



## Torphins Community Council

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Meeting Minutes Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30 pm Learney Hall, Torphins		
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); Andrew Macpherson (AM); Colin Rouse (CR); Stephen Salter (SS)</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Cllr Sarah Brown (Cllr SB); David Birch (DB)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Geva Blakett (GB)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Cllr Anouk Kloppert (Cllr AK)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Intimation of noted interests:</b> WM expressed interest in issue 2402 Learney Burn and Bridge</p>	
3.	<p><b>Confirm adoption of minutes of meeting 3 October 2024 previously by email:</b> Adopted as proposed by email without changes. Proposed: Eric Day Seconded: John Lucas</p>	TCC
4.	<p><b>Visit of David Birch, Head Teacher, Torphins School:</b> PA welcomed DB and invited him to update TCC on current issues. Regarding Road Safety DB said the intervention of Cllr SB and the consequent Road Unit visit and Report were helpful to focus on issues for improvement. Within the school a pupil Group has been formed with a Junior Road Safety Officer. Matters for attention are identified at assembly, with for example the use of the traffic island crossing point being emphasised. Next term the popular bike checks will be repeated. TCC had contacted the school regarding the design of a new TCC logo. The school is working with a local artist who is painting a mural in the school, and the pupils are illustrating features unique to Torphins on the back wall of the hall. An advertising company is also visiting with its insights. These initiatives will work toward a logo proposal by end of year. The school was re-inspected before the October holiday. The team recognised significant work has been done and were impressed with the improvement journey. The report will be issued in a few weeks when QA completed. The school is optimistic about the outcome. The project to develop an access path between the road and school grounds on Bridge Crescent is progressing after some delay, however the school did win a participatory budgeting grant to complete the purchase of tools for the project. The school will lay a wreath at the Church Remembrance Sunday service and plans to display artworks at the Church over Christmas period. Referring to the LPP the importance of Sunshine Nursery enabling local “wrap around provision” was highlighted by DB, since this supports pupil numbers at Torphins School in times of declining roll. TCC thanked David for his attendance and informative and helpful report.</p>	DB

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5.	<p><b>Police Report:</b> No Police Report received since Q1 and no response to enquiry to Police. Secretary to write Inspector Greig.</p>	PS
6.	<p><b>Finance Report:</b> The August balance is £9,523.70 with TCC general funds £796.80, Christmas Lights £108.45, Hardship Fund £105.49; and TORCH balance £8,512.96. £24.49 was expended from General Funds on the Remembrance Sunday wreath, while £116.32 from Hardship Fund went towards pantry supplies. This fund will soon be exhausted unless new grant assistance is available. TORCH purchased Dehumidifier sticks for the generator container, however these will no longer be required when the venting is completed. Regarding logs initiative AM advised this would again be available by trusted referral.</p>	ED
7.	<p><b>Planning Report:</b> Open applications include APP/2024/1732 for revision to house plots at Birley; APP/2024/1698 and 1699 for a new design for the extension to Craigmyle West Lodge; and APP/2024/1527 for demolition of bothy and building of house at Haughhead. The West lodge design is noted as a significant improvement on the original proposal.</p>	ED
8.	<p><b>New and Focus Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Place Plan (LPP):</b> The latest draft awaits a section from AM on the village square proposal, and CR to follow up for a potential submission about a proposal at Tornaveen Hall for the Everything Electronic Youth Club Group. With the recent road traffic accidents at the Three Bridges at Easter Beltie we will also include proposals for traffic management at the location. PA is preparing the list of local groups to be consulted on the draft LPP. All will be directly notified and provided the link to the draft LPP on <a href="http://www.torphins.net">www.torphins.net</a> from where comments and suggestions can be submitted by a close date to <a href="mailto:admin@torphins.net">admin@torphins.net</a>. The LPP will then be reviewed and finalised for submission of the completed LPP by end of December.</li> <li>• <b>Recurring Water Main Bursts</b> on Craigmyle Road are an increasing concern and cause of disruption as supply is lost. TCC resolved to contact Scottish Water and invite a representative to attend TCC to explain how they will permanently resolve the issue. IF will contact Scottish Water.</li> <li>• <b>Electricity Supply</b> raises concern with instances of loss of electricity supply in the area. Again, IF will contact SSEN for attendance and resolution plan.</li> <li>• <b>Remembrance Sunday.</b> JL has sourced the TCC wreath to be laid by PA at the War Memorial on 10 November at 3:00pm when British Legion will also attend. Aberdeenshire does not have a Councillor available this year so ED will lay the wreath on behalf of Aberdeenshire.</li> <li>• <b>The poor condition the building at Torphins Medical Practice</b> was a subject of the recent Patient Participation Group meeting. TCC has received the minutes and will join the PPG and Practice pleas to Grampian Health Board to properly address the maintenance of the building to preserve it's integrity. Secretary to write to General Manager of Estates and Facilities at Grampian Health.</li> <li>• <b>Ten Feet Tall Theatre Company</b> recently contacted TCC to advise they are planning to launch their programme in the Shire with a programme based at Torphins. This would include: Stage 1 – An adult drama group Stage 2 - Encore Script reading group for people ages 50+. TCC endorses the proposals and wishes the company every success with funding to enable what is a great opportunity for Torphins and surrounding community.</li> </ul>	<p>PA</p> <p>IF</p> <p>IF</p> <p>PA, ED</p> <p>WM</p> <p>WM</p>

