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Meeting Minutes Thursday 13 th May 2021 at 7:30 pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL); Will Maclean (WM); Andrew Macpherson (AM) (Chair); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR); Rev Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Gillian Bowie, (Aberdeenshire Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr. Peter Argyle (PA); Cllr. G. Blackett (GB)</p> <p>Not Present: Campbell Gillies (CG)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 1st April 2021 previously by email: Adopted without changes. Proposed: Liz Moore Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Learney Hall Curtains: This item was taken early as Gillian Bowie of Aberdeenshire Council kindly agreed to attend the meeting to explain the proposal for the replacement of the Learney Hall curtains. Having been through the many false starts documented at item 1903 in the Open Action Log, Gillian has now obtained new quotations for what are now considered the most appropriate solutions. This includes the provision and hanging for the windows of the small hall and the large hall including the balcony.</p> <p>Appropriate blackout blinds £4,208.76 Corded track and curtains £12,834.71 Hand drawn track and curtains £10,910.50</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council agrees to fund and install the blinds however will not fund the higher cost curtain options. The community would need to fund the difference if curtains are chosen. Discussion followed with following comments. WM and CR thought the blinds option should be accepted. LM expressed concern that the blinds must provide adequate black out capability if blinds are selected. ED rejected the idea of blinds as the Learney Hall deserves the worn out curtains to be replaced with quality curtains of the style appropriate to the hall. AM supported moving forward to review the detail specification of the blinds. It was agreed Gillian will arrange samples of the blinds and colours to be made available by the supplier for a meeting with TCC members at Learney Hall to reach a final decision.</p>	GB
5.	<p>Police Report: The April Police Report received on 9th May was reviewed. AM expressed his surprise that despite press reports of wildlife incidents the police report typically states there are no incidents in the area.</p>	PS

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6.	<p>Finance Report: The balance at bank is £3,346.42, less outstanding cheque £30.00. Details of balance as follows: TCC free funds £1,097.84 (less o/s cheque £30) TERP £186.48, Festive Lights £72.10, Hardship Funds - Foundation Scotland Grants £1,940.00, Stewart Family Fund £50.00</p>	ED
7.	<p>Planning Matters: 7.1. No current applications of concern. 7.2. The complaint received from two residents regarding APP/2020/2267 - Erection of Garden Room (Retrospective) – Belton, Edingight Wynd, Torphins, AB31 4JH was discussed again. ED and WM visited Inchley Terrace on 8th April 2021. We agree there are serious concerns with the approval and process for this development, which does not meet standard planning requirements, however the application has been approved and would need challenged by the complainants through the regulated process. We will highlight the role of community council in the planning process in our Newsletter. 7.3. TCC is aware of significant groundwork development in the garden area at 66 Beltie Road, Torphins. No planning application has been observed. TCC will investigate if it has been confirmed no planning approval is required for the works or if there could be an oversight.</p>	ED ED,WM TCC
8.	<p>New Items (Action Items are added to Action Log): 8.1. The newsletter articles have been received for CR to edit and format the Newsletter for review and publication in near future. 8.2. Our Councillors have informed us the Torphins public toilets will reopen next week, subject to finding a resource for the enhanced mid-day refresh and clean. A part time paid role is available with Aberdeenshire for this work for which applicants are sought. 8.3. A Woodlands Creation Scheme at Northfields grid ref NJ 644 059 on Learney Home Farm was reviewed. WM to notify MLFS of support for the project. 8.4. TCC has been informed by Aberdeenshire Council, and by the person making the request, of a planned application for a Tree Preservation Order at The Old Manse for three trees in the garden of the property. TCC resolved to consult the owner of the property before responding to a request from Environmental Services for input from TCC on the matter.</p>	CR Cllr PA, Cllr PG WM WM
9.	<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
10.	<p>Correspondence: 9.1. The communications received during April have been distributed to members by email. Noted items at the meeting are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Adventure Tourism Survey, to which a response was submitted. • Bedding plants will be available from Aberdeenshire this year. • Criminal Justice Unpaid Work Team leader is looking for opportunities for work around Torphins. Team availability is uncertain but we have recommended litter picking and path maintenance. • Learney Hall is open for COVID safe activities from 17th May 2021. • TCC Election nominations are closed as of 13th May 2021 • The boundary change including properties at Glassel in the new Inchmarlo Brathens and Glassel C.C. have been approved at the last Area Meeting on 4th May. 	WM

