

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

Held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Kintore Primary School and online (Zoom)

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

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees and Apologies

Community Councillors Present – Moira Moran, Jim Reid, Claire Campbell, Alan Milne, Lesley Monaghan, Ken McEwan

Cllrs: Cllr Glen Reid

Guest Attendees – Roger Laird from Scotia Homes

Apologies: Eve Lamond, Rachel Lewis, Ashleigh Gall, Donna Heron, Cllrs Gifford, Lonchay and Mason

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

None

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

Corrections – None

KDCC Sept Minutes Approval – JR/CC

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

### **5. Presentation by Scotia on feedback received following the Public Consultation**

Proposed Development – Midmill Kintore

Roger presented feedback from the last consultation. The application has been with the council for 5 months. There is a proposed 169 units to be developed. A skatepark and Tennis Court were the most popular options for the green space within the area. Glen advised that the KDCC could apply for funding to use on a potential Skatepark/Tennis Courts. Roger suggested KDCC talk to Alan Jones (based in Inverness) as he has been involved in previous developments.

Pictures of the proposed pavilion were shared. Storage was a main concern. The plans will be developed with the council. Scotia would like to design it as a multi-purpose space. The comments summary was discussed.

Images of the playpark were shared. Scotia have suggested a natural theme.

Conclusions – Scotia would like to go ahead with the pavilion and playpark. KDCC should look at grant options to go ahead with a multi-track park (skatepark) and or Tennis Courts. They will transfer the area to Aberdeenshire Council. This could then be transferred to the KDCC.

Scotia aim to start building the houses around Sept 24. It will take around 5 years for completion of the project.

SEPA have withdrawn their previous objection after Scotia re submitted new plans to make it more welcoming for local wildlife. Biodiversity improvements will be made. Wildflower meadows were suggested.

Scotia will cutback the vegetation that is growing onto the pavement on School Road.

MM asked if there will be trees cut down to make way for houses next to the woods. The area closest to the woods have been mapped out for Grampian Housing. Roger advised they could look at putting dense planting behind the houses.

The pedestrian Island on the Road towards Kemnay will be redeveloped.

There might be an option to get the local schools involved with visits to the sites. This would be an opportunity to teach them about safety.

Ken asked about the houses being all 2 levels. Rogers advised that some units have liveable accommodation on the ground floor but there are no bungalows. It is something RL will feed back to Scotia.

## **6. Police Report**

The Police report was received for the current period.

Assault 2, housebreaking/theft – 1, Public Nuisance, 3, Road Traffic other 7, Road Accidents 3, Drugs 0

MM advised that people need to continue to report issues to the police.

GR advised that they will be doing more police patrols in the area.

## **7. Planning Matters**

**a)** Erection of Dog grooming facility and change of use of agricultural land to Dog Park – North East of Marshall's Farm Shop – **approved**

**b)** Alterations to Existing Entrance Foyer of Farm Shop and Restaurant | Marshall's Farm Shop Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0XD – **approved**

**c)** APP/2023/1762 | Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse | Elm Cottage 30 Forest Road Kintore AB51 0XG - **New application**

**d)** APP/2023/1894 | Removal of Existing 15m Lattice Tower and Erection of 25m High Lattice Tower and Associated Works | Woodlands Farm Woodlands of Kintore – **New application**

## **8. Community Resilience/AED's**

There is now have a Whatsapp Group set up with a team of 42 participants. Donna Heron has agreed to coordinate.

Jim and Alan attended a resilience meeting in Aberdeen which they found of great value.

Jim has asked for names, mobile numbers and email addresses for everyone in the resilience team so we have all the details in one place along with what they are capable of helping with.

Sandbags are due to be replenished by the council. They need to be put into the unit.

JR has asked for a list of keyholders for the village Hall.

The generator is due to be serviced this week. JR has brought this forward due to the heavy rain forecast within the next couple of days.

JR will purchase 10 radios for the resilience team.

JR has been in touch with Station Garage and another local company to potentially use their pumps in case of floods.

## **9. Kintore Konnect**

We have managed to keep a majority of advertisers.

Deadline Wednesday, 8 November for the next submissions.

Copy available to view on website.

The Kintore Konnect will be in a new format/design for the next issue.

## **10. Action Kintore**

Concern about lighting in the car park in front of the Bothie. Rachel suggested we ask the Council to do something about it. The lack of lighting along the path that runs between Moars and the Bothie is also very poor.

All repairs to the walls at the Bothie are complete. Some painting on the roof timber is all that is left to do. The project has cost around 15k.

Brian Johnstone had a meeting with Aberdeenshire council regarding funding for the town house. It was advised they need a more detailed business plan. BJ will do this. It was also advised that we require a bigger group of around 20 people. Kenny Thomson said that in the past Action Kintore was a subgroup of the KDCC. It is maybe time for the two committees to join. Glen advised that the concern from the council is that the committee is low in numbers the projects might not get the full support they need. JR asked if new members have to be a resident of Kintore. Ken said they do not.

GR suggested we do an appeal in the Kintore Konnect to generate interest and potential new members.

## **11. Community Projects**

The Fireworks have been cancelled due to not having enough experienced members to help on the day/night. A new date has been booked for next year. It has been advised that we start to plan the event next June. A few people with previous experience have already said that they will volunteer next year and there are numerous other new volunteers. Potential to share the event with Kemnay Community Council going forward.

Welcome to Kintore Sign – JR has purchased this and it can now be put in position.

The Big Green Space - planting of flowers in public areas. We have asked to be part of the scheme. Next steps to be discussed at November's meeting.

It was suggested that we do a calendar to raise funds for the KDCC. UPDATE this has been put on hold at the moment.

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

The minutes from the recent parent meeting has been circulated.

## **13. Aberdeenshire Councillors report**

Robertsons had agreed to mark up tennis courts on the astro pitch at Kintore Primary School. Almost all of the equipment had arrived but the lining wasn't carried out in the summer. This is ongoing and will hopefully be resolved soon.

There is a pressure on local football facilities.

The football pitch has been fixed at Blackburn and will be able to be hired out soon.

There is a potential to replace the cricket pitch with a football pitch at the pleasure park. Kintore United have agreed to remove the cricket pitch and maintain the field. GR will set up a meeting to progress this.

There is a Kintore flood study due to be carried out.

GR is meeting Network Rail on 18/10/23 to discuss the flooding issues.

Mcallan road, Greenbelt are pushing back on recent flood issues. The 3 SUDS at Hallforest don't have a discharge flow control. We are trying to get Avant to take control of this. GR to update.

## **14. Correspondence**

MM has been sending as received.

## **15. Funding Opportunities**

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

Garioch Initiative funding – we need ideas by Oct. GR has suggested water pumps.

Winter Challenge Fund – MM has circulated the details.

Applied AVA transition fund – 50k applied for the public hall committee. If successful the money would need to be used by March 23. **UPDATE not successful.**

There is a SSEN grant for 10k **UPDATE not successful**

There is a list of grants that are available to apply for. Suggestions from the committee and community is still encouraged.

## **16. Treasurers Report**

The current balance is £8,468.66

Income was £96.39

Expenditure was £399.69 nothing else due.

9 retained advertisers for the Kintore Konnect out of 11 that we will be invoicing this month. Along with a new advertiser from Westhill.

Income from donations for the floral displays are required.

The floral display balance is £1,142.29.

Expenditure was £1,275.56. We have bought and paid for winter plants.

Income was a £50 donation from Gilbert.

## **17. AOB**

Discussed throughout the meeting

## **18. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023