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<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Minutes Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins</p>		
Item No.	Description	Owner
1.	<p>Present: Hamish Booth (HB); Eric Day (ED); John Lucas (JL) (Chair); Will Maclean (WM); Liz Moore (LM); Colin Rouse (CR)</p> <p>In Attendance: Cllr. Peter Argyll (PA); Cllr. Paul Gibb (PG); Rev. Holly Smith (HS)</p> <p>Apologies: Campbell Gillies (CG); Andrew McPherson (AM); Carol Reid (CRd); Cllr. Geva Blackett (GB)</p>	
2.	Intimation of noted interests: None	
3.	<p>Adoption of minutes of meeting 5th September 2019: Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p>Police Report: The Police Report received 30th September was reviewed. Intimation again to lock up and secure property to prevent opportunist theft, which is an ongoing risk. Reiterated by Cllr PA following his recent meeting with the Chief Inspector.</p>	PS
5.	<p>Finance Report: The bank balance is £1,049.97 with £805.49 free funds and £244.48 reserved for TERP.</p>	ED
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Weekly List of Planning Applications: Nothing of concern to report. An application has been filed for demolition of farm buildings and erection of three houses at Little Drumlassie; Stoneleigh application is open; approved applications are: extension on William Street; Smithy Croft; Biomass boiler at Learney House.</p>	ED
7.	<p>Open Actions:</p> <p>7.1. Local Development Plan 2021 Cllr Peter Argyle and Cllr Paul Gibb confirmed the proposed developments MR034 and MR035 to the west of Learney Hall will be removed from the LDP, following the proposal by Cllr Gibb seconded by Cllr Argyle at Marr Area Committee Main Issues Report Special Meeting. The only developments for Torphins in the LDP will be MR060 Station Garage development of 47 houses and MR069 Wester Beltie development of 6 houses, largely meeting the submission of TCC following the public consultation. If the developer appeals it is possible the Scottish Government Reporter will overrule the decision, however hopefully unlikely.</p> <p>7.2. Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A review meeting is planned regarding the speed limit restricted area by Cllr PA with the Principal Roads Engineer. 	<p>Cllr PA Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>

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7.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>7.2. Roads (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campfield Safety Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TCC is pleased to have been advised the pot holes on Pitmedden Road have been filled following representations. Matter closed. • Proposed new 40 mph speed limit on St Marnan Road from 30 mph limit to bridge north of Learney Avenue: Secretary has written to Inspector Matt Smith who promptly replied and Cllr PA has discussed further with Inspector Smith. It is noted a speed monitoring unit has been installed on Kincardine Road due to residents concerns, while the expected monitor on St Marnan Road is still awaited. Cllr PA confirmed Aberdeenshire is responsible for positioning and installation of devices. He will push for the monitor installation on St Marnan Road to facilitate moving forward the review of proposals there. LM noted TCC should be kept informed of developments so as to be prepared for community enquiries. • Pavement area at entrance to Torphins Health Centre: Cllr PG progressed as planned and has confirmed there is no budget to repair this area. Will need to await 2020/21 budgeting. Close matter meantime. • Potholes on Grampian Terrace and Innermarkie Wynd: Noted the potholes on Grampian Terrace have been filled and some on Innermarkie Wynd, however there is concern that others on Innermarkie Wynd have not been addressed, although reported on the Council online tool. <p>7.3. Community Action Plan: The sub committee will meet with Nick Mardall of MAP next week to further progress. Funding is being sought for printing and publication of the CAP. The Photo Competition continues and September winner will be announced soon. The community is encouraged to continue submitting photos to help TCC build a library for the CAP publication.</p> <p>7.4. Village Welcome Pack: TCC sincerely thanks Eleanor Day for her considerable voluntary efforts to develop the Village Welcome Pack. The draft is under review for publication in the near future.</p> <p>7.5. Sale of Schoolhouse: No new information confirmed although it is understood there was a recent offer, which was rejected as too low.</p> <p>7.6. Learney Hall Curtains: Three quotations have been received however Aberdeenshire still have not decided which to accept and to order. The completion of this item would be very welcome, having been on the agenda with Aberdeenshire since May 2018.</p> <p>7.7. Weeds at Learney Hall: Live Life Aberdeenshire are now responsible for hall areas and are seeking a quote from Landscape Services to deal with the weeds.</p> <p>7.8. Footpath South of Waulkmill Bridge: Cllr PA has confirmed Aberdeenshire is not responsible for maintenance south of Waulkmill Bridge. TCC has asked for investigation of what action can be taken to reroute the access away from the farmyard for safety and convenience of users. Cllr PA will follow up further with Outdoor Access officers.</p> <p>7.9. Park Pavilion: TCC again expressed concern about the condition of the pavilion owned by Aberdeenshire. Cllr PA will investigate what can be done about repair of gutters, downpipes, paintwork, etc. to protect the property from further deterioration.</p>	<p>Cllr. PG</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Subcomm</p> <p>SubComm & TCC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr PG</p> <p>Cllr. PA</p> <p>Cllr PA</p>

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7.	<p>Open Actions (Continued):</p> <p>7.10. Marr Community Forum Report: WM reported on the Developer Obligations presentation by Adam Sime, which was very informative. We have since confirmed there are no outstanding monies for Torphins, and that the Station Garage obligations will remain confidential until finalised when the development is approved. We are encouraged to inform the Developer Obligation team of suggested capital improvements for the village so these preferences can be considered when obligations are being negotiated with developers. Only capital items, which increase capacity, can be considered. <u>It was agreed members should submit ideas for TCC area to the Secretary promptly now so we can submit and also include in CAP.</u> The Live Life Aberdeenshire group was also explained at the meeting with very enthusiastic presentations from the manager of Aboyne Community Centre and the Network Librarian in Aboyne. Please see website for Live Life Aberdeenshire https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk</p> <p>7.11 Community Safety and CPR Training: HB will attending further community safety meetings with Aberdeenshire in near future. WM has submitted the request for CPR training to First Responders who are evaluating availability.</p> <p>7.12. Replacement of Retiring Chairman: JL reminded the members of his intention to retire from chairmanship in November or December and the urgency to appoint a replacement. There are no volunteers or nominations so far but all are encouraged to consider the position. We also have an ongoing need to seek new members, and perhaps there is even a budding Chairperson out there.</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p> <p>HB WM</p> <p>TCC</p>
8.	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received has been distributed by email.</p> <p>8.1. Aberdeen Airport Airspace Modernisation Strategy Workshop. This is an initiative for all UK airports. TCC surmises there should be limited or no impact for Torphins. JL will attend and WM will notify the organisers.</p> <p>8.2. Former Railway Line Path at Wester Beltie. A local resident has expressed serious concern about the steep ramp and bend on the way off the path onto the road at Wester Beltie, where a child was recently seen to cycle down onto the road, fast and without stopping. WM noted that TPG shares the concern that this area could be improved both for safety and utility for less able, and TPG has ideas to address the matter. Cllr PA undertook to investigate what Aberdeenshire Council, who are responsible for the maintenance of this Core Path, can do to address the matter.</p> <p>8.3. Bedding Plant Order Summer 2020. Eric Day has taken charge of the order this year, which has been completed and submitted by Eleanor Day, with thanks.</p> <p>8.4. Aberdeen Health and Social Care Network Strategic Plan consultation has been notified to TCC some time ago. The meeting discussed the plan briefly, commenting on the complexity of the matter and decided not to submit any comments for the deadline on 4th October. WM undertook to distribute the plan document to all members should they wish to read and submit individual comments.</p> <p>8.5. Crown Estate Corporate Plan Consultation has also been notified to all members. TCC decided not to submit any comments. Individuals may comment.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>TCC</p>

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9.	<p>A.O.C.B.:</p> <p>9.1. CR advised he received a request from a resident that that the area of the play equipment in the park should be fenced off to keep dogs out. The meeting considered the matter and feels the layout of the equipment in Torphins Park does not lend itself to this approach, and anyway the priority focus should be on no dog fouling in any area of the park whatsoever.</p> <p>9.2. ED asked Cllr PA to confirm again the licensing requirements for the Christmas Carols event. Cllr PA to revert to ED.</p> <p>9.3. ED noted the Help “Light Up Banchory” appeal in the Piper, pointing out funding is a difficulty for all groups and supported for all groups providing festive lighting, including TCC, and also that the offer by Banchory Business Association to display a banner is in fact contrary to Aberdeenshire Council festive decoration regulations.</p> <p>9.4. Rev Holly Smith advised the meeting that MDC Bread of Life charity shop is to provide eco friendly bags with vouchers to new residents and neighbours across the MDC Parish, including Torphins, Kincardine O’Neil, Lumphanan and Tornaveen. The bags will be made by BoL volunteers with donated fabrics and will welcome newcomers to the area. This will be an opportunity for a coordinated approach to distribute Welcome Bags and Village Welcome Packs together.</p>	<p>Cllr PA</p> <p>ED</p> <p>Rev HS</p> <p>TCC</p>
11.	Next ordinary meeting Thursday 7th November 2019	
12.	Meeting closed at 8:55 pm!	
	<p>Adoption of Minutes: These minutes were circulated by email to all TCC members on 4th October 2019 and adopted by email as an accurate record of the meeting. Adoption will be confirmed at the meeting on 7th November 2019.</p> <p>Proposed: John Lucas Seconded: Liz Moore</p>	