proposed at Inchley Place. They want unsafe trees felled but all safe and young trees to be preserved. Local residents have been advised of plans by Learney Estate to fell certain trees.</li> <li>• Cllr SB advised Marr Area Committee will consider a proposal to implement 20 mph speed limit in communities. Plan for Torphins would see a large part of the village having a 20 mph speed limit.</li> </ul> <p>The Aboyne Bridge option 2 has been agreed which will see strengthening of the deck to allow access to vehicles up to 18 tonne, effectively most except HGV.</p>	AB
11.	<p><b>Next ordinary meeting:</b> Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025, 7:30 pm, Learney Hall</p>	
12.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9:25 pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes:</b> These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.</p> <p>Proposed: Eric Day      Seconded: John Lucas</p>	