

Approved Minutes of the Kintore & District Community Council

Held on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7:00pm at Kintore School and by Zoom Video Conference



1) Welcome and Apologies

Community Councillors present: MM Moira Moran, KM Ken McEwen, JC Janine Cracknell, EL Eve Lamond, LAM Laura Murrie, DM David MacAllan, FG Fabio Greatbatch, AC Angus Cheyne, FB Fiona Brown, JR Jim Reid, RS Rod Smith

Ward Councillors present: Cllr Trevor Mason, Cllr Jim Gifford, Cllr Glen Reid

Members of the Public present: RM – Robert McKinney, AP – Archie Peebles

Apologies: AM Alan Milne, LM Lesley Monaghan, Cllr Dominic Lonchay

MM welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2) Declarations of Interest

AP advised that he was a member of Inverurie and District Men's Shed, the Scottish Men's Shed Association and a community councillor for Inverurie Community Council.

3) Minutes of the May Meeting

- a) Corrections – None
- b) Approval – David MacAllan/Fabio Greatbatch

4) Guest Speaker – Robert McKinney from Aberdeenshire Council Trading Standards

RM introduced himself and his background in Police Scotland before joining Aberdeenshire Council Trading Standards. RM advised that his presentation would focus on Scams. A Scam has the objective to cheat someone directly out of money or information that will lead to a financial gain for the scammer. RM highlighted the different types of scams, such as the "Hello Mum" text scam and the "Gift Voucher" scam. Scams work because the scammers send out a very large number of messages and only require a small percentage of recipients to reply for the scam to be profitable.

There is approximately £1million every month that has been lost to scams and reported to the police in Grampian. This figure is thought to be only 40% of the actual scams in the North-East of Scotland. The scammers call centres are international and utilise auto diallers which call long lists of numbers. In the event of someone answering the phone, the call is then given to a call handler who attempts to successfully scam them.

An in-person type of scam is when a tradesman knocks on the door, claiming to be a roofer (as an example) who has noticed the resident's roof needs urgent repair and offers to sort it out immediately. Emphasising the urgency of this repair being done now is often highlighted as well as the price being only valid for today; tomorrow it will cost much more.

Due to the global nature of the scams, enforcement has become even more difficult than it was in previous years. Requests from Police Scotland Trading Standards for assistance to international police forces are often not prioritised or acted upon. The focus is on educating the general public to spot scams and stop them.

RM has been visiting Women's Institutes in Aberdeenshire, as well as Men's Sheds, Sheltered Housing and Libraries. These visits are sometimes in conjunction with the crime reduction unit of Police Scotland crime prevention officers. RM is open to visiting other community groups in Kintore and the surrounding areas and welcomes

suggestions.

RM highlighted the Aberdeenshire Council Trusted Trader scheme to the attendees and encouraged all to mention the scheme to local businesses for their consideration. Traders applying to be part of the scheme are vetted by Trading Standards Scotland and Police Scotland before being included. Further information on the scheme is available via <https://www.trustedtrader.scot/Aberdeenshire/>. RM produces a fortnightly Scams bulletin which is widely shared through Aberdeenshire; KDCC is receiving this and sharing it with the community on social media. Members of the public are encouraged to sign up to this bulletin directly by emailing trading_standards@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. RM highlighted the importance of the general public continuing to report any scams to Trading Standards Scotland. Trading Standards Scotland produce a weekly bulletin; KDCC will request to receive this and share it with the wider community on social media. **Action 2025/06/01 JC** Members of the community are encouraged to sign up to the Trading Standards Scotland weekly bulletin via <https://www.tsscot.co.uk/bulletin/>.

It was suggested that RM could attend the Kintore Street Party taking place at the end of August to give out leaflets and talk to the wider community. LAM is to collect details of other Kintore community groups, confirm with the groups that they are in agreement with LAM sending the details to RM at Aberdeenshire Council Trading Standards and action accordingly. **Action 2025/06/02 LAM**

5) Matters Arising; Update on Open Actions

2024/09/04 – AM/JR/FG to organise water pump training for members of the Kintore Resilience Group. The decision has been taken to hold the training in August, closer to the time when flooding is more likely to occur, the training will still be fresh in the attendees minds and the lighter evenings are still available. This action is carried over. **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. This action is carried over. **Action JR**

2024/10/18 - LM 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 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. This action is being progressed and will be carried over. **Action AM/MM**

2025/02/06 – JC to liaise with Aberdeenshire Council Trading Standards and Police Scotland Scams to facilitate the community event in the next few months. Robert McKinney from Aberdeenshire Council Trading Standards attended this KDCC meeting and talked to KDCC re: Scams; see item 4). This action can be closed.

2025/03/01 – MM to enquire as to whether the proposed site visit at SSEN Leylodge could

take place at the weekend. A weekend visit is not possible due to staffing constraints, but it is hoped a weekday evening could be accommodated. MM is awaiting a date from SSEN contact. This action will be carried over. **Action MM**

2025/03/02 – MM to advise the SSEN Leylodge Community Liaison Group co-ordinator that LM has volunteered to join. MM is awaiting a response from SSEN. This relates to action 2025/03/01. The CLG Co-ordinator has been advised that LM has volunteered to join the CLG for SSEN Leylodge. This action 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. This action will be carried over. **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**

2025/03/17 – MM is to investigate into the maximum numbers that Aberdeenshire Council would permit within the designated area for the fireworks night. This is in progress and this action will be carried over. **Action MM**

2025/03/18 – FB to request at the PTA meeting for Kintore School pupils to provide a guy for the bonfire fire. FB confirmed this has been agreed at the PTA meeting and will be noted by the fireworks coordinator. The timing of this action will be agreed at the next fireworks meeting. This action will be carried over. **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. This action is to be carried over. **Action JR**

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. A reminder has been made of this requirement, the action will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action JR/LM/RS/FB**

2025/05/01 - MM is to organise a stall for KDCC focused on the Community Action Plan with the Kintore Street Party committee. MM is liaising with the Kintore Street Party committee and it has been confirmed that KDCC can have a table at the event. This action has been completed and can be closed.

2025/05/02 - MM to publicise the Community Action Plan in the next edition of the Kintore Konnect. This action is in progress and will be carried over. **Action MM**

2025/05/03 - CAP Steering Group to approach other community groups, such as the weekly Church drop-in and sheltered housing premises. 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 CAP Steering Group**

2025/05/04 - JN will liaise with MM/LAM to co-ordinate a meeting of the KDCC CAP steering group, ideally by the beginning of the school summer holidays. LAM emailed JN suggesting a virtual meeting during the week commencing 30th June. Action is to be carried

over until the next meeting. **Action JN/MM/LAM**

2025/05/4a - JC will chase the community police report for April and raise the issue with the Garioch Area Manager at the Community Council Forum taking place on Wednesday 4th June. JC chased the community police report and it was received on 1st June. JC raised the issue at the Community Council Forum that took place on 4th June. The Garioch Area Officer is going to escalate the issue to their police contact as KDCC are not the only community council experiencing problems. This action can be closed.

2025/05/05 - Cllr Gifford has received a synopsis from the head of the planning service at Aberdeenshire Council detailing the process for determining Hazardous Substances Consent. Cllr Gifford will forward the email to the KDCC and the other ward councillors for future reference. Cllr Gifford sent the email to the KDCC secretary and the other ward councillors straight after the meeting. This action can be closed.

2025/05/06 - AM has contacted MM regarding replacement batteries for the trackers. MM is to order the replacement batteries for the AED trackers as requested. The batteries have been ordered and will be fitted shortly. The action will be carried over. **Action AM/MM**

2025/05/07 - JC to post details of the proposed SEPA Flood Survey TEAMS meeting to Facebook. JC shared the details of the SEPA Flood Survey TEAMS meeting on the Kintore Facebook page on 13th June 2025. This action can be closed.

2025/05/08 – EL is to work with MM and FG to update the Fireworks plan. FG has updated the plan following the discussion at the meeting held on 26/05/2025 and circulated it to the sub-group members via the WhatsApp group. This action is to remain open as further updates to the plan are expected. **Action EL/MM/FG**

2025/05/09 – MM will submit the updated licence once the Fireworks plan is updated. This action is linked to 2025/05/98 and will remain open until the updated licence has been submitted. **Action MM**

2025/05/10 - EL is to contact G&M White Food Van via their contact form to request they provide refreshments at the Fireworks event. EL has confirmed G&M White as the second caterer for the fireworks event. Hot & Cold Drinks, Wraps and Loaded Fries have been agreed. If the event is successful for G&M White, a generous donation to the KDCC can be expected. This action has been completed and can be closed.

2025/05/10a - MM is to contact Ruby Mackay to clarify how much power is required for the Fireworks event and advise Shane accordingly. MM has confirmed with Chalmers MacKay Music School how much power is required for them. MM will advise Shane at the next fireworks sub-group meeting. This action is to be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**

2025/05/11 - MM agreed to speak to Ian Mitchell from Aberdeenshire Council Landscaping to clarify the new football pitch situation and advise the Fireworks sub-group accordingly. This action is in progress and will be carried over to the next meeting. **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 the next meeting. **Action MM/EL**

2025/05/13 – EL is to ask Kintore Scouts if they are able to shake donation tins during the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and will remain open until the next meeting.

Action EL

2025/05/14 - MM is to confirm with JR that he is able to provide the concrete slabs, metal drums and the sand and buckets for the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and is to remain open until the next meeting. **Action MM**

2025/05/15 - EL is to ask JR if he is able to coordinate the sponsors for the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and will remain open until the next meeting. **Action EL**

2025/05/15a - MM is to confirm with Ryan Millian that he is able to provide the barriers for the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**

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 to be carried over until the next meeting. **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. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **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. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**

2025/05/19 - EL is to check with the fire spinners that they are available for the Fireworks event. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action EL**

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. This action is in progress and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**

6) Police Report & Update on local issues

The police report has been received and is attached under **Appendix A**; MM talked through the details. There was unanimous agreement that the work being done by the youth co-ordinator is going really well and has started to have a positive impact on the behaviour of the young people. Activities such as mechanics at a local garage have proved to be very popular. Cllr Reid advised that additional facilities are being sourced in nearby settlements for this effective work to be expanded.

7) Planning Matters

The planning report is attached under **Appendix B**. MM talked through the applications received. The importance of holding a virtual meeting to commence the Community Action Plan, action ref: 2025/05/04 was reiterated. LAM will set up a WhatsApp group for the Community Action Plan sub-group and suggest some meeting dates. **Action 2025/06/03 LAM**

8) Kintore Community Resilience

- a) Resilience Plan – No further update out with the open actions.
- b) AEDs - All AEDs are operational.

9) Kintore Konnect

The summer edition has been published and distributed. This was the first edition produced by the new print setters and proof readers. Overall, it was a great team effort. There was a steep learning curve which resulted in a successful outcome. It was agreed to start to work towards the next edition with the new print setters earlier than in previous publication cycles. Their input to refresh the look, feel and layout of the magazine will also be encouraged.

10) Action Kintore

The next meeting of Action Kintore will be held a week later on 23/06/2025.

- a) **The Bothie Update** – Two members of the Bothie took part in the Kiltwalk, publicised on social media as The Bothies Mighty Stride, and this was very successful. Funds were raised for The Bothie.
- b) **Town House Project** – It has been necessary to request another noise survey following the amended application submitted for the Town House.

11) Community Projects for Kintore

- a) **It's Your Neighbourhood 2025** – The six main areas for It's Your Neighbourhood 2025 have been agreed and are being progressed.
 - a. The biggest project is based at **Provost Lawrence Court**, the majority of the works agreed upon have been completed. It has been agreed that It's Your Neighbourhood will continue to maintain the areas of improvement this year.
 - b. The **Pavillion at Kintore Public Park** would benefit from some involvement from members of the local football teams who utilise the building; JR is working on how this can be progressed.
 - c. The ground clearance work on **Northern Road** where the public toilets were located is scheduled to take place on 22/06/2025 with volunteers from Its Your Neighbourhood. An initial meeting was agreed with the KDCC members involved in this project on 18/06/2025 to view the site and agree the scope of the work. Once the area has been cleared, a heavy duty weed membrane will be laid with bark on top soon afterwards. It has been more difficult to attract volunteers for this project than on previous occasions. It was noted that going forward JR will select specific weekend dates, then request for volunteers and once numbers have been confirmed, match the volunteers to the outstanding work on one of the projects. JR to highlight the dates on the Its Your Neighbourhood WhatsApp group. **Action 2025/06/04 JR**
 - d. The **Explore Kintore Interactive History Tour** is being progressed. The recordings are finished and the QR codes are being designed currently. A designer for the bollard covers for the cutoff lampposts has been identified and the design work is underway. Permission has been granted by Aberdeenshire Council Roads to cover the remaining cutoff lampposts. The QR posts and the benches are being sourced. The website domain has been setup with the voice recordings embedded, there will be a link on the www.kintore.org.uk page. An advertising banner highlighting the tour will be placed prominently at the junction with School Road and Gauchhill Road. The project is almost complete and JR is hopeful it will be active before the next meeting. JR/MM is to contact the Kintore Public Hall secretary to discuss the suitability of a post or bench near the public hall with the relevant QR code. **Action 2025/06/05 JR/MM** JR/MM is to contact the Kintore Kirk/Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland to discuss the location of the bench near the Pictish stone with the relevant QR code. **Action 2025/06/06 JR/MM**
 - e. The work in **Kintore Square** and surrounding areas is scheduled for July, before the Kintore Street Party, and is being scoped at the moment. The

repairs to the fountain are underway and it is hoped that the fountain will be placed back in the Square within the next month. Volunteers from SSEN, Kintore Fire Station and Kintore Masonic Lodge have expressed interest in assisting with the Square.

- f. The pavement outside **Kintore Kirk** is going to be blackened to match the area around the Town House. This is yet to commence.

b) Fireworks

The initial meeting of the fireworks sub-group took place on 26/05/2025 and a number of actions came out of the meeting; action references 2025/05/08 to 2025/05/20. A second meeting of the sub-group is to be organised to review the actions and formulate the next stage of planning. This will take place in the next few weeks and may have to be split into two meetings due to sub-group members holiday commitments. A progress report will follow at the next meeting.

- c) **Explore Kintore Interactive History Tour** – This item is covered above in 11)a)d.

- d) **CLAN BookBench** – The installation of the CLAN BookBench is scheduled for the morning of 26/06/2025 and will be facilitated by MM to ensure the correct placement of the plinth and bench with the Town House or fountain in the background of any photographs taken. It has been noted that there is a manhole located at the ideal spot. It was unanimously agreed to locate the bench to the left of the manhole. The CLAN trail is running from 30/06/2025 to 22/08/2025. KDCC have special permission to retain the BookBench until after the Kintore Street Party has taken place.

- e) **Kintore Street Party** – The planning for this event is well underway. KDCC's request for a table for the Community Action Plan at the event has been accepted. This relates to action ref: 2025/05/01. Permission for the road closure is still outstanding and it is understood to be with the Aberdeenshire Council Legal department who would issue the notice. The road closure application has been pending for 3 months. It was agreed by the attendees that this timeframe seemed excessive.

f) Allotments/Men's Shed/Cycling Without Age

- a. **Allotments** - A piece of land has been identified for allotments and the landowner has been approached. The piece of land does have road access and the landowner is in agreement with investigating into the suitability of the site. A site visit by KDCC is needed to assess the suitability of the site. RS volunteered to liaise with JR to carry out the initial site visit and report back to JR. **Action 2025/06/07 JR/RS** Should the site be deemed suitable, JR will advise the Allotments WhatsApp group members and encourage them to take this forward with KDCC support.

- b. **Men's Shed** - The Scottish Men's Shed Association had contacted KDCC enquiring whether there would be any interest in setting up a Men's Shed in Kintore. A Facebook post was circulated to gauge interest and due to the very positive response, an initial meeting has been set up for 10/07/2025 6pm to 8pm at Kintore Public Hall. An extensive discussion followed regarding the nature of Men's Sheds and the fundamental aspect of them being a single sex space. Some Men's Sheds also have She Sheds for women, but this is something that has only followed the successful establishment of a Men's Shed in some cases. AP offered support, on behalf of the Scottish Men's Shed Association and Inverurie's Men's Shed in the setting up of a branch in Kintore. Suggested locations for the proposed Kintore Men's Shed were The Bothie or The Pavillion at Kintore Play Park. KM advised that the Bothie is usually busy during evenings, but there is some availability during the day. AP confirmed Men's Shed tends to be a weekday daytime activity. Cllr Reid highlighted that Blackburn are also hosting a meeting to discuss a Men's Shed on 18/06/2025.

- c. **Cycling Without Age** - Cycling Without Age have also been in touch with KDCC enquiring if Kintore would be interested in purchasing a Cycling Without

Age bike. This would require substantial investment as the cost of the bike is significant; in the region of £10,800. There is a demonstrator coming to Kintore shortly for the community to try out for a short time. This is to minimise the need for the Inverurie bike to keep being brought over to Kintore. A Facebook post on this subject generated quite a bit of interest and a meeting to discuss this has been scheduled for 30/06/2025 from 8pm at Kintore Public Hall.

12) Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update

The AGM for the Kemnay Academy Parent Council is taking place on 24/06/2025 and applications for office bearer roles are being sort. Serving members of the Parent Council are required to apply for the PGV scheme going forward. JC will be attending representing KDCC and will reiterate their commitment to both KDCC and KAPC going forward.

13) Aberdeenshire Councillors' Update

Cllr Reid has enquired to Aberdeenshire Council's Director of Education and Children's Services into the validity of mothballing Midmill Nursery. This follows the recent decision by Aberdeenshire Council to recommend pausing the mothballing of other provisions in Aberdeenshire. Concerns have been raised by the Scottish Government that the requirement for consultation with parents was not followed previously. Cllr Reid will advise of any response received from Aberdeenshire Council.

Cllr Reid highlighted the new bus service that has commenced for Kintore. It is being run by Ember www.ember.to providing frequent services between the Square at Kintore to various destinations. Ember is the UK's first all-electric intercity bus service.

Cllr Reid has been visiting Halfpenny Farm Animal Sanctuary and is committed to helping with fundraising for this important local charity who are facing closure due to the difficult financial environment. Cllr Reid will be focusing on Halfpenny in his next article for Kintore Konnect. It was unanimously agreed that fundraising information could be included.

Cllr Gifford, as a member of the regional board of North East Scotland College, has visited the soon to be opened new energy industry training facility at the Aberdeen Altens Campus and was very impressed. There is also a mobile classroom in the form of a dual-fuel vehicle that will visit all secondary schools in Aberdeen city and shire in the coming months.

14) Funding Opportunities – A suggested change in focus from coming up with a project idea and trying to find a funding opportunity to match to the specific funding criteria directing the ideas to fit the funding available was discussed and agreed unanimously.

a) SSEN Powering Communities to Net Zero Fund – Deadline 25/06/2025

The application for a sealed waterproof trailer to store resilience equipment in is three-quarters complete and will be submitted before the deadline.

b) Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2025-26 – Deadline 17/08/2025

This fund is applicable and the applicant needs to provide 10% of the applied for amount. The grant is split into capital and revenue projects and due to the descriptions of the project types, the revenue is the most applicable for KDCC. The revenue grant is for applications of £5,000 to £20,000, the deadline is 17/08/2025 and the project must be fully completed and funding drawn down by 28/02/2026.

c) Aberdeenshire/SSEN Equipment & Maintenance Funding Grant – Ongoing

This is not applicable as KDCC received a grant from SSEN in 2024.

d) Aberdeenshire/SSEN Communications Grant Funding – Ongoing

This grant is focused on maintaining communications during a resilience event, such as an unexpected power cut or flooding. KDCC already have a number of

communication devices, some purchased, others donated. The attendees are invited to consider what could be applied for within the criteria and put suggestions to JR via WhatsApp.

e) Susan Adams Funding Finder – Various Deadlines

These monthly emails have been sent to the secretary and shared with the funding sub-group until now. From now onwards the secretary will forward the email to all community councillors and attendees are encouraged to actively consider each fund's criteria and what could be applied for going forward.

15) Correspondence

a) Kintore Flood Study TEAMS Meeting – confirm attendance AM, FG, AC

JR is now available to attend this virtual meeting scheduled for 27/06/2025 and MM may be able to attend. JC is to email Lee Watson from Aberdeenshire Council and confirm these additional KDCC attendees. **Action 2025/06/08 JC**

b) Garioch Community Planning Joint Meeting – feedback to Caroline Smith

JC has fed back to the Garioch Area Officer at the recent Community Council Forum that there was a sound issue at this event. It was difficult to hear the presenters in the Inverurie Town Hall. The nature of the acoustics within the room were thought to have contributed to this. The next planned event will be at Garioch Heritage Centre and it is hoped that this will be an improvement.

c) 2025 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration – Open for Applications – deadline 1st September 2025

This is another funding opportunity and the attendees are invited to consider this award's criteria alongside the others highlighted in item 14.

d) Enterprising Aberdeenshire – Gayle Walker – shared 8th June 2025

This has been shared with the KDCC attendees and the wider community on Facebook.

e) SSEN – Draft Annual Engagement Plan – deadline 29th June 2025

MM advised this is an opportunity to provide feedback to SSEN if required.

f) Aberdeenshire Council Delivery Programme – shared with planning sub-group

The potential usefulness of the interactive maps was widely agreed but the functionality of them has not always been assured. The planning sub-group are encouraged to read the article highlighting a pilot project.

16) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers Report is attached under **Appendix C** and JR talked through the figures and transactions up until 15th June 2025.

a) KDCC Account £15,654.43

The SSEN grant has been received for Inverurie First Responders for £4,703.02 and spent on the specified equipment. Cllr Reid commented that it may be possible for community councils to claim the Data Protection Fee (ICO) of £47 back from Aberdeenshire Council. JC is to contact the Garioch Area Officer to enquire as to whether this is possible and advise MM/JR accordingly. **Action 2025/06/09 JC**

b) Floral Display Account £842.44

It has been necessary to spend over £3,000 on flowers for the town this year as no flowers were provided from Aberdeenshire Council. This is a significant increase on 2024. Further fundraising will be necessary to ensure sufficient funds are available for the autumnal flower refresh. It is estimated that the floral display account requires an additional £1,800 to cover this future cost.

17) AOCB

a) **Inverurie Medical Practice, including the missing GP service at Kintore Surgery.** Attempts have been made to discuss the ongoing situation with the Inverurie Medical Practice by Cllr Reid and the Inverurie Patient Group, represented at the KDCC meeting by AP. These attempts have been unsuccessful to date. There was a discussion that followed regarding KDCC members personal experiences of the medical practice making and attending appointments. It was strongly suggested to keep in touch with Cllr Keating who sits on the IJB (Integration Joint Board) on this matter. MM and AP agreed to maintain contact on this matter going forward and exchanged contact details.

b) **The new football pitch at Kintore Public Park.** FB commented that the newly sown football pitch at Kintore Public Park is being adversely affected by an overflowing drain near the path entrance from Henderson Park . The drain is directly above the newly sown football pitch and is causing a section of the grass to be washed out. This is noticeable as there is now a large brown soil mark visible. Cllr Reid will contact Aberdeenshire Council Landscaping to highlight this concern and request that this issue is addressed. **Action 2025/06/10 Cllr Reid**

c) **Art Exhibition at Kintore Public Hall on 21/06/2025** – There is an art exhibition at Kintore Public Hall on Saturday 21st June by local artist, Irene Davidson. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Hyperbaric Unit.

18) The Date of next monthly meeting is Tuesday 15th July 2025

Appendix A – Police Report



GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE

Community Council: Kintore
Reporting Period: 1st May to 31st May 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:

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS PERIOD (April 2025)	This period (May 2025)
Assault	3	0
Housebreaking/Theft	0	0
Public Nuisance	1	3
Road Traffic	2 offences and 4 incidents	4 offences and 2 incidents
Drugs	4	0

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 0 reported Assault(s) for this reporting period.

Housebreaking/Theft:

There have been 0 reported Theft(s) for this reporting period.

Public Nuisance:

There have been 3 reported Public Nuisance for this reporting period.

The first incident again, almost identical to last month's report, related to youths potentially fighting with one another. Police were unable to trace any persons and had no further calls despite it being a busy area with a lot of footfall at the time. No further action was taken.

The second incident being a report of fly tipping near to Forest Road, Kintore but the enquiry carried out proved no criminality and advice was given to the informant to report to matter to the local authority.

The last incident seen a group of 3-4 persons enter a communal block and smoke what the informant believed to be cannabis. The incident was reported after the fact so no action was taken with intelligence being submitted.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 4 Road Traffic Offences in which all the drivers have been dealt with. There have been 2 other road traffic issues which relate to obstructions, inconsiderate parking and a minor collision that did not mount to criminality.

Drugs:

There are 0 reports of Drug misuse for this reporting period.

Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:

The Community Police Team are aware of the on-going issues with youths and the anti-social behaviour and with the lighter nights and school holidays, there will be an increased Police presence with the aim of deterring any anti-social behaviour.

We continue to urge the public to call in with any Public Nuisance to ensure we are aware of the issues and 'peak times' in order to deal with any criminality robustly and save any escalation.

It remains that Police will not 'move on' groups unless there is justifiable reason. Please can residents be reminded not to take matter into their own hands as this can often escalate things.

Any crimes/offences identified by Officers will be dealt with robustly by Police.

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:

On the whole however, this is a good report with low levels of incidents /crime reported.

Thanks,

Mark Barber

Constable

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Appendix B – Planning Report

Kintore & District Community Council Planning Report – Produced 11th June 2025

Validated May 2025

- **Alterations and Extension to Building**

E Blast Ltd Tumulus Way Midmill Business Park Kintore AB51 0TG

Ref. No: APP/2025/0802 | Received: Mon 19 May 2025 | Validated: Mon 19 May 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

- **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: Pending Consideration

- **Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse**

45 School Road Kintore AB51 0WP

Ref. No: APP/2025/0756 | Received: Wed 07 May 2025 | Validated: Thu 08 May 2025 | Status: Pending Consideration

- **Erection of Agricultural Building (Cattle Court)**

Boghead Farm Kintore Inverurie AB51 0XD

Ref. No: APP/2025/0744 | Received: Tue 06 May 2025 | Validated: Thu 08 May 2025 | Status: Prior Approval Not Required

Decided May 2025

- **Erection of Agricultural Building (Cattle Court)**

Boghead Farm Kintore Inverurie AB51 0XD

Ref. No: APP/2025/0744 | Received: Tue 06 May 2025 | Validated: Thu 08 May 2025 | Status: Prior Approval Not Required

- **Alteration and Extension to Dwellinghouse**

17 Castlepark Grove Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0SN

Ref. No: APP/2025/0580 | Received: Fri 11 Apr 2025 | Validated: Fri 11 Apr 2025 | Status: Application Approved

Validated June 2025

- No results found

Decided June 2025

- **Residential Development as Enabling Development for a Town Park and Associated Facilities Non-Compliance with Condition 3 (Roundabout) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2017/0288**

Land Beside Woodside Croft Midmill Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref No: APP/2025/0358 | Received: Tue 11 Mar 2025 | Validated: Fri 28 Mar 2025 | Status: Application Approved

Appendix C – Treasurer's Report

Kintore & District Community Council Treasurers Report –

BANK BALANCES CORRECT AS AT 15TH JUNE 2025

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 15TH JUNE 2025 **£15654.43** FOR KDCC MEETING ON 17TH JUNE 2025

DOWN £1197.18 FROM £16851.61 REPORTED ON 20TH OF MAY 2025 KDCC MEETING

BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- £5888.63

- £4703.02 – SSEN GRANT RECEIVED FOR 1ST RESPONDERS AS PER APPLICATION
- £160.00 – PET SERVICES – ADVERT IN KINTORE KONNECT
- £512.00 – MONARCH BUILDS – ADVERT IN KINTORE KONNECT
- £512.00 – NORTHWOOD – ADVERT IN KINTORE KONNECT
- £1.61 – CASHBACK – BANK PARTNERS DEAL

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- £7085.81

- £47.00 – ICO – GOVERNMENT ANNUAL COST DATA PROTECTION
- £1299.00 – THOMSON PARTNERSHIP – KINTORE KONNECT PRINTING OF SUMMER ISSUE
- £4703.02 – BTME GROUP – 1ST RESPONDERS EQUIPMENT (AS PER SSEN GRANT)
- £20.49 – GOOGLE – PURCHASE OF EXTRA MEMORY DATA SPACE FOR CHAIR GMAIL AC
- £465.60 – IB SERVICES – INVOICE FOR FITTING THE MIDMILL DEFIB (AS EXPECTED)
- £550.70 – B&Q – IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PRODUCT PURCHASES (COLD TAR, TAR PAINT, PAINT ETC)

PREDICTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE DUE BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Money due in before next meeting

- £869.53 – DUE IN FROM MIDMILL SCHOOL RELATED CLUBS TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KDCC DONATION AND THE TOTAL COSTS – TOTAL COST FOR DEFIB, CABINET AND FITTING £2369.53 (PAID BY KDCC) LESS £1500 PREVIOUS DONATION – LEAVES £869.53 TO PAY BY CLUBS AS AGREED.

Money due out before next meeting

- IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SPENDING - £105 ON BUTTERFLY DISPLAY FOR FLORAL DISPLAY AS PART OF THE BIODIVERSITY THEME THIS YEAR – THESE WILL BE AT SQUARE, LOCHBURN AND WELCOME TO KINTORE SIGN.
- VARIOUS OTHER ELEMENTS FOR THE IYN PROJECT – HOWEVER A GRANT HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FLORAL DISPLAY ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 15TH JUNE 2025 **£842.44** FOR KDCC MEETING ON 17TH JUNE 2025
DOWN £1973.73 FROM £2816.17 REPORTED ON 20TH OF MAY 2025 KDCC
MEETING

BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- £1200.42

- £200 DONATION FROM DOSSETT BUTCHER – FOR DISPLAY AT SHOP FRONT
- £1000 DONATION FROM KINTORE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
- £0.42 – CASHBACK – BANK PARTNERS DEAL

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- £3174.15

- £2463.84 – SWAILEND NURSERIES – SUMMER PLANTS /FLOWERS
 - £710.31- COVE BAY NURSERIES – SUMMER PLANTS /FLOWERS
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PREDICTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BEFORE NEXT MEETING:-

EXPENDITURE – IF ANY EXTRA PLANTS ARE REQUIRED

INCOME – DONATIONS * WE REQUIRE TO LOOK AT GETTING FUNDS IN NOW
BY FUNDRAISING

REQUIRE IDEAS – SUGGESTION WAS TO A START A – GO FUND ME ‘PAGE
OR SIMILAR

*PLEASE NOTE THAT SUE PARROTT ALWAYS ASKS PERMISSION BEFORE
SPENDING FROM THIS ACCOUNT AND ALWAYS HAS AN ESTIMATE WHICH IS
A FANTASTIC WAY TO WORK TOGETHER.