

Torry's Vision

Spring 2018



In this issue:

UDECIDE TORRY

TORRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

FOUNDATION CENTRE

BIG NOISE TORRY

www.shmu.org.uk/press

Image: APA, Richard Frew, Sam Brill and Alastair Robb

Contents

This Spring...

3	Sensory Garden
4	Foundation Centre
5	U Decide
6	Victoria Road
7	John Main
8&9	Big Noise
10&11	Sports News
12&13	Community Update
14	shmu
15	Councillors' Comments



Editorial

Welcome to the Spring edition of Torry's Vision community magazine. Read on for news from Tullos Community Wildlife Garden, Boogie in the Bar, Dragados, St Fittick's Rotary Club and Torry Skate Park.

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at SHMU are able to support and train anyone living in the area who is interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Torry.

If you live in Torry and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article then get in touch with Laura at SHMU on 01224 515013 or you can email her on laura.young@shmu.org.uk.

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website www.shmu.org.uk then click the 'PRESS' option.



Supported by



TORRY CARE HOME SENSORY GARDEN

My wife and I decided that the outside seating area at the Torry Care Home was tired and not really a nice place for the residents to spend time. We decided to form the Friends of Torry Care Home and to have the group constituted. This meant we could officially fund raise to turn the space into a sensory garden and a nice place for the residents, one of which is my mum, to enjoy. The research showed that sensory gardens were having a massive impact on the lives of people suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia in care homes by giving them memories back from yesteryear triggered by smell, sight and sound. We thought as many of the residents could possibly benefit from this it was an obvious direction to go in. With permission from Renaissance Care (the owner of the home) and their manager, Nadine Garcia we set about trying to make this a reality.

We started contacting companies for either financial or professional help. We applied for community grants and first to come back with help was the Torry Community Council with a £200

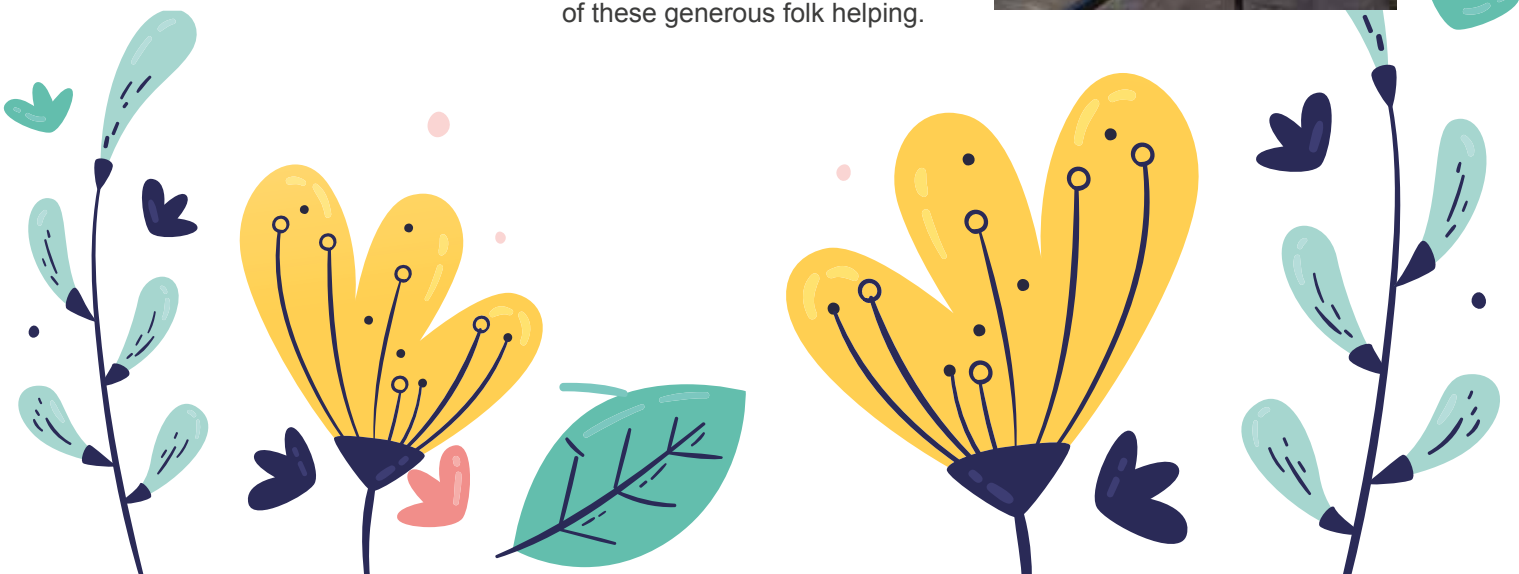
donation. We were off the ground now so we started to price up some of the plans and it became clear we would need a lot more to make this happen. We then applied to Dragados who are the main contractor of the Aberdeen South Harbour expansion and we were selected to receive funding. This was a massive boost to our project. We also received support from Kim and Locky Main by allowing us to have a collection bin in their pub, The Grampian Bar.

We decided then to seek professional advice from specialists in the field and we got help from a variety of companies including Garden Design Scotland, Jam Jar Tree Services, James Jones, Don Valley Earth and Lawn Suppliers so we would like to say thank you to them. We'd also like to say a massive thanks to Tiffany, Stephen and Ellis who put some hard graft into the project.

Now we had the foundation in place and the design was taking shape we decided we needed to give the residents an all-weather seating. Everything was going great, we were on a run with all of these generous folk helping.

Unfortunately, when I contacted the council to see if we could build the structure, they told me we needed planning permission. We decided to contact an architect who very kindly helped us out.

We also managed to order our bespoke made wooden benches and planters now these were supplied by Woodcraft@Aden an Aberdeenshire Council project that helps people with learning difficulties and brain injuries try and regain and give them back some of their lost independence which is such a brilliant initiative. The project was now gathering speed! Unfortunately the hold up in the works with the planning for the all-weather shelter delayed the planting for last year. However, more planting will happen in spring time.





FOUNDATION CENTRE

Over the past year and a half, King's Community Foundation has been engaged in conversation with the Torry community and the City Council about the possibility of refurbishing the old Phoenix Centre. On Saturday 17th November 2018, a group of volunteers gathered at the building on North Balnagask Road. What drove these people to leave the comfort of their homes on a bleak winter morning and journey to an empty, cold building? There was the promise of food. Although, in this instance there had to be a stronger pull than the chance of a bacon roll.

The building which used to be a youth centre, has stood unused for almost a decade. The work done on that dreich winter morning was a step towards turning a possibility into

a reality. That possibility was the transformation of the building into a vibrant community space where all members of the community are welcome, feel safe and have access to opportunities to fulfil their potential. This sense of potential fuelled the excitement of the volunteers present. From children, young people, parents to seniors, all were eager to get involved, and the willingness created an unwavering sense of community cohesion that morning.

In refurbishing the Foundation Centre, the goal is to open a community café which provides affordable and nutritious food. Similar to all the other rooms in the centre, the café will be an intergenerational space for all people and will be used for a range of activities. We are

excited by the possibility of what the Foundation Centre could be and the opportunities it could create for the community. For more information on the King's Community Foundation – which aims to enhance the living experience of people in local communities – **please visit www.kingscommunityfoundation.org**





UDecide in Torry Changes

The Torry UDecide event was held on Saturday the 9th of March at Tullos Primary School.

There were 16 applications bidding for a share of £13,000. Torry had £20,000 allocated, however are using £7,000 for alternative Participatory Budgeting project(s) in the future.

A week-long roadshow was held on the run-up to the voting event, where local people who were unable to attend the voting event were invited along to various community venues to cast their vote.

The following projects received the most votes in their respective categories:

Substance Misuse: Torry Dart

Social Isolation: Balnagask Singalong

Mental/Sexual Health: Development of the Torry Outdoor Sports Centre

Household Income: Torry goes on Safari

They received the full amount of funding that they applied for. In a surprise twist, the remaining applications all received approximately 95% of the funding they applied for, so all applicants can push ahead with their projects. The community steering group decided to fairly administer the outstanding pot of money equally between the remaining projects.

The following projects all received a share of £9,054.25:

Active Schools: Multi-Sport Sessions

Community Link Childcare: Funded Childcare Sessions

Denis Law: Streetsport Coach

Denis Law: Torry Cruyff Court Opening Event

24th Company Girl's Brigade

Jog Scotland: Torry Jog Scotland

Polish Association Aberdeen: Aberdeen Drumming United

SHAZAM: Drama with Confidence

Torry memories and Heritage Society: Bus Trips

Tullos Community Garden: First Anniversary Party

VictoriArt Road: Brighten up Lives

ACC Streetwork Team: The Unit WiFi

On behalf of Aberdeen City Council's Locality One Communities Team, we would like to say a huge thank you for the incredible efforts of the steering group, without whom we couldn't have run Torry UDecide, to the applicants for putting forward such fantastic ideas and projects to benefit the Torry community and to the voters for participating and supporting their community.

If you would like to sit on any future UDecide Steering Group or would like to get in contact about Participatory Budgeting in your area, please get in touch with Jade on jleyden@aberdeencity.gov.uk

TORRY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE GROUP

CAMPBELL'S BAR, Sinclair Road

Were you sad to see Campbell's Bar close?

We'll don't be - because a local community group is working hard to get it reopened as a social/ community enterprise bar whose profits will go to benefit the people of Torry.

The original idea was popular with residents during the UDecide Torry project earlier in 2017. Although it didn't quite make the final winners list it received a lot of interest and now a steering group has been formed to reopen the bar. These are exciting times for community buy-outs and asset transfers, so why not get involved? Along with putting profits back into the community the project also hopes to provide catering and music development and training for local young people and promote Torry as a buzzing place to be.

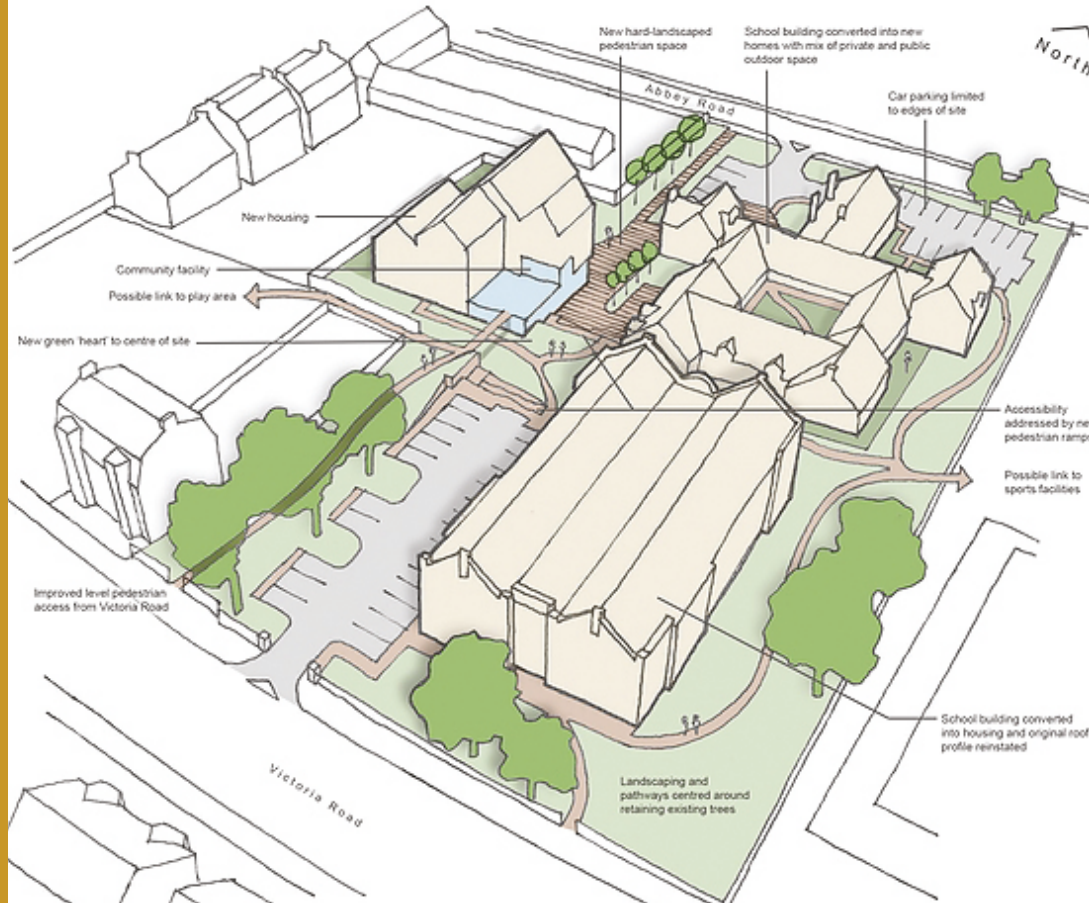
Torry Social Enterprise Group is still looking for more members to join. So now is the time to express your interest. Let's get Campbell's reopened – for the benefit of Torry!

This will be a new venture for Torry, offering training for both young people and adults. T-SEG is open to anyone in Torry to be part of.

For further information or times of meetings please message the group Facebook page – Torry Social Enterprise group (T-SEG).

We have a questionnaire in the following shops in Torry: Aberflora, Torry Heel 'n' Key Bar, Taylor's of Torry and Mike's Takeaway which you can pick up.

Email: Torry.se@gmail.com
Facebook: [Torry Social Enterprise Group \(T-SEG\)](#), 07494 966571



Restoring a Heart in Torry

Grampian Housing Association and Torry Development Trust Work to restore Victoria Road School for homes and community space

Victoria Road School is the oldest building in Torry, built in 1875 and extended in 1904. The school was a central part of the social development of Torry for over a hundred years until it closed in 2008. It is still a local landmark, and holds important memories for many Torry residents.

In 2016, the site was put on the market and the historic buildings were under threat of demolition, but the local community responded with a campaign that gathered more than 1,350 signatures in support.

In September 2018, Aberdeen City Council chose Grampian Housing Association as the "preferred bidder" for the old school site. Plans for the site are being developed with Torry Development Trust, a local charity, and aim to restore both of the original granite school buildings and bring them back into use.

Despite being subjected to neglect and vandalism over the past decade, the existing fabric of the two large granite school buildings is still sound. Other structures on the site are in worse condition and will be demolished to clear room for a new building.

Early plans for the site include a range of affordable homes, community space and an early learning facility, along with public outdoor space which will connect Victoria Road with Abbey Road. At this stage, Torry Development Trust is consulting with people in Torry to find out what the local community wants to see from the project.

Torry Development Trust has called for the people of Torry to get involved and make sure the project meets local needs and creates real value for the community for many years to come. To follow the progress of the project and find out how to have your say in the development, visit www.victoriaroadschool.co.uk and follow [@VictoriaRoadSchoolTorry](#) on Facebook.

Memorial Bench: John was the Main man

Natalie Hood

It's a cold, brisk autumnal day. Wild is the wind blowing over the hills, you can feel it change direction, taste the salt from the sea in the air, the waves crashing like a rolling thunder chasing the wind. The tide is high this mid-afternoon as I sit here with the sun lightening the sea. Suddenly the air calms, briefly striking a sliver of warmth from the sun on my exposed face, a moments peace and pleasure from the pressure of the breeze.

The Torry battery, an artillery battery which dominates the costal landscape as it has since the mid 1800's is now ruinous though there are plans to upgrade and preserve the area with Historic Scotland. Sadly, there is graffiti, litter and evidence of fires being lit. That said the Torry Battery remains a popular Aberdeen tourist attraction and is free to enter and one of my favourite stomping grounds. The car parks, surrounding leafy green grass and the buildings of the Torry Battery are a popular spot, mostly due to the commanding views of the dramatic North Sea, wildlife, Aberdeen Harbour, the city landscape and Aberdeen Beach. There have been some new additions to the coastal scenic view in Torry in recent years, including the seafarers' memorial adjacent to the Torry Battery where there is a simple steel cross set into

a cairn. Though this is not a War Memorial, it is considered to be for seafarers lost at sea, whether by accident or in conflict.

A new erection has caught my eye, the dressed granite glistening in the cover of our reflection in the low sun, we're the only ones here. We make our way across the gravel, it crunching beneath our feet. It's bigger than it looked from the distance, sat behind the towering cold steel of the seafarer's memorial.

"John Main 17/2/1933 – 2/5/2016"

What did he do? What did he do for our community?, Who are you? I have so many questions! I take to social media to ask and leave the flash photography, glitching. I blame geography for the freeze of the shutter as we put our hands up in the air brrr it's bitter. A beautiful city but the cold is getting too much to bare, we head home downhill with the breeze in our hair.

John was very active in promoting, preserving and recording Torry's rich and diverse heritage. He was primarily responsible for the design, construction and erection of the stainless-steel cross in front of the bench, in memory of all those Torry folk who lost their lives at sea.

John joined the Marine Laboratory in Torry from the navy and although

being from a maritime family he was never actually that good a sailor. During his first trip at sea for the laboratory, he was never so glad to get reach the Lerwick as he thought he was going to die from seasickness. He was, however, happier diving in the water and was a pioneer of scientific diving in the lab using old navy rubber suits and twin hose breathing sets. It is almost impossible to quantify the advances in our understanding of fishing gear behaviour and fish reaction to fishing gear had it not been a result of John's diving work, He literally risked life and limb swimming down trawl warps and over rapidly approaching trawl doors on the bottom. John's unique underwater footage put the Marine Laboratory in Torry on the international stage and secured its place for many years as one of the foremost research institutes in the world.

John was also an avid walker along with his wife, Ena and his daughter, Yvonne who were fully involved in the commemorative bench process at every stage. They would like to think that the bench will help lots of people with their private thoughts while they sit and take in the magnificent view in Aberdeen with some of Scotland's most beautiful and resplendent scenery in Torry.





BIG NOISE TERRY

Latest news:

2018 was a big year for Big Noise and Sistema Scotland, as we celebrated our 10th Birthday since the opening of the first Big Noise centre in Raploch, Stirling. After a memorable performance at the Scottish Parliament last summer, our Seagulls Choir performed at the opening of the new V&A museum in Dundee and a number of children had the opportunity to take part in the Super Strings Sessions with Nicola Benedetti in Aberdeen and Dundee, leading to a performance of more than 320 young musicians at the Caird Hall! (pictured)

Big Noise Terry also performed at the re-opening of the Aberdeen Music Hall in December, where they awed the Aberdeen audience with their singing and playing.

The new year started with the Primary 3 children joining our After-School Club on Thursdays. We have had our Primary 1, 2 and 3 sharings in both schools, where all family members were invited.

Most recently, a number of children in the Seagull and Dolphin orchestras returned to the Music Hall to perform at a private function for our partners

and sponsors, ASPC, where they stole the show. You might have also spotted them at Union Square shopping centre in February, when they were recruiting volunteers for our after-school programme!

Following the closure of Terry Academy in July 2018, Big Noise Terry After-School Club has been delivered from two sites since September; Walker Road and Tullos Primary Schools. The children still get to meet their friends from the other Terry Schools during our Holiday Clubs (October, Easter and Summer), which take place at Tullos Primary School.

Our new office is now on 39-41 Victoria Road, where we have recently had our first open office day and had the pleasure of welcoming a few Terry families and community members.

Sistema Scotland and Big Noise

Sistema Scotland is a charity on a mission to create permanent social change in the communities it works with across Scotland. It uses participation in its Big Noise orchestra programmes to change lives by fostering confidence, discipline, teamwork, pride and aspiration in the children and young people


taking part. Big Noise Terry was launched in 2015 and currently engages with more than 500 children. It is delivered in Partnership with Aberdeen City Council.

Big Noise Terry currently works with all of the nursery, P1, P2 and P3 children from Walker Road and Tullos Primary School. All children living or going to school in Terry between P3-P6 are invited to attend the Big Noise After-School Club. Everything at Big Noise is free - music lessons, healthy snacks, drinks, t-shirts and trips!

Do you have little one below 3 years old who is not yet in school? Little Noise is a free weekly music programme for children aged 0-3 and their carers (Mondays at 10.15am, at the Tullos Learning Centre). Walk-ins welcome!

If you are a family member of a Big Noise child, why don't you have a go at The Noise, the Big Noise orchestra for adults? No musical experience is required, a lot of fun guaranteed!

For more information on how to get involved with Big Noise Terry as a participant or volunteer, please contact terry@sistemascotland.org.uk or telephone: 01224 974707.





TORRY LIBRARY

Come along to your local library – there's something for everyone! Torry Library is on Victoria Road, and staff would be happy to see you there at the opening times below:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 10am – 1pm
and 2pm – 5pm**

Wednesday: 1pm – 7pm

Saturday: 10am – 1pm

Library membership is free, and available to people of all ages and you can join at any library.

As well as borrowing books, audiobooks and DVDs, we have free WiFi and computer access, as well as photocopying, scanning and access to online learning resources from learning to drive to homework help.

Torry Library also delivers regular Bookbug sessions. These are free, fun and friendly events for babies, toddlers, and their families or carers to enjoy together. Each session lasts around 30 minutes and includes songs, stories and rhymes. Whether you have never tried a Bookbug session before, haven't been for a while, or you are a regular attendee, if you have or care for a child aged 0-5 years we would love to see you there!

For details of our next Bookbug session, or any other questions about Torry Library, please call 01224 879037 or e-mail TorryLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk. You can also visit us online at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/library



Jog Torry

As the latest Jog Torry sessions launched this year, we caught up with Laura, who has really run with the success of the initial group!

My name is Laura, I am 33 and I live in Torry with my husband and two children. My running/fitness journey started when my son's school started Team Tullos, a fitness programme for both pupils and parents to encourage everyone to lead a healthier lifestyle. Having taken part in a few small runs alongside my son I wanted to push myself a bit further so I could keep up with him and be a good example for my children. As well as Team Tullos I started regularly going to the gym and when I saw a Jog Scotland group was starting in Torry. It was the perfect opportunity to engage with a local group and work on my running. Jog Scotland is such a friendly and inclusive group to be a part of. The jog leaders, Teresa and Chris, have been so

supportive and helped me with my training! So much so I did my first 10k last year and I am now only a matter of days away from running my first half marathon. The 10K last year was so much fun and it gave me the confidence to sign up for the half marathon. To push myself even further I have decided to seek sponsorship to raise money for Bosies, a local breast cancer charity. This is such an important cause and I am delighted to have raised almost £500 so far for the charity and knowing I have everyone's support will keep me going to get over the finish line.

I would encourage absolutely anyone who has an interest in getting out, moving more, getting fit or even just meeting new people to come along and join Jog Scotland Torry.

Jog Torry meets at Torry Youth and Leisure Centre on Monday evenings at 6:30pm.



Granite Fight Factory: Granite Fight go for VictORRY

Natalie Hood

Granite Fight Factory relocated to Torry in February 2018 to secure bigger premises and it's clear to see from the abundance of award-winning medals and trophies proudly displayed throughout the gym that they've definitely made the right move! As soon as they arrived in Torry, Granite Fight Factory received the Highly Commended Award for Fitness in the "Life with Style Awards 2018" and their collection keeps growing from strength to strength.

Granite Fight Factory are open seven days a week with a variety of classes varying from Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Wrestling and Thai Fit to Boxing Fit and everything in-between! There are 10 qualified coaches based within the gym at Deemouth Business Centre offering everything from group classes to private 1 to 1 coaching.

Wendy (Owner) of Granite Fight Factory said it gives the kids from

Torry and surrounding areas somewhere safe to go, keeping them off the streets while teaching them life lessoning skills, building confidence, teaching restraint as well as keeping children active, fit and enabling them to meet lots of new people.

Classes are suitable for all ages, strengths and abilities with children's classes suitable for children aged 4-14 years old.

Granite Fight Factory can be located at: Unit 3, Deemouth Business Centre, South Esplanade East, Torry, Aberdeen, Ab11 9pb

If you would like to find out more about Granite Fight Factory please telephone Wendy on 01224 478070 or follow them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/granitefightfactory Twitter: @GraniteFight or Instagram: [granitefightfactory](https://www.instagram.com/granitefightfactory)

Master Wallace Blackbelt Academy

The Master Wallace Blackbelt Academy teaches ITF Taekwon-Do and is run by Master Gordon Wallace 8th Dan and Mrs Jacqui Wallace 4th Dan. They are celebrating 30 years in Aberdeen (1989-2019) and have been teaching at their premises in Torry for over nine years.

This location has attracted many students from Torry and the surrounding areas with over 160 students attending each week.

Our main focus is ensuring that Taekwon-Do is taught in age-specific classes to ensure students learn at a level appropriate to their age. Classes are held for ages four years upwards with the oldest student at 76 years.

The teaching method for the children are based on disguising martial arts skills and repetition into games and fun activities.

Teaching much more than kicking and punching, the training helps to improve basic motor skills, improve focus, concentration and build confidence. There are also sparring and circuit classes available for teens and adults.

The academy also has a great record of success at both national and international competitions

Learn self-defence skills, build confidence and self-discipline, relieve stress, improve memory, co-ordination, flexibility and balance. Why not come along and enjoy a free trial lesson?

**33 S Esplanade W, Aberdeen
AB11 9AA. 01224 875266
mwba-taekwondo.co.uk**

BALNAGASK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Balnagask Community Centre has groups which caters for all ages.

We run kids groups for children up to P7 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Children can have fun and have a jump on our bouncy castle. We also run Play Schemes for children up to P7 in the Easter, summer (for 4 weeks) and October school holidays.

Our very busy carer and tots group (for preschool children) is on a Thursday morning. Children can play, have fun and carers can meet up with other local carers.

Adult bingo is on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm

Our new line dancing class for adults is on a Wednesday morning from 11am.

We have an over 50s keep fit group on a Tuesday morning and a Golden Zumba class on a Friday afternoon.

Our award winning group for the elderly and vulnerable is on a Friday morning, call the centre to book a place.

The centre's hall, which includes the bouncy castle, can be hired on a Saturday and Sunday for children's parties.

We have councillors' surgeries in the centre. On the second Tuesday of each month Catriona and Christian hold their monthly surgeries between 4:30 and 5:30pm and Yvonne holds her surgery on the second Wednesday of the month between 6 and 7pm.

We are holding a charity family bingo (no under 5s) on Sunday 28th April, doors open at 6.30pm.

All times for our groups are on our latest timetable however if you require further information or you want to book a party please call 01224 871206.

CUCKOOING: POLICE SCOTLAND NEEDS YOUR HELP TO IDENTIFY PEOPLE AT RISK FROM DRUG DEALERS

Police Scotland are launching a new initiative in Aberdeen to identify persons who, through no fault of their own, fall victim to organised crime groups as a result of cuckooing.

'Cuckooing' is a term used to describe someone having their home taken by an organised crime group for the purposes of utilising the premises in the course of criminality, particularly for drugs. The term 'cuckooing' is taken from the cuckoo bird who invades the nests of other birds and utilises it for its own purposes. This activity is a blight on our communities and brings with it significant harm to many.

It is known that individuals involved in serious organised crime gangs from areas such as Liverpool, West Midlands and London travel to other parts of the country, including Aberdeen. These individuals will then take over the property to assist with their illegal operation, be it for storing or dealing drugs. This is often achieved through the use of threats and actual violence towards the occupants or their loved ones.

We are seeking your help to help identify where cuckooing is happening. Some signs that could indicate this are:

- *Other people being in the house, especially non-locals.*
- *New associates and increased visitors throughout the day and night*
- *Increased or unusually high number of vehicles outside the property - including taxis or hire cars – registration plates are always helpful*
- *Bags of clothing or extra bedding in people's homes*
- *Increase in antisocial behaviour – examples include a build-up of rubbish in communal areas, increased noise and evidence of drug misuse.*
- *Barricades within the address, including weapons.*

If you have any information on cuckooing or drug dealing in your area or know someone who you have concerns maybe a victim of cuckooing, you can contact Police directly on **101** or anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. All information will be treated with confidence.

“HELLO” FROM YOUR NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Torry Community was installed unopposed in November 2018. At present we have 11 members out of a possible 16. We have the capacity to co-opt a further 3 members. So why not come along, join the Community Council and play your part in the future of Torry.

Your Community Councillors are:-

Margaret Wright
Chairperson

Fay Morrison
Secretary

Normund Varganovs
Treasurer

Patrick Robertson
Vice Chairperson

Alistair Spence
Planning Officer

Christine Geddes
Full Member

Hazel McAllan
Full Member

.....

TORRY YOUTH CLUB

This is a free club open to every family in Torry community. Young people have been having fun sessions at Tullos Learning Centre every Friday (term time) 6pm-8pm. They play games, do arts and crafts, as well as science, dance, movies and also go out on trips.

So far, the club has achieved the following:

1. Created a platform to build healthy relationships among the young stars
2. Built their self esteem
3. Developed their cooking skills
4. Created their awareness in various aspects of life like saying no to bullying and any form of abuse.

Simon McLean
Full Member

Ronald Plushkis
Full Member

Elizabeth Robertson
Co-opted Member

Martin Simpson
Co-opted Member

Our meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Thursday of each month

at Tullos Primary School at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated.

On-going issues including, the proposed incinerator, the sewage plant and the wetlands will

continue to be monitored by the Community Council and reported on at our monthly meetings.

For more information, or to get in touch with Torry Community Council look them up on Facebook

5. They have also been trained in First Aid, etc

Dayibara Orike also known as Sunny, can be contacted by phone on 07914634377 or torryyouthclub@gmail.com.



TORRY CRUYFF COURT

The Torry Cruyff Court passed committee and has been given the go ahead for development at the Tullos Pitches located on Girdleness Road! We hope this will be open for community use by the end of 2019!

Cruyff Courts are outdoor, artificial football pitches that are free to use by the community. We are delighted that the Torry community is going to have access to this fantastic free facility and the opportunity to participate in activities associated with the Johan Cruyff Foundation and Denis Law Legacy Trust.

There was a stall at the UDECIDE event on the 9th of March where local people were invited to give their views and ideas on what types of pitches should feature on the hard-standing area available adjacent to the artificial grass pitch and on what kind of warm up items the path leading up to the pitch could include.

If you have any ideas or would like to know more, please email Jade on jleyden@aberdeencity.gov.uk. We are happy to come to any community groups, events or meetings to tell you more about the project and to hear your ideas, so please get in touch!



Speak Out in Torry



Miss Moffat's Class

Speak Out is a programme of work that shmu have been doing in partnership with Tullos Primary Schools in Torry. The project consists of six sessions working towards presenting a live radio show. This consists of working on interviews, scripting and preparing to present their live radio show.

The next set of Tullos Primary School shows will take place on the following dates:

P6 Miss Morgan - 16th April
P5/6 Miss Tuilemat - 23rd April

You can tune in to shmu 99.8FM on a regular radio or listen online at www.shmu.org.uk/fm/listen. Tune in to hear your local school!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPEAK OUT PROGRAMME OR DATES CONTACT DENISE BY EMAILING [DENISE.REID@SHMU.ORG.UK](mailto:denise.reid@shmu.org.uk) OR CALLING 01224 515013.

Councillors Catriona Mackenzie and Christian Allard

We are aware that the free bus service to Lochside Academy that we fought for has not been always as reliable as it should be. We personally had to intervene several times to reassure pupils when buses were delayed or when drivers missed bus stops. It is imperative that pupils and parents report every incident to the school, the council and to ourselves for the service to improve. Without all our feedback it won't be possible to address the issue.

At the same meeting, we did not support the recommendation to proceed for the East Tullos energy from waste incinerator at this time, the argument was lost again.

During the budget meeting, we put forward what we believe to be a prudent and balanced budget, but this was rejected by the administration. We are concerned about the potential impact funding cuts will have on the services under threat. One of those valuable services is

our own Station House Media Unit, SHMU for short, a fantastic organisation that does so much for our community in Torry, with their music studio on Oscar Road or the Torry Vision that you are reading today.

**CM: 01224 346643 or
07551142690
cmackenzie@aberdeencity.gov.uk**

**CA: 01224 346642
callard@aberdeencity.gov.uk**

Councillor Yvonne Allan

Well we have certainly seen plenty of the sun on a very strange weather pattern in February. Looking forward to hopefully more of the same for the summer months.

Again, this year we have had a very success 'U-Decide' event with local people deciding on which local projects should get a share of the funding.

We should now be seeing the demolition of Torry Academy in preparation for our new primary school and community hub. Our two existing primary schools are at present bursting at the seams and the new school will be a great relief for them and a valuable addition to our children's education. The community hub will be exactly that. A place for folks to meet and chat in a coffee bar situation. It will also provide

a new home for Big Noise, with meeting rooms available for local groups.

Torry is the next area in the city to have a Cruyff football facility. This is only the second one in Aberdeen. It will be built down at Tullos and hopefully will help with the development of Torry's budding young football stars of tomorrow.

I think everyone in Torry will have noticed the pavements being dug up. This is to deliver a very fast fibre network throughout the city and Torry was selected to have this done very early in the programme.

Our gardeners have been out in force and I thank all who were involved in the work at the Tullos Community Garden. What a difference an effort can make. The fruit flowers and vegetable

garden are also coming along nicely and I also thank all the volunteers who give their time to keep this project going.

There is a small group beavering away to get the Torry Outdoor Sports Centre up and running again and any help from volunteers would be greatly welcome.

As always if anyone feels I can help them in any way you are always welcome at my surgeries which are the second Wednesday of the month at Balnagask Community Centre and the 4th Wednesday of the month at Torry Sports Centre at 6pm (school term only)

**Best Wishes
Yvonne Allan
01224 523013
yallan@aberdeencity.gov.uk
07802 332725**

Community Contacts

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous **0800 9177 650**

Drinkline **0300 123 1110**

Crime

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

Drugs

Drugs Action Helpline **01224 594700**

Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens **111**

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency **111**

Electricity

If you have a power-cut **105**

Family Planning

Aberdeen Community Health and Care Village **0345 337 9900**

Gas

Gas Emergency **0800 111 999**

Gas emergency with a meter **0845 606 6766**

Housing

Emergency Repairs **01224 219 282**

Call Centre Emergency **0845 608 0929 or 116 123**

Police

Non-emergency **101**

Samaritans

Need to talk **01224 574 488 or 116 123**

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team **0800 7315520**

Emergency Out-Of-Hours **01224 693936**

Young Carers **01224 212021**

Water

Scottish Water Emergency **0800 0778 778**

CFINE **01224 596156**

Home-Start **01224 693545**

Pathways **01224 682 939**

CFINE Financial Advice **0800 953 4330**

Citizens Advice **01224 569750**

Balnagask Community Centre **01224 871206**

Old Torry Community Centre **01224 894925**

Tullos Learning Centre **01224 291882**

Walker Road Primary School **01224 879720**

Tullos Primary School **01224 876621**

Torry Academy **01224 876733**

Torry Medical Practice **01224 01224 894600**

Torry Community Council **contactus@
torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk**