

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

Held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 online (Zoom)

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

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees and Apologies

Community Councillors Present – Moira Moran, Jim Reid, Claire Campbell, Ken McEwen, Donna Heron, Ashleigh Gall, Rachel Lewis, Eve Lamond,

Cllrs: Trevor Mason, Jim Gifford

Guest Attendees – Graham Tate, Mike Shearer, Gary Yeats, Amy Sheldon, Ian Templeton, Janine Cracknell, Rob Smith

Apologies: Glen Reid, Morag Thorburn, Lesley Monaghan, Alan Milne, Dominic Lonchay

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

None

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

Corrections – None

KDCC Sept Minutes Approval – JR/DH

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

none

### **5.Police Report**

The Police report was received for the current period.

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

Overall, this is another good report with low levels of incidents /crime reported.

### **6.Planning Matters**

APP/2023/2086 | Change of Use Agricultural Land to Domestic Garden Ground, Formation of

Tennis Court/Five Aside Football Pitch and Erection of Pavilion | Forest Villa Kintore

Aberdeenshire AB51 0YUe) forest Villa – Forest Road change of use of land.

Leylodge Hydrogen Plant

MM met with Leylodge residents at the Square Kintore last week. They agreed to make a flyer and pass to all residents in the area, so everyone is aware of what is going on.

A meeting has been requested with the energy minister and MSPs as the project is a major concern for a lot of the residents.

It was mentioned that Statera have been acquired by another company EQT.

The main concerns and questions from the Leylodge residents are:

- The Battery storage units position, adjacent to the road, were flagged as a safety concern.
- The risk of fire was another major concern as hydrogen is extremely explosive.
- The residents want to know what benefit the plant will bring to the Kintore/Aberdeen area.
- The road they are proposing to use will have significant traffic delays.
- One resident's view from their home will look directly onto the plant.
- Concerns over the drainage system.
- Have they looked at other more suitable area for this project?
- Statera couldn't advise what the community benefit there would be.
- Concerns about the scale of the project and what's next.
- Concerns that if Aberdeenshire Council object to the project that it will be approved by the Scottish Government anyway.
- Disappointment that Statera hasn't communicated with all residents.

There is a scheduled meeting on 23/11/23 on XRE-Gamme proposed battery storage at Leylodge at Kintore Church Hall.

The residents are pleased that KDCC have been communicating with them and they would like this to continue.

It was decided that it was best to communicate as a whole and not individually.

MS asked Statera if the field by the papermill was a considered area. He was advised that it is cheaper to put in a water pipeline than an underground cable.

MM proposed that a meeting with all companies working in the area is planned.

JR mentioned that it may be an idea to get this in the media to gain more attention for the residents. Jim Gifford advised of a journalist that helped residents in another local area that could potentially help.

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

DH set up a WhatsApp group which now has 78 volunteers.

We have an official list with contact information for all the volunteers.

7/8 Oct The resilience group were contacted to help throughout October and November with flooding issues.

Northern and Kingsfield Road were the main areas of concern.

AM Shellfish and others were thanked for helping with their equipment. A personal note of thanks was given from JR.

£350 has been raised for the resilience group.

Gifts that were received will be used to raise more funds for the group.

Around 150 Sandbags were recovered.

A concern with a pipeline being laid for drainage has been raised with Cllr. Glen Reid. The issue is with the speed of drainage into the Rollo Mire due to it already being a flood risk to the surrounding houses. SEPA have also been informed.

AED's checks were carried out on 21/11/23 and all in working order.

## **8. Kintore Kconnect**

The latest issue has gone to print. Thanks was given to Ashleigh for all her hard work.

Ashleigh will be standing down from the KDCC so we need someone to take on the role.

## **9. Action Kintore**

The Bothie – Rachel thanked MM for the assistance in gaining the funds for the jackets and water bottles. JR was also thanked for recommending Ripples to do the branding.

There is some money left over from the jackets and bottles so it was agreed that merchandise would be purchased to hand out at the 10-year celebration of The Bothie on 07/12/23.

A Burns Night fundraiser is planned at Kintore Golf Club on 27/01/24.

There have been several posts on social media regarding youths knocking on doors. The posts seem to be encouraging them to do it more. It was suggested that the less people post about it, it may discourage them from it.

KM shared that youths had been climbing on the Scaffolding that was up to repair the Bothie. They caused a leak. Members of Action Kintore Group have replaced the vents to stop the leaking.

The Townhouse – this has been taking up a huge amount of time to get everything together to try and get more funding. KM advised that at a meeting last night regarding the this, they will receive support from the local authority to help put together what they need to try and secure the funding.

They desperately need more people to join Action Kintore. Even if you can only give a small amount of time.

## **10. Community Projects**

A) Kintore Primary School Garden – no update

B) The local place plan – The meeting has been postponed until next year. How the community sees itself and what we want to do going forward. Ken has put together a plan from last year that we can update and use.

C) The Big Green Space - planting of flowers in public areas. Plan is in place to apply for next year.

D) Kintore sign at the train station – no objections from the council to erect the sign. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor the sign to save KDCC funds. JR will share information on this.

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

Janine Cracknell updated us on the following from the latest Parent Council Meeting.

The head teacher will be stepping down. She is leaving in 2024 so they are currently trying to recruit.

There is continually a lot of discussion about the size and capacity of the school. The Parent Council have decided to stop discussing it until more money can be found to save going over it continuously.

Jim Gifford updated us on the Bus Park that has been planned to alleviate the traffic issues. This will be going ahead in spring 24 but will be a scaled back version of what was originally planned.

Janine will feedback to the Parent Council.

## **12. Aberdeenshire Councillors report**

Trevor Mason discussed the recent flooding. Glen Reid had a meeting with Network rail, SEPA and the flood defence team from Aberdeenshire Council. It was agreed that the issues will be rectified in 2024.

Carbon budget was on the agenda at the recent council meeting. They aim to reduce carbon emissions 75% by 2030.

Missed bin collections – issues with the council missing weekly collections since we have moved to the new additional recycling bin. This needs to be addressed with Aberdeenshire Council.

Budget – Council tax has been frozen. Cuts are inevitable. The erecting of Peterhead School has used a lot of funds.

## **13. Correspondence**

MM has been sending as received.

## **14. Funding Opportunities**

No time to discuss at meeting. MM & JR continue to circulate and apply for funding opportunities.

### **15. Treasurers Report**

Bank balance as of 19/11/23 + £13,123.32

Up from bank balance on 15/10/23 £8,468.66

Income + £4,669.05

£4,319 from 8 repeat advertisers for annual Kintore Konnect Adverts

£781 Craig & Beverly

£350 (£150 Les Spence + £200 Catherine & Ian for Kintore Resilience Group)

0.05 Interest

Expenditure - £14.39 – GO DADDY – Annual Web domain.

Income Due in

Money due in November- Invoiced and awaiting payment £1,408.00.

Expenditure due

Genny Hire – Payment for Generator Service

McKenzie Print – Kintore Konnect Winter Issue

Kintore Community Council Floral Display Account

Balance as of 19/11/23 £1,142.29 No change from 15/10/23

No more payments due or income generated.

### **16. AOB**

Janine is going to rejoin the community council as an Associate Member

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

Scheduled for Jan 24