

# Approved Minutes of the Kintore & District Community Council

Held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at 7:00pm at Kintore School and by Zoom Video Conference



## 1) Welcome and Apologies

Community Councillors present: MM Moira Moran, LM Laura Murrie, JC Janine Cracknell, AC Angus Cheyne, EL Eve Lamond, FG Fabio Greatbatch, AM Alan Milne

East Garioch Ward Councillors present: Cllr Jim Gifford, Cllr Glen Reid

Members of the Public present: AW Anne Wels, PD Paul Davison, JM June Morrison, AS Amy Sheldon

Apologies: KM Ken McEwen, RS Rod Smith, FB Fiona Brown, DM David MacAllan, Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Cllr Trevor Mason

MM, chair, welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

### a) KDCC Membership Update & Discuss Associate Members

MM advised the attendees that Jim Reid has resigned from the community council as expected. The resignation brings the number of full members down to eleven, out of a maximum of fifteen. MM advised the attendees that KDCC are now able to co-opt three more persons who would be eligible for election to the community council. Anne Wels (AW) expressed interest in being considered for co-option. AW was nominated by MM to be co-opted to KDCC, this was seconded by EL. The community councillors present voted unanimously in support of AW's nomination. MM thanked and welcomed AW to the KDCC. JC is to send out the community council handbook, KDCC constitution and co-option form to AW to be completed and returned. JC is to forward onto Aberdeenshire Council's Garioch Area Office once received. **Action 2025/10/01 JC**

MM discussed possible associate membership with Leylodge residents, JM and AS, with a focus on the developments impacting Leylodge due to their subject expertise and location. JM and AS are considering this and will advise MM and JC of their decision before the next KDCC meeting. JC is to send details of associate membership to June Morrison and Amy Sheldon. **Action 2025/10/02 JC**

## 2) Declarations of Interest - None

## 3) Minutes of the September 2025 Meeting

September 2025 Corrections – Spelling of Anne Wels name to be corrected from Ann to Anne.

September 2025 Approval – Angus Cheyne/Alan Milne

## 4) Matters Arising; Update on Open Actions

All attendees were reminded that action updates are sent to LM via [vicechair.kdcc@gmail.com](mailto:vicechair.kdcc@gmail.com).

- **2024/09/04** – AM/JR/FG to organise water pump training for members of the Kintore Resilience Group. The training was scheduled for 11/10/2025 but has been cancelled due to insufficient rainfall. The action is to be carried over until the training has taken place.

### **Action AM/JR/FG**

- **2024/09/06** - JR to validate the list of Kintore Resilience volunteers and update any contact details. This will be completed at the same time as the water pump training. JR is also to send a questionnaire to the dedicated WhatsApp chat to cleanse the group. This action is carried over. **Action JR/FG/AM**
- **2024/10/18** - LEM to email Cllr Lonchay with details of the missing reflective black post next to the bus stop at the junction with School Road and East Park Road. The email has been actioned and a reply from Aberdeenshire Council Roads has been received. The post will not be replaced, although the location will be checked to ensure the tarmac is flat. Concerns were raised again regarding what could happen when there is snow covering the kerb. There was a discussion regarding whether further action was required. It was agreed that MM would write to Aberdeenshire Council Roads highlighting this potential safety issue. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**
- **2025/02/02** – JR to purchase AED, Cabinet and sundries for Midmill School. MM to liaise with Aberdeenshire Council to have the AED installed once it has arrived. The AED has been installed on 19/05/2025 and is live on the AED network. MM has been liaising with the community groups who have agreed to contribute to the cost of the AED alongside KDCC. A photograph will be organised with the groups presenting the AED and the member of the public who suffered the cardiac arrest that initiated the AED being installed. JR confirmed a total £869.53 contribution has been received from the Kintore groups to date. MM to confirm this is sufficient. This action is being progressed and will be carried over. **Action AM/MM**
- **2025/03/01** – MM to enquire as to whether the proposed site visit at SSEN Leylodge could take place at the weekend. The site visit took place on 30/09/2025 and is discussed under item 13)a) and was well-attended by KDCC members. This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/03/12** - MM to provide the contact details for the Kemnay Community Councillors who are interested in attending the pump training to JR. This is linked to action **2024/09/04** and will be actioned by MM once the date for the pump training is known. The pump training was cancelled on 11/10/2025 due to insufficient rainfall. This action will be carried over until the training has taken place. **Action MM**
- **2025/03/16** – FB to feedback to SMT at Kintore School that a feature designed and written by the pupils for Kintore Konnect would be welcomed. FB raised this at the recent Kintore School PTA meeting. There was enthusiasm for the pupils being involved in the Kintore Konnect, but the publication cycle of the magazine is problematic. FB will be contacting Midmill School regarding whether they would like to provide something for the Kintore Konnect going forward. It was agreed to leave the action open whilst FB investigates possible solutions. This action is to be carried over. **Action FB**
- **2025/03/18** – FB to request at the PTA meeting for Kintore School pupils to provide a guy for the bonfire fire. FB is collecting the guy from Kintore School on 31/10/2025. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action FB**
- **2025/03/21** – JR/MM to investigate into the payment issue for the debit cards with the account provider. JR has spoken to the account provider and the issue is being investigated. JR has confirmed there is still an upper limit issue when purchasing online. This does not occur when purchasing in person. RS and LM have debit cards for both

accounts. This action will remain open until it can be confirmed whether the problem persists for the new card holders. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action JR/RS/LM**

- **2025/04/08** – JR requested photos and biographies to be provided by LM, RS and FB for the “Meet the Community Council” page on the Kintore website. AC has taken over managing the Kintore website. A reminder has been made of this requirement, only FB’s bio is outstanding, the action will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action AC/FB**
- **2025/05/03** – MM/LM to approach other community groups, such as the weekly Church drop-in and sheltered housing premises regarding the Community Action Plan. It was also agreed to ensure Kintore’s young people are engaged in the process, through the schools and The Bothie. This action is in progress and is to be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM/LM**
- **2025/05/08** – EL is to work with MM and FG to update the Fireworks plan. The plan is due to be updated with further amendments. The fireworks plan has been amended further. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action EL/MM/FG**
- **2025/05/09** – MM will submit the updated licence once the Fireworks plan is updated. This action is linked to action **2025/05/08** and will remain open until the updated licence has been approved. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM**
- **2025/05/12** – MM is to send EL the required forms necessary to book the pavilion, park and the extra refuse bins for the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM/EL**
- **2025/05/13** – EL is to ask Kintore Scouts if they are able to shake donation tins during the Fireworks event. It is noted that the Kintore Scout contact is part of the fireworks WhatsApp group. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action EL**
- **2025/05/16** - JC is to contact the Kintore Community Church to ask for volunteers to support the Fireworks event. JC emailed Kintore Community Church and received a positive response. The number of volunteers required needs to be clarified as well as the roles and responsibilities. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action JC**
- **2025/05/17** - MM is to contact Neil Meyer from Kintore Kirk/Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland to ask for volunteers to support the Fireworks event. Neil Meyer has confirmed he can provide volunteers. The number of volunteers required needs to be clarified as well as the roles and responsibilities. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM**
- **2025/05/18** - MM is to check with Kintore United as to whether there is any football matches planned for the weekend of the fireworks. Kintore Amateurs has confirmed they will arrange to play away on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. It is believed that there are no home fixtures for Kintore United on the same weekend as the fireworks. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM**
- **2025/05/20** - MM is to confirm who is the Citizen of the Year with the Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay and ask them if they would agree to light the bonfire at the Fireworks event. The co-ordinator of The Bothie had agreed to light the bonfire but has

had to cancel. MM has agreed to light the bonfire. This action has been completed and can be closed.

- **2025/06/07** – RS to carry out an initial site visit of the potential allotment site and report back to the allotments WhatsApp group. The initial site visit has been completed and the site is not suitable. The action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/06/10** – Cllr Reid to contact Aberdeenshire Council Landscaping to highlight the concern of the water flowing over the newly sown football pitch and request that this issue is addressed. This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/07/05** – MM to contact her neighbour Jonny, at the Pumpkin Patch to find out where they sourced the rolls of artificial grass they use for disabled access and advise the fireworks sub-group. The disabled area has been moved to a hard-standing surface and the artificial grass is no longer required. This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/07/06** – FG is to work on a simplified version of the fireworks plan once the detailed version of the fireworks plan has been finalised. This action relates to action **2025/05/08**. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action FG**
- **2025/07/08** – JR to send an email to the Garioch Area Manager suggesting the Grit Bins remain in situ and sponsorship from local businesses to fill them is sought out. JR sent email and this was raised at the recent Garioch Area Committee. The ward councillors were advised that the grit bin removal has been put on pause. Aberdeenshire Council have decided to offer community councils and associations to participate in “Adopt a Grit Bin”. This is further discussed under item 13)e). This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/07/09** – AM, FG and RS to sign up for the Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Community Resilience Conference on receipt of the email from JC. FG and RS attended the conference and this is further discussed under item 7)a)i). This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/07/10** – MM to contact SSEN Leylodge to establish the current status of the 2 AEDs and advise AM accordingly. MM and AM are to discuss this during the onsite visit scheduled for 30/09/2025. June Morrison, the co-ordinator of Leylodge Against Industrialisation has volunteered to manage the two Leylodge AEDs as they have previous first responder experience. The locations of the AEDs are to be agreed with SSEN. The action is in progress and will remain open. **Action MM/AM/JM**
- **2025/07/13** – RS to send details of the Suez Communities Trust – Scottish Landfill Communities Fund to Action Kintore for their consideration. KM confirmed that RS should contact Kenny Thomson of Action Kintore regarding funding opportunities for solar panels on the Bothie. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action RS**
- **2025/09/01** – MM to offer Chalmers Mackay Music School speaker boosters for the fireworks event and advise the fireworks sub-group as soon as possible. It has been confirmed that the speaker boosters are required and will be supplied to Chalmers Mackay for the fireworks event. The action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/09/02** – MM to advise the Kintore Girl Guiding contact of the requirements once numbers and roles and responsibilities for volunteers at the fireworks event has been defined. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on

2/11/2025. **Action MM**

- **2025/09/06** – MM to ask the Kintore Co-op if they are able to supply the milk required for the fireworks event (48 pints of semi-skimmed). This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM**
- **2025/09/09** – MM highlighted the oddity in the title for the planning application **APP/2025/1384 Crichtie**. It states Planning Permission In Principle at the start and then Full Permission further through the title. MM requested that Cllr Mason query this with Aberdeenshire Council Planning and advise KDCC as to the validity of this. Cllr Mason has attempted to gain clarification from Aberdeenshire Council planning on this point without success. MM is to forward the email correspondence relating to this to all the ward councillors for escalation. Cllr Reid will advise MM of the outcome of this escalation asap. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM/All Ward Councillors**
- **2025/09/10** – The planning sub-group, headed by MM, to work together, in consultation with the wider KDCC, to respond to planning application APP/2025/1384 Crichtie. This action is in progress and is discussed further under item 6)a). **Action MM/Planning Sub-Group**
- **2025/09/11** - JR to advise KDCC who will be the new Resilience Co-ordinator. The appointment of a new resilience co-ordinator is pending. This action is to be carried over. **Action JR/RS**
- **2025/09/12** - AM to go and inspect the Kintore Kirk AED and assist with getting it registered on the national database before 06/10/2025. Kintore Kirk have since declined AED support from KDCC. This action has been completed and can be closed.
- **2025/09/13** - MM is to prepare an article regarding the generous donation from Kintore Seniors Club to the Kintore Floral Display account. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM**
- **2025/09/14** - JC is to interview Irene Davidson and write an article to accompany the photographs of her recent art exhibition. The interview took place on 24/09/2025 and the article and photographs were sent to MM for consideration on 26/09/2025. This action is to remain open until the article is included in the next edition of Kintore Konnect. **Action JC**
- **2025/09/15** - MM is to contact Aberdeenshire Council to discuss the situation at Airlie House further. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM**
- **2025/09/16** - AC and RS are to consider what would be achievable at Airlie House and report back at the next KDCC meeting. RS has been investigating into possible gazebos for the site. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action AC/RS**
- **2025/09/17** - AM is to contact Drew Cullinane to offer to go up the steps to check the Town House clock, wind and correct the time if needed. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action AM**
- **2025/09/18** - EL and MM to proceed with purchasing the items required for the fireworks event as agreed in the KDCC meeting on 16/09/2025. The purchasing of items is underway. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action EL/MM**
- **2025/09/19** - MM is to contact Ruby from Chalmers Mackay to request KDCC borrows

*some urns from Hatton of Fintray hall for this event and invite her to the next KDCC or Fireworks meeting to clarify the finer details. This action is in progress and will be carried over until event has taken place on 2/11/2025. **Action MM***

- **2025/09/20** - *EL is to send MM a copy of the hygiene certificate for GM Whyte for the fireworks event licence. This action has been completed and can be closed.*
- **2025/09/21** - *RS to instruct the payment of £7,000 to CLAN before 07/10/2025 and pay any excess amount as a donation that has the maximum benefit for the charity, such as gift-aid. The treasurer has instructed the payments, see the treasurers report under Appendix C. This action has been completed and can be closed.*
- **2025/09/22** - *JR is to co-ordinate a photograph with the complete set of sponsors and the BookBench once the plinth plastic stickers have been updated with the appropriate company logos. The BookBench is back in situ. The plinth plastic stickers are yet to be printed. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action JR/FG***
- **2025/09/23** - *JR to advise KDCC who will be the new allotments co-ordinator. MM has taken over as the interim allotments co-ordinator. This action has been completed and can be closed.*
- **2025/09/24** – *JC to email KDCC's agreement to Westhill Community Council regarding joining the campaign for better funding from Scottish Government. JC sent the email on 16/09/2025 confirming KDCC's agreement. This action has been completed and can be closed.*
- **2025/09/25** – *JC to email SSEN to confirm KDCC attendees, MM,AM and AC, for the site visit on 30/09/2025. The email was sent to SSEN confirming the attendees on 16/09/2025 and the site visit took place on 30/09/2025. The action has been completed and can be closed.*
- **2025/09/26** – *MM to create a post on the Kintore Facebook page once the compiled community information from Kintore Kirk has been received. This action relates to actions **2025/09/27** and **2025/09/28**. MM has received the community information from Kintore Kirk and has been validating its contents prior to publication on social media. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM***
- **2025/09/27** - *AC to set up a dedicated page on [www.kintore.org.uk](http://www.kintore.org.uk) website for the compiled community information and create a QR code. This action relates to actions **2025/09/26** and **2025/09/28**. A dedicated private page on the website has been created and is being populated with data currently. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action AC***
- **2025/09/28** – *MM to work with the Kintore Konnect graphic designers to include a four-centre page pull-out feature of the compiled community information in the winter edition. This action relates to actions **2025/09/26** and **2025/09/27**. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM***
- **2025/09/29** - *MM is to approach the Kintore Public Hall Committee with the request to honour James Robb with a plaque or similar. MM has been in contact with the Kintore Public Committee and after considering the request, the Kintore Public Hall Committee have advised MM that they have decided against a plaque. This is due to the possible precedent it would set for other volunteers and supporters of the Kintore Public Hall. The Kintore Public Hall Committee have suggested a plaque could be placed on a nearby*

community bench or an article written about James Robb could appear in Kintore Kconnect or on [www.kintore.org.uk](http://www.kintore.org.uk). A discussion followed including a suggestion to add an Explore Kintore QR code next to the suggested plaque on a community bench recounting James Robb's contribution to Kintore. Alternatively, holding a disco in his honour using James Robb's original records was mentioned. The original action has been completed and can be closed. JC is to add this item to the November 2025 agenda for further discussion.

**Action 2025/10/03 JC**

#### **5) Police Report & Update on local issues**

The police report has been received and is attached under **Appendix A**; MM talked through the report which covers September 2025. JC advised that the Police Scotland contact is hoping to attend a KDCC meeting in the next few months. There were no questions raised regarding the police report.

#### **6) Planning Matters - Planning Report**

The planning report is attached under **Appendix B**. The report covers applications received during September and October to date that have been validated and decided by Aberdeenshire Council within the Kintore and District area.

- a) **APP/2025/1384 – Crichtie, deadline 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – This relates to action **2025/09/10**. This application relates to action **2025/09/09**. MM, LM and DM have been working on the KDCC consultee comment with a view to submit prior to the deadline. LM outlined the points of concern included in the KDCC response. The KDCC attendees voiced their agreement with the points raised. The LVIA (Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment) was highlighted as requiring further investigation.
- b) **ECU00005225 Kintore to Tealing Overhead Line, deadline 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – It was noted that the community group "Leylodge Against Industrialisation" was established two years ago. Leylodge Against Industrialisation is one of 5 community groups formed in response to the SSEN infrastructure projects across the North-East of Scotland. JM, the chair of Leylodge Against Industrialisation, talked through the timeline for responding to this application and the importance of encouraging residents to voice their opinion on the proposal. A link to the website [www.stopthepylons.object.now](http://www.stopthepylons.object.now) had been shared with the KDCC members previously. It is hoped that approx. 10,000 residents across the route of the Kintore to Tealing Overhead Line will complete the form.

The proposed road closure of Lauchentilly road from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 for 28 days was highlighted as well as the expected huge disruption for the residents. Some of the Leylodge residents' private water supplies have been interrupted for several months by the earthworks. The types of Leylodge residents' private water supplies include boreholes, wells and more unusually aquifer springs. It was noted that the sub-contractors responsible for the earthworks seemed to be unaware that some of the Leylodge residents had private water supplies. Therefore, this atypical characteristic was not taken into account prior to the earthworks being commenced.

The upfront costs and long-term costs of both overhead lines and underground lines were discussed at length, with all attendees contributing to the discussion. The current status of the planned Leylodge Hydrogen plant is not known. It is believed that there are some gas blending issues that require resolving before the project can progress. There was universal agreement to contact the UK Government's Minister for Energy to request a meeting to discuss this and all the other Leylodge based applications. JM and MM are to work together on completing this action. **Action 2025/10/04 June Morrison/MM**

It was unanimously agreed that LM/MM/AC would work together to draft a KDCC response to this specific application. This will be shared with the wider KDCC members via WhatsApp for consideration and collective agreement, prior to being

submitted.

- c) **Community Action Plan Update** - There is a meeting of the CAP sub-group on 23/10/2025 to dissect the survey results and begin to formulate a plan. The outcomes of this meeting will be shared with the wider KDCC membership via WhatsApp and at the next KDCC meeting.

## 7) Kintore Community Resilience

- a) **Resilience Plan** – There is no update out-with the below items.
  - i) **Aberdeenshire & Aberdeen City Community Resilience Conference 2025** – FG and RS attended the conference. FG provided a high-level overview of the event including discussions on grit bins and snow wardens. It was noted that there is a small gritting tractor that comes to Kintore as and when required to salt pavements on the main routes.
  - b) **AEDs** – No issues with the KDCC AEDs. The two Leylodge AEDs that have been funded by SSEN are discussed under action **2025/07/10**. It is thought that one of the AEDs may be located at the fork in the road on the Lauchentilly road and the other outside the security gate at the SSEN sub-station, but these locations are yet to be finalised.

- 8) **Kintore Konnect** – Further discussion took place regarding the Kintore Kirk compiled community information from last month's meeting; see actions **2025/09/26**, **2025/09/27** and **2025/09/28**. A suggestion was made to expand the geographical area for the community groups and associations to Kemnay and Blackburn with the respective community councils involvement. It was highlighted that to include personal contact information, such as telephone numbers or emails, it will be necessary to request and obtain GDPR permission for each contact. This process would need to be managed actively going forward. An alternative suggestion was raised as to whether an online portal could be created to enable the individual community groups or associations to populate the information themselves with the final validation being actioned within KDCC. AC agreed to investigate into possible software options that would make this possible. **Action 2025/10/05 AC** It was noted that the deadline for inclusion in the winter edition of Kintore Konnect is 10th November 2025.

- 9) **Action Kintore** - Action Kintore was the only Scottish youth service to attend a youth services conference in Valencia. The co-ordinator shared good insights and made numerous contacts.
  - a) **The Bothie Update** – The Bothie's junior group is going particularly well at the moment. The co-ordinator met with Youth Scotland who are funding a cookery course in Inverurie. The co-ordinator also met police about funding opportunities from proceeds of crime. The Tesco Blue Token Scheme at Tesco Extra Inverurie, is looking positive with a good number of shoppers choosing to support The Bothie. The Bothie is currently being used as an injection centre. More people are seeing the facilities and this is helping to increase awareness of this community resource.
  - b) **Town House Project** – The Town House is currently running a deficit at the moment.

## 10) Community Projects for Kintore

- a) **It's Your Neighbourhood 2025 & 2026** – It has been identified there is an issue with fallen leaves and the associated hazards this brings for the residents at Provost Lawrence House and Airlie House. Whether It's Your Neighbourhood could assist with this is being investigated currently. The strategy for It's Your Neighbourhood going forward will be discussed further at the Community Action Plan meeting scheduled for 23/10/2025 and AC will report back at the next KDCC meeting.
  - i) **Airlie House Strategy** – There is no further update out-with action **2025/09/16**.

- ii) **Offer of help from Granton Developments** – KDCC have been contacted by the manager of Granton Developments Day Service for adults with learning difficulties, based in Kintore, with the offer of assisting with community projects. The KDCC thanked Granton Developments for their offer of help and it was agreed that the It's Your Neighbourhood co-ordinator would contact them shortly. AC to contact Granton Developments. **Action 2025/10/06 AC**
- b) **Fireworks Progress** – Updates are detailed under actions **2025/03/18, 2025/05/08, 2025/05/09, 2025/05/12, 2025/05/13, 2025/05/16, 2025/05/17, 2025/05/18, 2025/05/20, 2025/07/05, 2025/07/06, 2025/09/01, 2025/09/02, 2025/09/06, 2025/09/19** and **2025/09/20**. There was an in-depth discussion on the complexity of the process and the duplication of effort in order to obtain a licence to run the event. It was agreed to highlight the situation to the Garioch Area Manager and copy in the ward councillors. MM to email the Garioch Area Manager and copy in all ward councillors. **Action 2025/10/07 MM**. The light-up toys and sweets that are to be sold were demonstrated to and examined by the attendees. It was agreed the quality of the toys was much improved on last year.
- c) **CLAN BookBench** – This relates to actions **2025/09/21** and **2025/09/22**. The "Fit like" Book Bench returned to Kintore on 21/10/2025 and has been refitted to the concrete plinth. The updated plastic plinth sticker is to be completed with the sponsors.
- d) **Allotments/Men Shed/Cycling Without Age**
  - i) **Allotments** – This relates to action **2025/09/23**. Cllr Reid suggested the unused football pitch behind the garages at Howieslap as a possible site. MM is to discuss this site with Garioch Area Office Project Officer as a possible Community Asset Transfer. **Action 2025/10/08 MM**
  - ii) **Men's Shed** – AC is continuing as acting co-ordinator for the time being. It is hoped to locate the Men's Shed at The Bothie with a temporary structure adjacent to The Bothie once the group is up and running. The initial plan is to book The Bothie for Thursday evenings and it is hoped a committee will form from the attendees and KDCC's involvement will move to a supportive role.
  - iii) **Cycling Without Age** – No further update.

## 11) Aberdeenshire Councillors' Update

Cllr Reid advised that after an extended period of time the design of the cycle path from Kintore to Kemnay has been completed and the respective landowners are being contacted. There is the already existing leisure cycle path between Blackburn and Kintore and the commuting cycle path between Blackburn and Kintore has been designed. Once this infrastructure is up and running there will be much freer sustainable movement between the three communities throughout the year. A closer working relationship between the three community councils was suggested. Discussion followed this suggestion, with the idea of expanding Explore Kintore to Explore Blackburn and Explore Kemnay. It was agreed to continue to consider this in future meetings.

Cllr Reid advised that the replacement of two more lighting columns has been approved for Northern Road. The replacement is scheduled to take place between January-March 2026. There was general agreement that it would have been preferable for the lighting columns to be replaced before the end of 2025.

Cllr Reid advised that the planned culvert work to reduce the risk of flooding on the Loch Burn is expected to commence shortly. The works should stop any future flooding from the Loch Burn and River Don into the houses on Northern Road. It is noted that the works are weather-dependent.

Cllr Gifford mentioned an opportunity to apply to be an audience member at a BBC Scotland Debate Night on 29/10/2025 and has forwarded the details to all attendees.

## 12) Funding

- a) **SSEN Regional Community Benefit Fund - £40,000 up to £500,000 – Deadline 19<sup>th</sup> November** – It was suggested that KDCC could apply on behalf of Inverurie First Responders for a pool ambulance vehicle to be used for emergency callouts as their vehicle supplied by Scottish Ambulance is being recalled shortly. There was unanimous agreement to investigate into this further with Inverurie First Responders and assist with an application. MM and RS are to work with AM and FG on a funding application. **Action 2025/10/09 MM/RS/AM/FG**
- b) **The Garioch Partnership Community Initiative Grant Scheme – Open for Applications** – There was a discussion regarding this scheme offering £1,000 or £2,000 for exceptional projects. Funding towards flowers and the expansion of Explore Kintore were suggested.
- c) **Nestrans Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme – Deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Funding is available for £500 to £10,000 (covering 50% of the project costs) to encourage travel planning and increase sustainable travel. The provision of e-bikes at Kintore Station was suggested as well as funding a travel survey to support the Community Action Plan.
- d) **Trades Widows' Fund Charity** – AW mentioned the Aberdeen based Trades Widow's Fund Charity as AW has previous experience of receiving funding from them. AW agreed to look into the details of obtaining funding from this charity and advise the KDCC attendees at the next meeting. **Action 2025/10/10 AW**

## 13) Correspondence

- a) **SSEN Leylodge Site Visit & CLG – Held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025** – The site visit was well attended by KDCC members with MM, AC, AM and DM attending. The Garioch Area Manager was also in attendance as well as JM, as the co-ordinator from Leylodge Against Industrialisation. A well-supported suggestion was made to encourage the various developers to work together on a community improvement project, such as a footpath to Kintore during the CLG. The attendees were shown around the large site prior to the CLG taking place.
- b) **Convention of North-East Scotland Community Councils – Proposed Unified Statement** – MM advised the attendees of the agreed outcome from the Convention of North-East Scotland Community Councils, this has been shared with all KDCC members.
- c) **Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2029 – Call for Ideas & Sites** - MM highlighted this communication from Aberdeenshire Council, this has been shared with all KDCC members.
- d) **Aberdeenshire Community Hospital Review Update – Drop-in Session at Inverurie Community Campus 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025** – MM highlighted this community hospital review and that the closest one is being held in Inverurie, this has been shared with all the KDCC members.
- e) **Adopt a Grit Bin – Deadline for submissions 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025** – Details of this proposed scheme have been shared with all the KDCC members.
- f) **NESCAN Event – Unlocking Shared Ownership & Community Benefits – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025** – This event was highlighted and it is hoped a representative will attend on behalf of KDCC.
- g) **CYCJ Stakeholder Engagement 2025 – Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025** – MM is to ask the co-ordinator of The Bothie to assist with completing this survey request. **Action 2025/10/11 MM/The Bothie Co-ordinator**

## 14) Treasurer's Report

MM presented the Treasurer's report in RS's absence. This is attached under **Appendix**

C. Balances are as at **17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**. It is noted that considerable fundraising is required to cover the costs of the expected 2026 summer planting.

- a) **KDCC Account - £13,940.03**
- b) **Floral Display Account - £1,820.80**

**15) AOCB**

- a) **It's Your Neighbourhood Pollinator Friendly Award & Online Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network Seminar** – This has been shared with AC, who will investigate further and register to attend if applicable. **Action 2025/10/12 AC**
- b) **Enquiry** – The website has received an enquiry regarding the pharmacy provision in Kintore. It was agreed that this was out-with the remit of KDCC and MM would respond confirming this. **Action 2025/10/13 MM**

**16) The Date of the next monthly meeting is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

## Appendix A – Police Report



**GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM  
VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE**

**Community Council: Kintore**

**Reporting Period: 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **Current Policing Priorities:**

Our priorities remain unchanged (see Planned Activity):

ASB – Proactive patrols to provide community reassurance and to deter/detect instances of ASB and Vandalism.

PROACTIVITY – Increased use of Stop and Search to deter/detect Drug and Acquisitive crime.

ROAD SAFETY – Enhanced speed checks and other speed reduction measures.

### **Crime Overview and Explanation:**

<b>CRIME TYPE</b>	<b>PREVIOUS PERIOD (July-August 2025)</b>	<b>This period (September 2025)</b>
Assault	5	3
Housebreaking/Theft	2	0
Public Nuisance	5	4
Road Traffic	5 offences and 3 incidents	2 offences and 1 incident
Drugs	1	7

*Assault – Includes all recorded instances of violence.*

*Housebreaking – includes all break in's to domestic and commercial premises, including attempted break in's.*

*Public Nuisance – All youth annoyance and calls in relation to anti-social behaviour.*

*Road Traffic – all calls in relation to Road Traffic Accidents and Offences (speeding, illegal parking, obstruction etc).*

*Drugs – all reports incidents in relation to drugs dealing and use.*

### **Assault:**

There have been 3 reported Assault(s) for this reporting period.

Two of the assaults are domestic and the perpetrators have been arrested, charged and reports have been sent to the Procurator fiscal.

The third assault was on Police and did involve various members of the public. A female called Police and a single officer attended to meet her in Kintore, on his arrival, she assaulted him and thereafter resisted arrest. Various members of the public assisted Police initially until more Police assistance arrived. No members of the public were injured or assaulted during this incident. This female was arrested, charged and a report was sent to the Procurator fiscal.

**Housebreaking/Theft:**

There have been no reported Theft(s) for this reporting period.

**Public Nuisance:**

There have been 4 reports of public nuisance in the reporting period.

Two of the incidents have been reports of E-Bikes being driven. No identification has been established for who was driving these bikes and intelligence has been submitted in relation to this.

The next incident relates to a group of youths sitting on the donation bins on Castle Road, Kintore. Police attended but the youths had dispersed, and no damage had been caused.

The next incident related to an elderly female calling Police after a male, unknown to her, was knocking on her door. Police attended and traced a male close by, he was thereafter arrested in relation to a unrelated matter. It was deemed he had knocked on this females door by mistake and had meant to go to another address.

**Road Traffic:**

This period has seen 2 Road Traffic Offences in which all the drivers have been dealt with and 1 incident. Incidents can relate to things such as cars blocking driveways, abnormal loads or breakdowns.

**Drugs:**

There has been 7 report(s) of Drug misuse for this reporting period.

One incident relates to a male that was stopped in Kintore and on being searched by Police, was found to be in possession of a concern and supply amount of controlled drugs. He was arrested and interviewed, before being released pending further enquiry.

The six remaining incidents, relate to persons being found in possession of controlled drugs. The perpetrators have been dealt with for this.

**Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:**

In relation to the two reports of E-Bikes, this is not the only intelligence we have received. We have been carrying out patrols and speaking to the public, seeking information. There are various pieces of intelligence to suggest the bikes are coming from the Kemnay Road (B944) and through the track that forms the circular path from the under pass. We will continue to act on any intelligence we get, with a view to identifying the drivers and owners of the bikes.

**Planned Community Policing Activity/Advice:**

The Community Policing Team will continue to carry out speed checks and mobile patrols in response to incidents involving anti-social behaviour in Kintore.

**Conclusion:**

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

Thanks,

**Mark Barber**

**Constable**

**Inverurie Community Policing Team**

**North East Division**

**Police Scotland / Poileas Alba**

**Inverurie Police Office**

**Blackhall Road**

**Aberdeen**

**AB51 5QF**

## Appendix B – Planning Report

### Kintore & District Community Council Planning Report – as at 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### **Validated September 2025**

- **Alterations and Extension, including Dormer to Dwellinghouse**

6 Ashlea Avenue Kintore Inverurie AB51 0FL

Ref. No: APP/2025/1569 | Received: Mon 22 Sep 2025 | Validated: Tue 23 Sep 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

- **Demolition of Building and Erection of Shed (Classes 5 and 6) Without Compliance with Condition 1 (Flood Risk Mitigation) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2020/2317**

Site To North Of Bridgefield Midmill Kintore Inverurie

Ref. No: APP/2025/1521 | Received: Fri 12 Sep 2025 | Validated: Mon 15 Sep 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

- **Demolition of Dwellinghouse**

The Sheiling South Fordtown Kintore AB51 0XZ

Ref. No: APP/2025/1508 | Received: Thu 11 Sep 2025 | Validated: Mon 22 Sep 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

- **Erection of Residential Led Mixed Use Development Including Employment Land, Local Centre and Land for Primary School with Associated Infrastructure (Including Roads, Parking, Landscaping, Open Spaces & Nature Trails, Play Spaces, Allotments, Community Facilities/Sports Pitches, Park and Choose Facility and SuDS) and Full Permission for Strategic Earthworks, Platforming and Infrastructure Delivery**

Land To West Of A96 Between Thainstone And Port Elphinstone Roundabouts (B993) LDP Allocated Sites OP5, OP6 And The Northernmost Parcel SR1 Crichtie Inverurie

Ref. No: APP/2025/1384 | Received: Fri 22 Aug 2025 | Validated: Thu 04 Sep 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

#### **Decided September 2025**

- **Display of Signage**

Park View Midmill Kintore Inverurie

Ref. No: APP/2025/1242 | Received: Tue 29 Jul 2025 | Validated: Tue 05 Aug 2025 | Status: Application Approved

- **Amended Plot Boundary and Erection of Domestic Shed**

Land To Rear Of 20 Wyness Way Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2025/0766 | Received: Fri 09 May 2025 | Validated: Mon 19 May 2025 | Status: Application Approved

- **Alterations, Extension and Change of Use of Office Building (Class 4) to Form Community Gym Facility (Class 11) and Shop (Class 1A)**

The Town House The Square Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0US

Ref. No: APP/2025/0615 | Received: Thu 17 Apr 2025 | Validated: Wed 23 Apr 2025 | Status: Application Approved

- **Internal and External Alterations, Extension to Building**

The Town House The Square Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0US

Ref. No: APP/2025/0616 | Received: Thu 17 Apr 2025 | Validated: Mon 21 Apr

2025 | Status: Application Approved

- **Erection of Chalet and Domestic Garage (Retrospective)**

5 Log Chalet Boghead Farm Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0XD

Ref. No: APP/2024/0833 | Received: Tue 21 May 2024 | Validated: Tue 21 May 2024 | Status: Application Refused

**Validated October 2025**

- **Demolition of Former Function Suite and Erection 3 Dwellinghouses with Associated Parking (Amended Design to Planning Permission APP/2021/1773) without Compliance with Condition 1d (Parking) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2022/1572**

Site To Rear Of Kintore Arms Hotel Elm Way Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: AP/2025/1574 | Received: Tue 23 Sep 2025 | Validated: Wed 01 Oct 2025 | Status: Awaiting Decision

**Decided October 2025**

**No results returned**

## Appendix C – Treasurer’s Report

### Kintore & District Community Council Treasurers Report

– BANK BALANCES CORRECT AS AT 17 OCT 2025

#### KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 17 OCT 2025 **£13940.03** FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21OCT 2025

DOWN £5050.31 FROM £18990.34 REPORTED ON 15SEP 2025 KDCC MEETING

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#### BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- **£4929.43**

- £4.43 – CASHBACK – BANK PARTNERS DEAL
- £4825.00 - DONATIONS FOR BOOKBENCH
- £100.00 - DONATION - FIREWORKS

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- **£9979.74**

- £50.00- B&Q - IYN - PLC PAINT
- £314.10 – MOIRA MORAN – REIMBURSEMENT- FIREWORK TOYS
- £1203.07 - FIREWORK TOYS
- £12.57 - AMAZON - FIREWORK TOYS
- £7000 - CLAN - PURCHASE OF BOOK BENCH
- £1400 - CLAN - DONATION OF SURPLUS FROM BOOKBENCH PURCHASE

#### PREDICTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE DUE BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Money due in before next meeting

- £950 - DONATIONS FOR FIREWORKS

Money due out before next meeting

- £287.70 - JIM REID REIMBURSEMENT FOR BANNERS FOR FIREWORKS
- £15.59 - WEBSITE RENEWAL COST

#### **KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FLORAL DISPLAY ACCOUNT**

BALANCE AT 17<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2025 **£1820.80** FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2025 DOWN  
£668.57 FROM £2489.37 REPORTED ON 15 OF SEP 2025 KDCC MEETING

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#### BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- **£300.40**

- £0.40 – CASHBACK – BANK PARTNERS DEAL
- £300.00 – VARIOUS DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS FOLLOWING – FLYER CAMPAIGN

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- **£968.97**

- £27.65 - SUE PARROT - REIMBURSEMENT
- £8.00 - BANK CHARGES
- £60.00 - MURRAY DUGUID
- £35.42 - INVERURIEGARDEN CENTRE
- £837.90 - SWAILEND GARDEN CENTRE - WINTER PLANTS

PREDICTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BEFORE NEXT MEETING:-

NONE I AM AWARE OF

WARNING ! – THERE STILL NEEDS TO BE A MASSIVE INJECTION OF FUNDS INTO THIS FLORAL ACCOUNT TO ALLOW THE FLORAL GROUP TO PAY FOR THE SUMMER PLANTS NEXT YEAR