

## **Unapproved Minutes of the Kintore and District Community Council**

Held 7:00 pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Online and Zoom

### **1.Welcome & Apologies**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees and Apologies

Community Councillors Present – Moira Moran, Jim Reid, Rachel Lewis, Lesley Monaghan, Donna Heron, Paul Davison, Ken McEwen

Cllrs: Cllr Trevor Mason

Guest Attendees – Alison Cumming Aberdeenshire Council.

Apologies: Claire Campbell, Alan Milne, Cllr Dominic Lochray, Cllr Glen Reid, Cllr Jim Gifford

### **2.Declarations of Interest**

None

### **3.Minutes of the June Meeting**

Corrections – None

KDCC June Minutes Approval – LM/PD

#### **Minutes of June AGM**

Corrections – None

Approval Paul/LM

### **4.Matters Arising. Update on Open Actions**

Following complaints about security gates being locked without warning, Kirkwood have advised that signs will be put up to advise.

### **5.Police Report**

Police report received, housebreaking/theft - 1, Road Traffic 26 other, Road Accidents 2

### **6.Planning Matters**

#### **Applications submitted**

- a) Formation of drainage channel and associated work Midmill associated with Town Park project, work required by SEPA
- b) Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse Uppermill Cottage – no comments
- c) Leylodge substation – still progressing

- d) Scotia Townpark – Public meeting was held. MM attended a separate meeting with Scotia. Final plans have not yet been decided. They will be doing another public consultation online. All objections will be available to Scotia.
- e) Hillhead Caravan Park extension, discussed and agreed to send letter of representation objecting from KDCC

**Application approved –**

Thainstone Ravenhill, despite concerns and representations refused by residents, MM had made further representations to Roads and Planning prior to approval which were declined

## **7. Community Resilience**

The AED's were all checked by AM and in working order. They are now all equipped with trackers. JR & AM will receive notifications if they have been moved. One AED was used in an emergency in June. New pads were purchased.

## **8. Kintore Kconnect**

AG & JM have given the Kintore Kconnect an updated look. The new designs will be circulated with the KDCC.

It was discussed whether only businesses within Kintore should be able to advertise in the magazine. Kintore businesses will be given "first refusal" then we can approach others out with the area.

The next deadline for submissions for the September issue is 15/08/2023.

MM, AG & JR will meet to discuss the next issue of the magazine and the website.

## **9. Action Kintore**

The Bothie - Building work at the Bothie is almost complete. Due to the ongoing works the users will be spending their time meeting outdoors. Due to this RL is going to put in a funding bid for some rain jackets. There will be summer activities at Kintore Library.

Awareness on how you can get involved with using or supporting The Bothie needs to be promoted.

The sign directing people to the Bothie has been removed by Aberdeenshire council. This was communicated to Cllr GR as frustration has been expressed to the KDCC. MM to follow up.

Town House – looking positive regarding potential funding to be able to progress.

## **10. Community Projects**

Outdoor exercise equipment – quotes were received and were really expensive.

MM read through suggestions on what facilities the community would like to have in Kintore. JR suggested that we work alongside the council to get support from them but also get support from the community to enable these projects to come to fruition. A subgroup, facilitated by the KDCC could be an option or moving forward with new projects but would have to be community led in order to be eligible for funding sources

Fireworks – JR to give MM the task list from last year's fireworks. Help is required to organise and attend the event in November.

The Big Green Space has contacted us regarding the planting of flowers in public areas, shared with Sue Parrott and MM contacted Emma from Sustainable Kintore who is happy to get involved. We have expressed our interest to be part of the scheme.

#### **11. Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update**

None.

#### **12. Aberdeenshire Councillors report**

Budgets – Scottish Accounts Commission – due to money being scarce Aberdeenshire Council are adapting to a new transformation program. Audit Scotland has stated the AC Capital Plan is unsustainable.

Awareness raised of the Scottish Government consultation on Council Tax rates which would impact Band E and above

Grass cutting – this hasn't been consistent. This has been fed back to the council.

#### **13. Correspondence**

All relevant correspondence circulated

#### **14. Funding Opportunities**

We still need suggestions for the SSEN Resilience funding. The deadline is 31/07/23.

An expression of interest has been submitted for the Shared Prosperity Fund by Action Kintore.

JR has agreed to look into funding options and put forward ideas of how and allocated funding can be used.

#### **15. Treasurers Report**

Changes have been made to enable JR, MM & LM access to the bank account. Notifications are sent to linked members when money is spent from the account as a layer of safeguarding.

A debit card has been issued. Any spend will be discussed with the KDCC beforehand.

The current balance is £11,473.21 after upcoming payments are taken the account will have a balance of £9143.41.

#### **16. AOB**

Microphone to be used at next meeting to improve sound quality.

Information on an event celebrating the anniversary of community councils will be issued.

Induction training for new members – AC is trying to get a date organised.

Community Council Networking Event will be held on 04/11/23 open to all KDCC members.

AC made the council aware that if there is a personal interest in a matter no one can be seen to be biased and remove themselves from the topic discussed if necessary. The KDCC needs to be transparent and ensure that we are representing the community and not there for personal gain.

#### **17. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023