

Unapproved Minute of the Kintore and District Community Council

Held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at Kintore Primary School and online

1. Welcome & Apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees and Apologies

Community Councillors Present – Moira Moran, Jim Reid, Claire Campbell, Ken McEwen, Lesley Monaghan

Apologies – Donna Heron, Ashleigh Gall, Alan Milne, Rachel Lewis

Cllrs: Cllr Jim Gifford, Cllr Trevor Mason, Cllr Dominic Lochray

Apologies: Cllr Glen Reid

Guest Attendees – Eve Lamond, Raeesa Motala, Boma Borango, Mr & Mrs Korver, Euan Glen + 3 Statera employees

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the July Meeting

Corrections – 2 attendees added

KDCC Jul Minutes Approval – JR/CC

4. Matters Arising. Update on Open Actions

Statera Hydrogen Project at Leylodge. No planning application submitted yet. This is still at early stages and plans may change. This is the first public meeting.

Representatives introduced themselves

DH – Project director

DR – Business Director

BS - Communications stakeholder engagement

We were presented with a Powerpoint explaining the project.

Scottish renewables were discussed. The project will produce green hydrogen at a high level that will be supplied to the national grid

The area was selected due to minimum restraints with a high energy generation and low demand compared to other areas in the UK.

The map was shown scoping out the pipe routes. Kintore was chosen due to the large amounts of fresh water and current pipeline infrastructure. SEPA licence has been granted. The water subtraction will be monitored by SEPA and a "hands off" rule will be followed if water levels are low.

Surplus energy will be converted and sent to the national grid. The O2 that is produced is just a by product and omitted into the air. This was described as a world class facility with the highest safety standard.

A preliminary design concept was shown.

Local benefits include opportunities for work. A north east company has already been selected. Apprenticeships will be available and opportunities for other local business's - engineering/fabricators etc

Community benefits will be negotiated as the consultation progresses. The KDCC will have a look at previous projects that has been carried out to see what has been done for community other communities.

Timeline – Aberdeenshire council will receive the notice on 20/09/2023. The full consultation will begin in 2024. Formal submission of application will be Q2 2024. Until planning is approved there is no further timeline.

It was asked what size the station will be covering and advised the footprint will be larger than the current substation.

The plan is designed to span over 25 years.

It was asked was security there would be as there is a Police station at the St Fergus. It is unknown at this stage what security measures there will be.

Correspondence will be sent to the residents around Leylodge that will include contact information.

All public consultation will be directed via the KDCC.

5. Police Report

The Police report was received for the current period.

Assault 3, housebreaking/theft – 2, Public Nuisance, 1, Road Traffic 13 other, Road Accidents 5, Drugs 2

6. Planning Matters

- a) Marshalls – Dog Grooming/Dog Park/Car Wash/Retrospective for Chalet/garage

- b) Hillhead Caravan Park – they want to extend the site. There has been a lot of objections. They have had a previous enforcement notice that wasn't enforced. It has been used as residential and not as Holiday lets. Noise complaints have also been submitted.

7. Community Resilience

The 8 AED's continue to be maintained. Community resilience plan is being worked on by Jim & Alan. There is an event on 02/10/23 The Resilience Conference. The public hall will be the resilience hub. KDCC owns the generator there. We need 10 volunteers to join. They would all have a radio and be a point of contact. We have applied for a grant through SSEN to apply for 10k worth of goods in case of emergency to cover equipment and training. We are in possession of flood barriers.

It was noted that there is a statutory obligation to provide an alternative source of communication for fibre customers (vulnerable people) if the network is down.

8. Kintore Konnect

Great effort from the team on the latest edition. All delivered. Special mention to Ashleeigh for pulling it together. Ordered too few but sorted it out. A lot of advertisers will need to be renewed 12 in total.

Deadline Wednesday, 8 November for the next submissions.

Copy available to view on website.

9. Action Kintore

Structural issues with the wall at the Bothie. Most of it has now been replaced. We still need to put a render coat on the top. Ewen Construction have been in contact regarding assisting with this.

Rachel has managed to get funding for rain jackets for the users at the Bothie. 50 jackets and water bottles. Ripples in Kintore will be doing the logos.

The Town House Project continues slowly. You can view the current plans online Actionkintore.org

10. Community Projects

Outdoor exercise equipment – quotes were received and were really expensive. 40k plus.

Scotia – deadline – 22/09/23

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.

Fireworks – JR to give MM the task list from last years fireworks. Help is required to organise and attend the event in November. Meeting needs to be organised. Rotary and Scouts need to assist.

companies to sponsor the event. Public entertainment licence has been done. First aiders/park/pavilion/fireworks have been organised. Chalmers McKay to be contacted for music.

Welcome to Kintore Sign – JR to put forward to Glen Reid. Cost is £800+ looking for a local sponsor.

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

It was suggested that we do a calendar to raise funds for the KDCC.

Maintenance on generator – Service £805 inc VAT £300 for a load bank test. Periodic testing should be carried out. JR to circulate.

11. Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update

No update.

12. Aberdeenshire Councillors report

TM- Pavement parking. It will be monitored. It is down to the council to enforce.

There is a group looking at the toilet provisions in council buildings. They will be producing a policy on what the toilet provision should be.

There is a proposal to change the current system with the council tax. Bands E to H will increase the tax up to 22.5%. The consultation is still open.

Human Rights Bill for Scotland is going through.

Budgets still tight – no changes.

13. Correspondence

MM has been sending as received.

14. Funding Opportunities

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

Garioch Initiative funding – we need ideas by Oct.

Applied AVA transition fund – 50k applied for the public hall committee. If successful the money would need to be used by March 23.

There is a SEN grant for 10k.

E-bikes have been applied for

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

15. Treasurers Report

The current balance is £8, 771.96

Income was £2,238.60.

Expenditure was £4,611.54.

Various invoices due for sept were outlined.

It was discussed if we should combine the KDCC and Floral bank accounts.

Income from donations for the floral displays are required.

16. AOB

none

17. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th Oct 2023