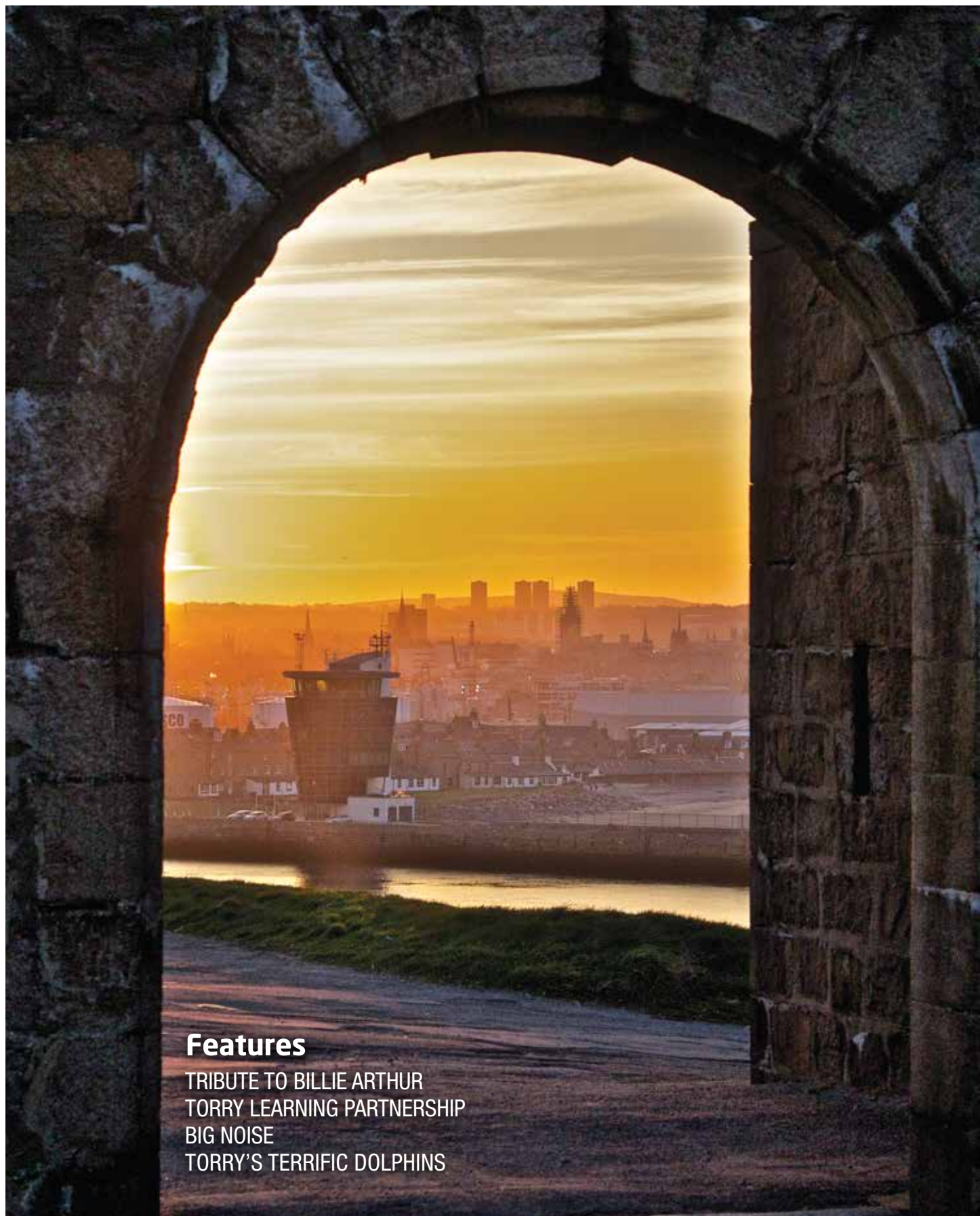


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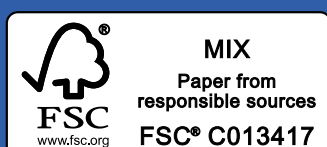
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## Editorial

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Torry's Vision community magazine. In this issue we have a tribute to the late Billie Arthur, a brilliant Torry quine who will be sadly missed. You can also find out about some of the wildlife which has been spotted down at Torry Battery and the usual updates from the Torry against the Stench campaign, the Woodlands Community Ranger and Torry Community Council.

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](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk).

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website [www.shmu.org.uk](http://www.shmu.org.uk) then click the 'PRESS' option.

The editorial meetings are held at 2:30pm at Old Torry Community Centre on the following dates:

**First meeting – 7th of July**

**Second meeting – 21st of July**

**Content deadline – 4th of August**

**Page plan – 11th of August**

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Billie (centre)  
with Renee Slater  
and Adele Keith at  
the Shmufries 2012



## A sad farewell to Billie Arthur

### *The Queen of Torry*

**Billie Arthur was a much loved resident of Torry who sadly passed away this year. Billie was born in 1930 and lived in Torry from the age of 9 to 85.**

She was a close friend to all who lived in Torry and was a community activist for many years. She became involved at SHMU in 2010 by co-presenting the Torry Treasures radio show and contributing to the Torry's Vision magazine with her fantastic and easy to recreate recipes.

Mary Clare, the former publications worker at SHMU said: *"Gosh, Billie was a hoot and she really had the gift of the gab. She was such a generous person and always came down packed with goodies for everyone. She knitted several hats for the sailors and even knitted my daughter, Katie, a rag doll which she just loves!"*

*"Billie was a fountain of knowledge when it came to the history of Old Torry and she always knew what was happening in her community. She and her husband, Henry, were a pair of darlings."*

It wasn't just SHMU that Billie was involved in; one of her most notable achievements was the creation of Billie's Play Park. She worked with a community worker and a committee in Torry to create a play park with a twist - Billie's Play Park is for elderly people. It was a fantastic community effort from everyone involved in turning a dream in to a reality for the area.

Billie was also involved with Maureen McKay in the Torry Play Association doing discos at Walker Road Primary School on a Saturday evening. They were involved with raising money for trips abroad and doing outdoor sports. They got a mini bus from Sunshine Coaches which was used by many groups.

Billie was well liked and respected. Even though Billie didn't do sport she supported Maureen. Unfortunately Maureen also passed away over a year ago. Both of them did a lot for the children of Torry. Billie was also involved in Torry Matters which met every month. The group

would discuss issues which had arisen during the month. She was very involved in many groups and was in the process of fundraising for another mini bus.

Billie was a committee member at Old Torry Community Centre and the people there would like to thank her for her involvement. She was a great hit with children and adults alike when she dressed up on Hallowe'en to tell us a creepy ghost story or two!

Billie was also a founding member of Regeneration Matters representing Torry.

Billie was full of mischief on air and always had a cheeky story to tell on air. However, the audience loved her just as much as we did and she won "The Shmuffie" in 2012.

She will be sadly missed by all at SHMU and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to the Torry Treasures radio show and Torry's Vision community magazine - especially her yummy recipes!

# Torry Community Council Reports Back - May 2015

**Torry Community Council is a statutory consultee on matters to do with planning and key issues affecting Torry that involve a wide range of organisations who have a remit or desire to work in Torry. Here is a brief summary of issues we have been dealing with.**

## **Torry Academy**

Following a meeting with the four South of the Dee Community Councils and the Council's Head of Education Services, we still await formal replies to a long list of questions put to the Education Department by ourselves and Parent Councils on the decision taken 18 months ago to close Torry Academy. Despite being informed that the school closure is part of the plan to improve educational achievement and required for securing funding from the Scottish Government for a new academy for the South of the city, there is no public planning application or programme for this development which is to open by August 2017.

## **Overcrowding in our local schools**

The Community Council has put this question, and more to the Council's Chief Executive and she is due to give us an answer at a meeting on Monday 1st June. We will report back on the answers we get!

## **Sistema Project**

Community Council members and local parents are getting involved in this project and will make up the Project Board. We await further developments of this new and innovative music project that it set to roll out this year.

## **Odours in Torry**

The Community Council remains totally committed helping to ensure the problem of nuisance odours are eliminated from Torry. Our campaigning led to the appointment of independent expert, Professor Rob Jackson in January, and he is now engaged to work for Scottish Water until October. He has produced a comprehensive report of his finding and these will

now be monitored quarterly by steering group, and he will attend our monthly meeting to give us a direct update on progress. We feel he needs to stay involved for at least two summers to prove that new measures do work before we will say "job done".

We have also requested an early site visit to the WWTW. We want to see the works being undertaken for ourselves and this will want to involve as many folk in Torry as possible. We will report back to you on what we see and find out – watch this space!

If you smell odours, then please report them to the SEPA Call Centre on 0800 807060 and ask for a reference number at the end of the call. You can also ask for a follow up phone call or e-mail on your complaint.

## **Local Development Plan**

The Community Council has submitted its proposals. We will raise objections to any proposal we feel is detrimental to the green environment of Torry or seeks to introduce new industrial proposals like the incinerator planned for East Tullis. We also believe that the granite heritage of Torry should be preserved rather than allowed to deteriorate.

## **Road safety and traffic management**

We are most concerned about speeding cars through Torry, heavy lorries on our residential streets and bad parking outside schools. We keep in contact with Roads Officials to discuss practical measures that can be put in place to make roads and pavements safer for everyone.

## **SITA – recycling proposal**

We are still following the proposal to put a waste recycling building at Altens, but are more than concerned about a proposed Energy from Waste Plant (aka an incinerator) being put into East Tullis. We need to know your views on this.

## **Harbour Developments**

We are maintaining an open dialogue with representatives of

Aberdeen Harbour Board. We are very aware that the environmental and social impact will be greatest on Torry and that there are many views on any proposals to develop the Bay of Nigg. We will scrutinise any proposals very carefully, and we will consult with Torry residents before making any final comments.

## **Craiginchies Prison site**

We trust folk will have taken advantage of the exhibition of proposals for the site and will make comments. The Community Council will make its view known once we have seen the proposals which must take into account the road widening of Wellington Road and the impact on local roads

## **Victoria Road School**

We have to await proposals from Barrett's which will be carefully scrutinised by the Community Council.

## **Supporting local groups**

We have an Annual Grant and will consider making a small funding donation once a written request with your proposal is received. We will always consider what help we can give to support local groups.

## **Keeping in touch**

We have a new website ([www.torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk)) and this is now linked to Facebook and Twitter. Follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook to build these new and vital means of keeping in touch with us at what will be a busy period over the coming year. Please sign on and keep in touch, and share updates etc.

*Want to know more? Then come along to our meetings on the third Thursday of each month (except July), all held at 7pm in the Library of Torry Academy, or Contact the Secretary, David Fryer at:*

**secretarytorrycommunitycouncil@gmail.com**

**Tel: 07759 276769**

**David Fryer**  
17th May 2015

## Torry Learning Partnership - What have we been up to?

**Torry Learning Partnership is improving services for the local community by ensuring partners know the area better and deliver services together more effectively.**

Our aim is to identify existing provision, helping to determine any local gaps. Then to, identify local priority areas of need, to help shape new initiatives which encourage partnership working and co-ordination of provision in the area. Finally we monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives along with participants and the local community.

Our main topical discussions have focused on adults, young people, health and wellbeing and community support and volunteering in the local area.

Several projects have been worked on and developed from these discussions.

The Partnership has also supported and recently awarded £6,000 Kick Start funding to support several joint working projects in the area.

These include the setting up of a local Toy Library from Old Torry Community Centre. An Intergenerational Project bringing together Torry Academy Pupils and some of our older community together to share experiences and give local support. The design and distribution of a colourful local area map with local places and information colourfully displayed on a fold up Z Map.

This will incorporate a Polish text translation. The organisation of a local Volunteer Networking Event to promote, support and celebrate volunteering in the area. A film project has been supported at Balnagask Community Centre to purchase a screen, projector and licence to allow films to be shown as part of the youth provision and wider audience in the centre.

An extensive youth consultation exercise and information event has been held within the Academy with A total of 332 questionnaires have been completed.



Feedback was given to pupils through assembly presentations and was followed up with an afternoon of activity workshops attended by 45 pupils and delivered by agencies including Transition Extreme, Sport Aberdeen, Creative Arts, Aberdeen Foyer and Adventure Aberdeen.

**Some results from the survey indicated:**

- **The majority of young people did not currently attend a youth group and less than 1/5 said they would like to attend one.**
- **76% of young people said they were not aware of what was going on in their local area.**

- **When asked the best way to find out what is going on, the most popular ways were thought the Internet at 54% and social media at 37%. Leaflets and posters came in at 29% with word of mouth at 22%.**
- **The most popular activities that young people would like to take part in if they were on offer were sports 37% - music activities 30% - outdoor activities - 28% - arts and crafts 27% - cooking and life skills 20% and dance and drama 17%**

We now have a newly formed 'Young Peoples Steering Group' running from the Torry Youth and Leisure Centre who are beginning to plan some new activities and hope to develop a Summer Activity Programme for local young people. Funding has also been awarded from the partnership to support this group. All in all it has been a busy year with lots more positive project and local initiatives to develop.

If you would like to find out more information on the results of the survey or would like to get involved or find out more about the work of the Torry Learning Partnership, it would be great to hear from you!

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## HERITAGE PRESENTATION TO WALKER ROAD SCHOOL

On March 27th 2015 two framed photographs of the complete school roll and staff from 1921/1922 were presented to Walker Road School during morning assembly.

One of the photographs was gifted by local resident Ally Spence. His mother, Annie Elizabeth Mulligan and her best friend Jean Greig, were both in the picture.

The other photograph was gifted by The Torry Development Trust on behalf of the Torry Heritage Group.

The presentation was made following an excellent history project produced by the pupils. It is hoped the Heritage Group could possibly work with the local schools to record the heritage of Torry, pictorially and orally.



# Big Noise Torry

A team of musicians aiming to transform the lives of children has begun work in Torry's schools. Run in partnership between the charity Sistema Scotland and Aberdeen City Council, Big Noise Torry is setting out to equip children with confidence and resilience to succeed across all areas of their lives.

The Big Noise musicians are working in Walker Road Primary and Tullos Primary during this school term. They are preparing the P1 and P2 pupils to perform in an official launch concert at the end of June. Over the holidays the P2 children will be invited to attend a summer school at Torry Academy and then an after-school club when the new term starts and they go into P3.

In the long run, there will be an extensive music programme on offer from babies through nursery and in to Primary School. Torry children will all be offered an instrument and place in the orchestra when they reach P2. Big Noise is open to all regardless of musical ability and is free of charge. It will begin with violin, viola, cello and double bass but after a few years will add woodwind, brass and percussion sections to become a full symphony orchestra.

The first Big Noise orchestra was launched in Raploch, Stirling in 2008. Big Noise Torry began its work in the community by bringing in some of the Raploch children to show what can be achieved. A group of teachers and Raploch children performed for all the pupils in both Walker Road and Tullos Primaries. Young people from Aberdeen's Station House Media Unit (SHMU) will be filming Big Noise as it launches and grows, to provide a video document of the children's adventures in music.

**For more information on Big Noise Torry, including signing children up for the summer school, call 01224 974707.**



# CAN YOU HELP GIVE US A NAME?

## NAME OUR TORRY MASCOTS COMPETITION

We need your assistance to help us to name these gorgeous guys pictured whom have been seen gliding up and down the River Dee between the railway bridge beside Duthie Park to Victoria Road Bridge:

**WHAT:** The name should be fun and represent the culture and history of our amazing community.

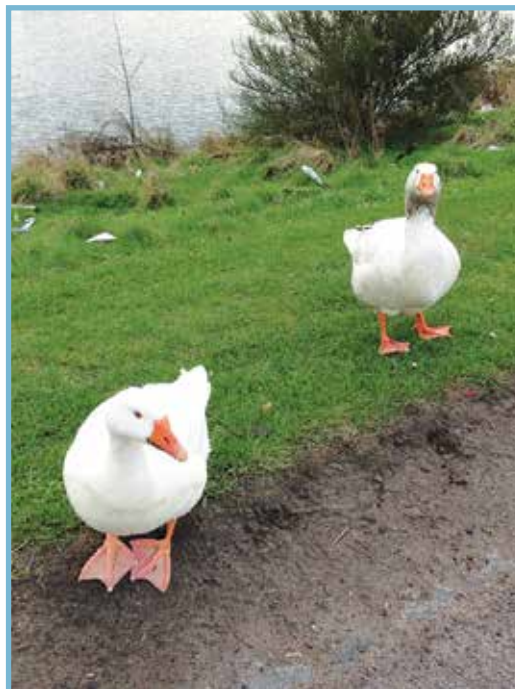
**WHY:** We think it high time that these gorgeous guys had a name and become true Torry residents.

**WHO:** Open to all P1 to P7 school pupils who are attending primary school within Torry.

**WHEN / WHERE:** Submission of the names should be made to our **Torry's Vision Facebook Page** or by calling SHMU on 01224 515013 and asking for Laura or emailing [laura.young@shmu.org.uk](mailto:laura.young@shmu.org.uk) by mid August 2015.

The selected names will be announced in our Autumn / Winter Edition of the Torry Vision Magazine by the end of October.

**The winner will receive a tour of SHMU which will involve getting to star on our Torry Treasures community hour.**



## TEA BREAK READING - 30 SECOND TIP BITS . . .

**Written by Mandy "The Quine fae Torry"**

*A wee read whilst you have yur Tea Break and for the summer feel!*

- If you are oot camping over the summer, remember to add sage to the campfire as this will keep the bugs away! Also if you are bugged with wasps and bees whilst oot hiking, to immobilise them, give them a wee spray of hairspray. If you are unable to make a wee camp fire due to the lack of kindling, why not use tortilla crisps as they are great if you have them with you!
- Staying at hame but fancy a wee trip doon to Aberdeen Beach, well why not bring some baby powder with you. Before you dip your feet in to the sand why not sprinkle some powder over your tooties as when it comes time to leave, it will get the sand off your skin easily. Did you know you can keep your feet cooler in the summer by putting some hand sanitizing gel on your feet. It will not only cool them but also make them smell better!
- If you are heading further afield like the zoo, make sure that you wear the same colours as the employees as this will ensure that the animals walk up to you instead of walking away. Or if you are heading to a theme park or two, remember the crowds will most likely turn to the right upon entry so with this in mind the lines to the left upon the entrance will always be less crowded!
- Are bugs wreaking havoc in your garden? Just sprinkle some old coffee grounds (which you can claim free at some coffee shops) in the areas where the ants, snails and slugs were causing the problem. This will repel them but enriches the soil, thus ensuring your garden is freshly fertilised but also bug free!
- On a budget and have a wee problem with weeds in your garden - Did you know that nothing kills weeds and keep them dead for longer like white vinegar straight from the bottle?
- Flattened bed pillows? Then why not put them into the sun for 30 minutes, as the sun will absorb the moisture and plump up your pillows.
- Do you or your kids have old worn out T-Shirts and do not know what to do with them? Why not cut the designs from the T-Shirts and make them into a quilt, not only practical, but useful and unique too!
- Did you know that you can make ice cream with just one ingredient: a frozen banana – it's completely natural and guilt free! Take two to four ripe bananas, peel them and let them sit in the freezer for an hour, then slice them up and pop them into the blender. You will end up with a smooth and yummy treat! If you feel a wee bit adventurous and a little less guilt free, you could add two tablespoons of peanut butter or chocolate chips!



# TORRY's terrific dolphins make a splash across Scotland

**Few people realise that the best place to see one of the UK's most impressive wildlife spectacles is in Torry.**

From the high vantage point of Torry Battery you can watch the largest bottlenose dolphins in the world chasing fish, feeding and playing.

In 2013, RSPB Dolphinwatch started as a summer-long celebration of the dolphins, raising awareness among Aberdonians and visitors and helping people learn more about them.

Now in its third year Dolphinwatch has gone from strength to strength. The project now has seven partners: RSPB Scotland, Aberdeen City Council, Visit Aberdeen, Aberdeen Harbour Board, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Whale and Dolphin

Conservation (WDC) and Viking Optical.

Despite its growing fame, the aims of the project are very simple: to help people have their very own 'wow' wildlife moment and want to look after it. This year's Dolphinwatch staff Paul and Helen and their team of volunteers will be on site at Torry Battery from 11am-6pm on Thursday to Sunday every week, until 16 August. They'll have binoculars and telescopes to help people see the dolphins up close and plenty of information to answer questions.

Throughout the summer, there will be special activities and events too including Rockpool Ramble events and a big School's Out celebration with craft activities and face painting on the 4 and 5 July.

There is a Girdleness guided walk on 27 June (for the Energetica Walking and Wildlife Festival) and another on 11 July.

For up to date information visit [www.facebook.com/RSPBNorthEastScotland](http://www.facebook.com/RSPBNorthEastScotland) and [rspb.org.uk/aberdeen](http://rspb.org.uk/aberdeen) or keep in touch via [www.twitter.com/RSPB\\_NEScotland](http://www.twitter.com/RSPB_NEScotland).

Torry is probably one of the few places in Europe where you can see dolphins so close to a city centre. And see them so often - dolphins were seen on more than nine out of every ten days the project was running last year.

Now people from across the UK are discovering something that many locals have known for a while - Aberdeen's dolphins are amazing.



# Clean Up Torry Battery

**VOLUNTEERS took part in a Clean-Up at Torry Battery and collected dozens of bags of litter today in preparation for the start of DolphinWatch on Friday.**

Staff from RSPB collected more than 30 bags of litter in two hours as part for the initiative, organised by Aberdeen City Council, as part of the Clean Up Scotland campaign.

Clean Up Scotland aims to unite one million people across the country in the fight against litter.

Aberdeen City Council environmental manager Steven Shaw said it was great to have people from the community coming together to help out.

"With the nicer spring weather here, a

lot more people are out and about in our beautiful countryside so we want to ensure it is kept tidy and clean," he said.

"We were arranging a tidy up of the Torry Battery anyway after winter was over after liaising with the community, and then with a date set for DolphinWatch, it made sense to hold the Clean Up this week.

"We hope that everyone coming to Torry Battery for DolphinWatch will have a great time and of course they see dolphins leaping around in the sea at the mouth of Aberdeen Harbour, and I'm sure they'll appreciate the area being clean and tidy!

Clean Up Scotland is led by the independent charity Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to take the Clean Up Scotland pledge. They can also text 'pledge' to 88802.

In doing so, they vow to help free their community of litter and graffiti, report incidents of fly tipping and responsibly dispose of litter and mess in their area.

***Aberdeen City Council is on hand to offer support, advice and equipment to anyone planning a community clean-up and can be contacted on 01224 219281.***





# Hello from your Woodlands Community Ranger!

I have been busy with the excellent Volunteer Ranger Team over the past few months so many thanks to them. The Core Path on Tullos Hill had been damaged by the combination of illegal biking and heavy rain so the team set about to repair and refurbish over 3 sessions. Hard work but satisfying as the path looks a bit better and less rutted. Once again, recycling was key here as Aberdeen Greenspace provided the materials which were surplus to one of their projects elsewhere in Aberdeen City.

Next, the main access point at Greenbank Crescent required some attention as the drystone wall had been badly damaged. Volunteer Rangers Josh, Danai and Jonathan were all out with their comfort zones as they learned basic techniques (which I had to remember!) but rose to the challenge. They also installed the long awaited Jubilee Woodland sign.

Wildflower meadow management at St Fitticks Park saw the team rake the grass up where the wildflower meadow (many strange looks from the public!) is to promote growth in summer; tough work for them over a few sessions with Ranger Rob and Simon.

The planting project at Torry Outdoor Sports Centre has now been completed with the final planting in March so the colours should be out by the time you read this. It is also our hope that the “blank canvas” is now an area of biodiversity and providing nectar for bees and butterflies!

The section of path on Tullos running north south at the end of “The Dippers” required cutting back for access/maintenance purposes and this was carried out prior to the nesting/breeding season. The hardy

team cut back at the main corners of the path to increase line of vision (and therefore safety) all the way down the path. The work has also opened up the views of Torry and Aberdeen city, which was an unexpected bonus. Many thanks to the Council Arbor team who we helped put all that gorse through their chipper. It took us a day and a half to chip it along with the amount cut by volunteers from Shell.

On that note, a BIG thank you to the volunteers from Shell who came out to help cut back the gorse around one of the benches they had installed last year. The aim was to open the viewpoint from the bench looking into the city and along to the north east of Tullos. Unfortunately one of the days had to be cancelled due to bad weather but the next day was a belter so lots of gorse was cut in the space of a few hours. Well done Shell!

If you have any project you feel we may be able to help or if you are looking for natural materials big or small then please do get in contact on 01224 897 400 or [lochinch@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:lochinch@aberdeencity.gov.uk). Also, if you would like to volunteer with myself on a Tuesday then please do use the contact details provided and mark it for the attention of The Woodlands Community Ranger.

Of course, you can listen to my show on SHMU every Wednesday at 11am to catch up on the latest goings on within the Ranger Service. Check us out on 99.8fm or at [shmu.org.uk](http://shmu.org.uk). Also, our Facebook Page at Aberdeen City Council Countryside Ranger Service.

Tara for now.  
**Stephen**





# Torry Odour... ...on the mend

## Professor Jackson's Recommendations

Further to his appointment by Scottish Water, Professor Rob Jackson presented his draft report relating to his investigations into odours within the Torry community at the first Torry Odour Stakeholder Group meeting chaired by Maureen Watt MSP on 23rd March 2015. All stakeholders were invited to respond to his recommendation by 16th April and his final report was published on 24th April.

His recommendations are wide-ranging and cover a number of important issues relating to:

- existing gravity sewers which may be susceptible to sediment accumulations resulting in septic conditions and odorous gas emissions;
- infiltration into sewers of saline water from coastal and harbour waters;
- instrumentation and telemetry to provide real time data on the status of sewers;
- refurbishment of the Torry Siphon under the harbour;
- Tanker movements on Victoria Road;
- the policing of industrial trade wastes;
- the need to monitor wastewater conditions within sewers over the warmer months;
- protecting sewers from the tide;
- investigations into the East Tullos Burn;
- improvements to general housekeeping and methods for discharging of tanker wastes at the Nigg Bay Wastewater Treatment Works;
- improvements in odour management at the treatment works;

- the emptying and cleaning of all choked highway road gullies within the Torry area;
- investigations into the drainage systems serving properties within the Balnagask district;
- the appointment of a rapid response officer located at SEPA's offices to provide a quick, front line response to odour complaints including a campaign covering the warmer summer months to address night-time complaints;
- the establishment of a new Torry Odour Management Group to identify principal sources of odour, establish causation and devise corrective measures and solutions;
- to establish a new complaints procedure which engages the three publicly funded bodies that each have statutory duties relating to odour, namely Scottish Water, Aberdeen City Council and SEPA; and
- to encourage the Aberdeen Harbour Board to police any premise leased to a tenant that is found to be responsible for the production of odorous emissions to air.

This holistic 'no stone unturned' approach has been proven to work within other Scottish communities and Professor Jackson's current contract has been extended by Scottish Water up until the end of October 2015 to help in this process.

The Torry Odour Stakeholder Group will meet throughout the year, and Scottish Water will present its findings and provide updates on progress to the wider community.

**Know Your Rights, When It Comes To...**

# **...ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR 2015**

**Written by Mandy "The Quine fae Torry"**

**As summertime draws near and the weather becomes that wee bit warmer and that wee bit crazier, certain behaviours increase. So what do you do and what are your rights when it comes to antisocial behaviour?**

First we need to establish what is antisocial behaviour as everyone has different ideas associated with the meaning? Antisocial behaviour is a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress e.g. noisy neighbours, youth annoyance, alcohol related disorder, drug dealing / misuse, violent crime, road safety and graffiti. So what are your rights and responsibilities? Antisocial behaviour is not to be tolerated as residents have a right to live peacefully in safe and secure environment. Citizens of Aberdeen have the responsibility to treat their neighbours and others in the wider community with respect and have a responsibility to report any associated antisocial behaviour so that it can be stopped and respite offered to victims.

In the case of the residents of Torry, the antisocial behaviour within the area is currently being targeted as part of the Operation Smallwood, aiming to prevent said behaviour and wilful fire-raising, involving local police officers carrying out regular patrols, swooping to areas that have been identified as hotspots such as Balnagask Road and Girdleness Road. There are also WiFi CCTV cameras that have been fitted onto lampposts within the area which are linked up to police headquarters on Queen Street. This provides a deterrent but also gives officers investigative opportunities. Furthermore, the operation could incorporate social services and social workers intervening with those regular offenders whom could be "relocated" because of their behaviour. Inspector David Paterson who is leading the operation said that they have identified the ringleaders and have been working alongside social work to put intervention plans in place, which may lead those individuals being relocated. He reassured the residents of Torry that

they are aware of the ongoing annoyance and were taking positive steps to address the issue but would also urge parents to ask themselves whether their kids were involved in antisocial behaviour, as he would be looking for the parents to take some responsibility for said behaviour. In addition, Inspector Paterson said that since the operation has begun, there has been a significant reduction to youth annoyance calls. However, there is no quick fix to antisocial behaviour, but he is determined to provide an effective response to this ongoing issue by identifying the offenders, bring them to justice and arranging for intensive intervention from the various parties.

So with this in mind, who can help? If you rent your accommodation, then you should report any issues/problems with neighbours to your landlord, as your landlord will be able to advise you on the steps that can be taken to stop the problem. Council tenants should contact your local housing office or people who own their property or would like general advice, can contact Aberdeen City Council's Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team (ASBIT) for assistance (Call-Out Services available between 9am - 4am each day). The ASBIT aims to rigorously investigate antisocial behaviour complaints and give residents affected by antisocial behaviour help and support to make them feel safer. This ensures that appropriate action is taken quickly so that antisocial behaviour stops. Furthermore they provide support to homeowners, private sector landlords and other agencies in dealing with antisocial behaviour quickly and ensuring that effective solutions are delivered. In case of antisocial behaviour which is not related to housing or which you consider to be serious should be reported to Police Scotland – Aberdeen City South (Torry and



Ferryhill) (Telephone No. In an emergency always dial 999 / For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning 101; Email: TorryFerryhillCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

What action can be taken? Each case will be considered individually and in most cases, issues / problems can be resolved through discussion, mediation or warnings. SACRO - Aberdeen Community Mediation Service operate an independent mediation service which resolves disputes and helps those involved reach an agreement which everyone can live with. You may contact the service directly or ask to be referred by the agency or landlord dealing with your complaint. When voluntary solutions are not effective or appropriate then enforcement action can be taken. The type of enforcement action depends on the circumstances. The law is on your side and the Scottish Parliament have introduced the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 allowing agencies to stand up to the minority whose behaviour causes serious nuisance in communities and further supporting private sector landlords on dealing with antisocial behaviour happening in and around the properties that they rent. The ASBIT would provide appropriate expert support and assistance to help private sector landlords meet their statutory obligations. Their powers include: issuing 'on the spot' warnings / fixed penalty notices to deal with noise nuisance from domestic homes and where neighbours are causing unreasonable noise a formal warning notice can be served. If this warning is ignored and it is established that a noise nuisance exists, a fixed penalty notice for £100 may be served and in some cases, seizure of the noise making equipment; allowing the police to close premises that are the focus of constant antisocial behaviour; allowing the police to disperse groups of people who are causing significant persistent and serious antisocial behaviour; banning the sale of spray paint to under 16's; statutory power

of arrest if an Antisocial Behaviour Order (ASBO – a preventative orders intended to protect people in the community affected by antisocial behaviour from further acts or conduct that would cause them alarm or distress and is a court order which prohibits, either indefinitely or for a specified period, a person from doing anything described in the order) is breached or extending ASBOs to 12-15 year olds (Breach of an order is a criminal offence which can result in a fine and imprisonment), all of which can be accessed and viewed under the Scottish Executive's Guide to the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 from their website.

Please do not at any point suffer in silence, the only way to tackle antisocial behaviour to speak to either your landlord, your local housing office or Aberdeen City Council's Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team about it and how it is affecting your quality of life! Remember to think carefully about noise within your own home and make sure that your neighbours aren't being disturbed by your excessive noise!

#### Useful Contact Details & Telephone Numbers:

**Police: 101**

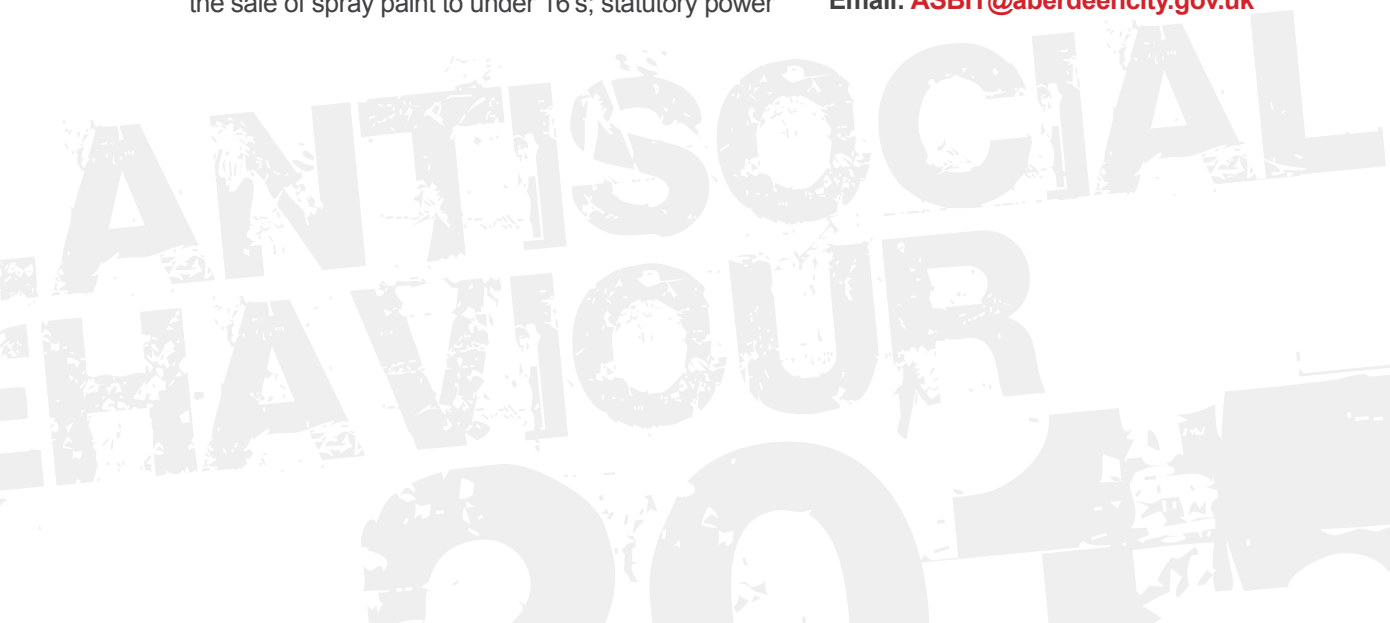
**Victim Support: 01224 622 478**

**Aberdeen Community Mediation Service:  
01224 560 570**

**Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**

**Aberdeen City Council Local Housing Offices:  
Marischal College:  
01224 523 753 / 01224 522 031 / 01224 522 029**

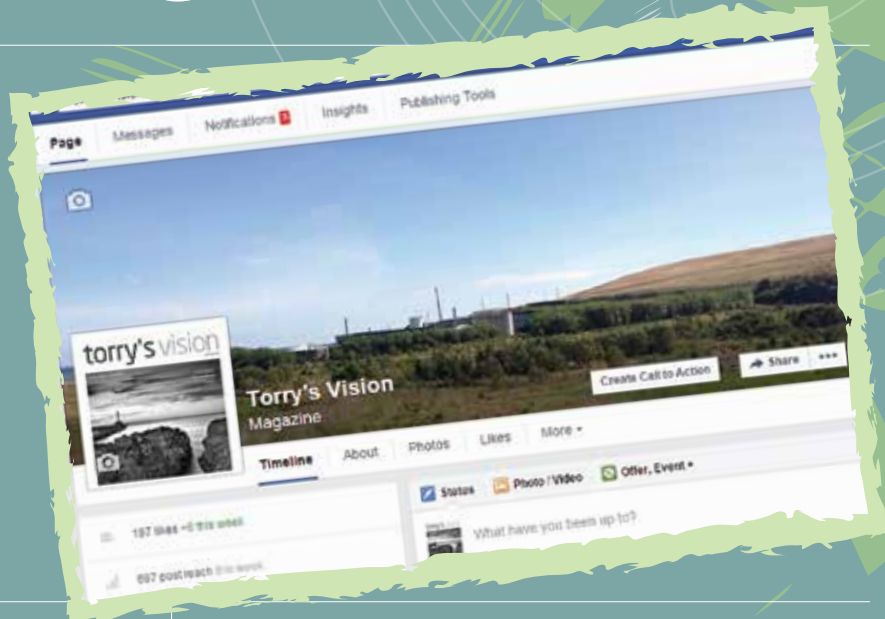
**Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team:  
Housing and Environment, Aberdeen City Council,  
Community Safety Hub, 1st Floor, Frederick Street  
Centre, Frederick Street, Aberdeen AB24 5HY.  
Phone: 01224 219450 / 0845 606 6548  
Email: ASBIT@aberdeencity.gov.uk**



## Torry's Vision Facebook Page

The Torry's Vision magazine now has a Facebook page. To keep up to date with what the team is doing, then look up 'Torry's Vision' and hit like!

Keep up to date with what's happening in Torry and with our editorial team through the Facebook page.



## shmuSOUND

shmuSOUND is running the Positive Transitions 22 Music Sessions at the Torry studio in the Youth and Leisure Centre on Oscar Road every Wednesday, the Drugs Action/DA sessions are also there, and there's a Lyricism & Beat-making sessions there every Tuesday from 19:30-21:30.

We're also booking slots for recording artists on both the Hip Hop

Project, and the Collective Compositions project - for info/to book a place on either then call Simon on 01224 515013 or email [simon.gall@shmu.org.uk](mailto:simon.gall@shmu.org.uk).

## Torry Treasures needs you!

Torry Treasures is the community radio show dedicated to the community of Torry. The show needs people from Torry to get involve. We provide training opportunities if you want to be involved in production, script writing or presenting. Get in touch with Adele by calling 01224 515013 or emailing [adele@shmu.org.uk](mailto:adele@shmu.org.uk).

## Media Access Project

shmu has recently received a grant from The Big Lottery to run a new five year project working with prisoners at HMP and YOI Grampian. The project is called the Media Access Project or MAP.

The project will give prisoners the opportunity to create media in the prison such as this magazine. They will also have a chance to create and broadcast prison based radio programmes, write and record their own music and work on film based projects. Apart from gaining qualifications for this work, participants will also develop skills such as team work, effective communication, planning and employability.

It is anticipated that 3750 prisoners will have the opportunity to get involved over the five year period. They will then have the opportunity to receive extra help from a MAP Support Worker who will meet with them in the prison and help create a realistic plan of support with them and continue to work alongside them after their release.

It is anticipated that participants will make good use of their new skills to help them into employment, further education or training. There is also an expectation that some will continue to create media after they are released. This can then be shared in the prison and elsewhere to show others the benefits of taking advantage of some of the supports available both in the community and prison.

*Station House Media Unit (shmu) is situated just off Great Northern Road in the old Station House Community Centre, Woodside. We offer free access to, and training in video and radio production, and magazine and online publications to residents of all ages living in Seaton, Woodside, Middlefield, Tillydrone, Torry, Northfield and Cummings Park.*



# WHAT'S ON?



## Get ready for the 2015 Library Summer Reading Challenge!

The Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge Scotland takes place again this year with the exciting new theme of Record Breakers. The Challenge encourages children to read up to six books over the summer holidays. The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 12, however children under 4 can take part in Bookbug's Library Challenge.

### Bookbug Story & Rhyme Sessions

Torry Library	Thursday	25 June	2:15 – 2:45pm
Torry Library	Thursday	9 July	2:15 – 2:45pm
Torry Library	Thursday	23 July	2:15 – 2:45pm
Torry Library	Thursday	6 August	2:15 – 2:45pm
Torry Library	Thursday	20 August	2:15 – 2:45pm

### Summer Reading Challenge - Record Breakers Event

Torry Library	Tuesday	14 July	2:30 – 3:30pm
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### Contact details

Torry Library 01224 879037 or [TorryLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:TorryLibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk)  
Or visit our website [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Library](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/Library)



## Family Learning

The Family Learning Worker for Torry is Lorraine Young.

We provide opportunities for mum/dads/carers to become more involved in their children's learning.

This term we are offering:

- **Family Storytime**  
A three week course where we read stories to our children and then do a craft activity.  
You can also look out for:
- **I'm A Parent...Get Me Out Of Here!**
- **Maths & Language For Parents**
- **Confidence and Assertiveness**
- **Challenge Dad & Challenge Mum**

*For more information please contact Lorraine on 01224 764700, 07801 129494 or [lyoung@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:lyoung@aberdeencity.gov.uk)*

## Buggy Walks

Buggy walks in Torry started on the 28th of April leaving from Tullos community learning centre at 10am. Buggy walks are free and organised by trained walk leaders. The walks last up to 45 minutes, with the aim of getting families out in the fresh air, improving individual's physical and mental wellbeing, encouraging people to keep fit by walking in their local area and making new friends. After the walk we meet back at the learning centre for a cuppa and a chat. For information about the Tullos walk please contact: **Linda Asher - 0777 2578 436 or [lasher@nhs.net](mailto:lasher@nhs.net)**

Buggy walks and Health Walks are happening across the city for further information about walks in your area please contact: **Brian Harrison - 01224 577705 [BHarrison@sportaberdeen.co.uk](mailto:BHarrison@sportaberdeen.co.uk)**

## Health Walks

There are new health walks starting at Old Torry Community Centre.

They will leave at 2:30pm on a Monday afternoon.

The health walks are free short and low level with a trained leader.

For more information call **07772578436**.



# COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous

0845 769 7555

Drinkline

0800 917 8282

## Benefits

Benefits Agency Advice Line

0800 587 9135

## Crime

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

## Drugs

FRANK – National Helpline

0800 776 600

## Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens

01224 558 140

## Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency

08454 242 424

## Electricity

If you have a Power-Cut

0800 300 999

## Family Planning

Health Village, Frederick Street

0845 337 9900

## Gas

Gas Emergency

0800 111 999

Gas Emergency with a Meter

0845 606 6766

## Housing

Emergency Repairs

01224 480 281

Call Centre Emergency

0845 608 0929

## Police

Non-Emergency

101

## Samaritans

Need to talk

01224 574 488

## Social Work

Social Work Duty Team

01224 765 220

Emergency Out-Of-Hours

01224 693 936

## Young Carers

Support & Information Service

01224 625 009

## Water

Scottish Water Emergency

0845 600 8855

## Balnagask Community Centre

Balnagask Road, Aberdeen

AB11 8HX, 01224 871206

[www.facebook.com/Hazel.Balnagaskcommunitycentre](http://www.facebook.com/Hazel.Balnagaskcommunitycentre)

## Old Torry Community Centre

2 Abbey Place, Aberdeen AB11 9QH

01224 894925

[contactus@oldtorry.org.uk](mailto:contactus@oldtorry.org.uk)

[www.oldtorry.org.uk](http://www.oldtorry.org.uk)

[www.facebook.com/oldtorrycommunitycentre](http://www.facebook.com/oldtorrycommunitycentre)

[www.twitter.com/oldtorry](http://www.twitter.com/oldtorry)

## Tullos Learning Centre

Girdleness Rd, Aberdeen 01224 291882

[www.facebook.com/tullos.community](http://www.facebook.com/tullos.community)

## Torry Community Council

07759 276769 (David Fryer, secretary)

[contactus@torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk](mailto:contactus@torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk)

[www.torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.torrycommunitycouncil.org.uk)

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