

## Approved Minutes of the Kintore and District Community Council

Held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm in Kintore Primary School and via Zoom



KINTORE AND DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Welcome and Apologies

Community Councillors present: MM Moira Moran, JR Jim Reid, AM Alan Milne, JC Janine Cracknell, KM Ken McEwen, LEM Lesley Monaghan, AC Angus Cheyne, EL Eve Lamond

Ward Councillors present: Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Cllr Trevor Mason

Members of the Public present: FG Fabio Greatbatch, ST Sean Thomson

Apologies: DH Donna Heron, DM David MacAllan, LAM Laura Murrie, Cllr Glen Reid, Cllr Jim Gifford

### 1. Declarations of Interest

None

### 2. Minutes of the Inaugural KDCC Meeting

- a. Corrections - none
- b. Approval – Lesley Monaghan/Alan Milne

### 3. September 2024 Meeting

- c. Corrections - none
- d. Approval – Lesley Monaghan/Moira Moran

### 4. Matters Arising

- MM to formally request for the number of community councillors to be increased from 11 to 15 to Garioch Area Manager. This has been completed and approved and the KDCC constitution has been amended and sent to Garioch Area Manager for reference. FG has been co-opted to KDCC unanimously and going forward has voting rights. Action closed.
- JC to request ALDO training logons for all community councillors to Area Committee Officer. The request has been sent to Area Committee Officer on 11/11/2024. JC to follow up as no response as yet. Action to be carried over to next meeting. **Action JC**
- JC to request LEM is added to the Scotia Homes CLG. This has been actioned and can be closed.
- AM/DH to organise water pump training for members of the Kintore Resilience Group. This action is expected to be completed in November and will be co-ordinated with JR. JR has successfully turned the water pumps on, but they have not been used to pump water. The training is to include operating the water pumps including learning how to judge the timing. AM/DH will advise as to the current status at the next meeting. **Action AM/DH**
- JR to add LAM, AC & FG to the Kintore Resilience WhatsApp group. This has been completed and can be closed.
- JR to validate the list of Kintore Resilience volunteers and update any contact details.

This is pending and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action JR**

- MM is to confirm the correct procedure for road signs being placed on the Hatton of Fintray side of the B977 in the event of the River Don flooding. MM has contacted Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dept and is awaiting a response. Action to be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**
- AM to investigate into funding options for the First Photographics replacement defibrillator. This will be investigated over the next few months and is to remain open. **Action AM**
- MM to validate the contact details of the Kintore Konnect delivery volunteers. Action to be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**
- JR to pursue outstanding annual advertising contracts for the Kintore Konnect. This has been completed and can be closed.
- EL to request volunteers to set up, pack up and facilitate the fireworks. This is in progress and is being co-ordinated with MM. Event is taking place prior to the next meeting. Evaluation of the event will take place in the next meeting. **Action EL**
- MM to email GR with regards the pavilion roof tiles being replaced prior to the fireworks. This has been actioned by JR and is discussed under It's Your Neighbourhood. Action can be closed.
- JR to obtain outstanding CLAN Book Bench sponsorship and facilitate the payment of £6000 to CLAN prior to the end of October. This is being pursued currently and the amount will be paid to CLAN prior to 31/10/2024. JR will report back at the next meeting. **Action JR**

5. **Police Report & Update local issues**

The Police report has not been received prior to the meeting. JC to chase the report, confirming the correct contact and distribute once received. **Action JC**

6. **Planning Matters**

Appendix A for planning report, see additional comments below.

**APP/2024/1604 – Erection of Facility for the Production of Hydrogen Through Electrolysis**

– The consultation period ends on 20/10/2024. There was a discussion regarding this application. It was agreed that the KDCC should submit a response. Due to holidays and other commitments, MM is to request for a three-week extension to the standard consultation period to the Aberdeenshire Council planning officer. **Action MM** MM/AM to work on a KDCC response objecting to the development in support of Leylodge residents and submit once agreed with other KDCC members over WhatsApp. **Action MM/AM**

**APP/2024/1055 - Formation of Storage Yard, Erection of Storage Building (Class 6), Office Building, Wash Bay and Associated Infrastructure** – Decided in October and approved with a tree protection plan and a ten-year planning permission limit. The ten-year planning permission period was passed by one vote by the Garioch Area Committee.

**APP/2024/0686 s42 application for amending conditions**, including a request for ten year extension, granted by 7 votes to 6.

7. **Kintore Community Resilience**

- a. **Resilience Plan** – KDCC were advised that planning permission wasn't required for the flood bund repairs, as it was carried out under the Council permission. A thick plastic layer has been laid down under the flood bund, the bund rebuilt and seeded with the assistance of the landowner. An interesting feature of the flood bund was fed back to the Flood Engineer at Aberdeenshire Council Flood Team. A large amount of natural sand was found when the flood bund was dug into by about 20ft. Water has been draining through the natural sand underneath the bund and road. This is predicted to repeat over an extended period of time, say a week of the field being flooded and the water may then lead to Kingsfield Road flooding. Some seepage is tolerable. The repairs have been completed. The ongoing situation will be monitored.

The height extension of the flood wall at two houses along Northern Road/Dundas Court has been undertaken by the residents before the weather worsens. KDCC were not included in any planning permission requests for Northern Road/Dundas Court.

It is believed that Network Rail are in possession of plans to redirect the Loch Burn culvert and hope that this will be progressed in the coming months. The Kintore Resilience group have been asked to express interest in water pump training and communications training, 30 positive responses have been received which is very encouraging.

Out with these three locations, a point of concern for flooding this winter is the Rollomire Burn feeding into the Torry Burn. The Hallforest Avenue SUDS have been repaired to ensure the water is flowing in the correct direction. There is a bottleneck caused by the bridge across the Torry Burn which backs up the water flowing from the Rollomire Burn. Further adjustments to the flow of the water from the Rollomire Burn are not expected at this time.

It was noted that the groundworks ordered by SEPA to skim the ground level by a significant amount on the ex-Kintore United football pitch has not proceeded after several months. Once this flood plain is completed, it will greatly assist the flow of floodwater.

JR to be forwarded an email by MM regarding a SSEN communications grant to see if applicable to KDCC resilience. **Action MM**

AM advised that the Community Resilience Conference held at Westhill on 3/10/2024 did not provide any new information.

LAM provided a written update on the SEPA workshop attended on 8/10/2024. Please see Appendix B for further information.

- b. **AEDS** – There are no AED maintenance requirements this month to report. SSEN have agreed to fund a defibrillator at Leylodge for residents. AM to liaise with SSEN to facilitate this. **Action AM** It is proposed to request Scotia Homes funds a defibrillator within the Town Park at the next CLG meeting. AM to liaise with Scotia Homes to facilitate this. **Action AM**

#### 8. **Kintore Konnect**

The winter 2024 edition of the magazine has the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This was incorrectly printed as 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in the autumn 2024 magazine. The winter 2024 edition is being prepared currently. JR will be contacting advertisers in the coming

days to remind them of the deadline. Kintore Additional Needs Parent Support Group is to be added to the Whats On section and also a small feature to be included providing information on the group.

#### 9. **Action Kintore**

- a. **The Bothie Update** – The residential weekend was a success with 19 participants and 4 outworkers attending. Sadly, the funding that paid for this has not been secured for 2025. The Bothie will need to raise the funds from an alternative source. Some of the young people are interested in helping on the fireworks night, MM/EL to liaise with The Bothie leader to confirm the required numbers. **Action MM/EL** The three youth groups will continue over the winter and continue to be well attended.
  
- b. **Town House Project** – It was commented that the Town House is believed to be the most historic building in Aberdeenshire. The latest architectural drawings have emphasised that space within the Town House is limited. The vaulted exhibition area is described as very limited, the council chamber is small and there is very little wall space throughout the building. MM advised the attendees that Sandy Mason, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire was interested in utilising the Town House for future presentations and wanted to tour the building. This tour was arranged for 28/10/2024. MM contacted Aberdeenshire Council to ask permission from Live Life Aberdeenshire for this to take place. MM was advised that it is Aberdeenshire Council's intention to empty the Town House, turn off the water, turn off the electricity and hand it over from Live Life Aberdeenshire to Aberdeenshire Council Estates in order to save money. The chair of Action Kintore has been made aware of this situation via email. There were significant concerns raised about the water fountain, an empty unlit building becoming a target for vandalism (similar to the Torry Burn Hotel) and where the power will be sourced for the Christmas lights and tree if not the Town House. There are newly purchased flood lights ready to be installed at the base of the Town House and the town clock will not be illuminated at night. MM has requested details of the cost of maintaining the water and electricity as well as any standing charges from the Garioch Area Manager. The usefulness of the installed mains powered burglar alarm was also raised. MM has advised the chair of the Kintore Fundraising Team, who is in charge of the Christmas lights, of the current situation. It was pondered whether the reduction in the cost of street lighting in Kintore since the removal of a large number of lampposts could be offset against the cost of keeping water and electricity connected at the Town House. Funding could be applied for from SSEN's community grants as an alternative. DL is going to discuss the Town House with the Garioch Area Manager and advise the other attendees of the outcome. **Action Cllr Lonchay**

#### 10. **Community Projects for Kintore**

- a. **Kintore School Garden Project** – DH is leading this for KDCC and will update at the next meeting.
  
- b. **It's Your Neighbourhood 2024** – Report attached under Appendix C. JR talked through the report., highlighting the outcome and recommendations. It was collectively agreed to stay in the It's Your Neighbourhood next year. The autumn planting has been completed at Nicol Road over the last week. A picnic table has been placed next to the

Town House in between the two trees in the courtyard. The picnic table has been painted with non-flammable paint as requested by Aberdeenshire Council.

A local business has donated the flood lights for the Town House and are waiting to be installed; relating to Town House Project comments previously made. JR updated the attendees on the Kintore Public Park Pavilion. The estimate from the contractor who bid for the job of emptying the gutters and cleaning the moss off the roof was too high for Aberdeenshire Council and as such the contractor was instructed to empty the gutters only. Therefore, the moss on the roof will remain for the time being.

- c. **Fireworks Night 2024** – Further queries regarding the risk assessment submitted for the event have been raised by various consultees, specifically the Risk and Resilience and Environmental. Also, a suggestion for an increase in the number of first aiders has been raised by the consultees. MM, JR, AM and FG have met to discuss the queries and will continue to do so. A more detailed risk assessment is being pulled together. MM has also been in discussions with the chair of the Kemnay fireworks committee who have obtained a license for this year already and they are going to assist with the outstanding items. The new football pitch that was due to be created at Kintore public park, had not been created when MM inspected the site on 11/10/2024. Now there are two football teams paying to use Kintore public park and pavilion, Aberdeenshire Council have instructed for a Clean Team to clean the pavilion. The cost of the Clean Team will be included in the rent charged. A pavilion key will be supplied to MM from the chair of Kintore United. The emergency access gate to enter the grassed area is no longer locked following an incident earlier this year. The pavilion has its own tea urn. MM is to request hygiene certificates from Dossett Butchers to forward to Aberdeenshire Council. **Action MM** MM to request the KDCC gazebo back from the Kintore Street Party Committee and supply it to Dossett Butchers to use on the night. **Action MM** The cost of the light up toys was discussed and alternative vendors than used in previous years. More volunteers are needed during the evening to act as stewards, sell light up toys, serve drinks, rattle collection buckets. EL to appeal for more volunteers. **Action EL** Twenty no parking traffic cones have been requested to place on the double yellow lines from the school to the pavilion from Aberdeenshire Council Roads. MM has asked the on-duty Kintore Primary School janitor to ensure the floodlights on the astroturf are switched off during the fireworks display. The stewards will need to be placed at the entry and no entry points and should be equipped with high-visibility jackets, walkie talkie radios and torches. It was agreed that allocating more than one job to a volunteer would not be ideal. Once the license has been granted, JR will approach local businesses for sponsorship. **Action JR** It is believed that some volunteers will be forthcoming from Kintore & Kemnay Rotary Club. Further meetings will be necessary in the coming days.
- d. **CLAN Book Bench Trail 2025** – There will be some choice as to the design of the Kintore CLAN Book Bench and it is known that there are local artists who could be considered. The bench is expected to be in place outside the Town House from June to September 2025 and will appear on the trail. The Treasurer will be requesting the preagreed sponsorship funding from the twelve local businesses. The Treasurer will instruct the payment prior to the end of October 2025.
- e. **The Voice – QR codes – Kintore Historical Places** – The links accessed via the QR code tiles will lead to an audio story which will be a 90 second clip on a bench nearby. Three extra benches have been sourced and are refurbished and will be placed shortly. This

is still on track to be completed prior to the end of year.

- f. **New Ideas for Projects – Area behind bus stop a possibility** – There appears to be quite a strong community desire for a public convenience that is open evenings and weekends. It is noted that a public convenience has been a target to vandalism in the past and may be again. It was proposed to conduct an investigation into whether a public convenience at the Northern Road site is feasible. **Action MM/JR** Ideally, to have the project costed and ready to initiate when a funding opportunity becomes available. A net zero option such as a solar powered facility may be possible as well as self-cleaning. There are other community run public conveniences in Aberdeenshire, and it was suggested the KDCC could visit these sites and meet with the volunteers who run them.

- 11. **Kemnay Academy Parent Council update** – JC advised that an AGM is taking place at Kemnay Academy on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024. New office bearers are expected to be elected, and parents have been invited to self-nominate prior to that meeting. JC confirmed they will be attending to represent KDCC. EL was at the previous KAPC meeting that was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and confirmed that the meeting was well attended. A discussion took place at that meeting regarding the contrast with the poor attendance at previous KAPC meetings. It is hoped that going forward the KAPC will be more dynamic and effective within the school community. JC confirmed that the bus park has had a very positive impact on the volume of traffic and the safety of the young people crossing the road at the start and end of the school day.

#### 12. **Aberdeenshire Councillors' update**

Cllr Lonchay attended the public consultation held at Kintore Bowling Club for REPD BESS on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This application will be made under Section 36 Infrastructure.

Cllr Lonchay mentioned the Hydrogen plant application and it was confirmed that this will be considered under normal Town and Country planning.

Cllr Lonchay advised that the Garioch Area Committee consulted on the Hill of Fare Wind farm application and the application is now going to full council.

At full council, Cllr Lonchay proposed a motion to instruct Aberdeenshire Council's CEO to write to the UK Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero of the UK. The motion was passed. The ward councillors wanted their concerns documented regarding the potential conflict between North Sea oil and gas and the direction of UK government policies.

Cllr Lonchay led a discussion on different energy options as it has been confirmed that the last coal powered power station has been closed.

Cllr Lonchay is emphasising that the community benefits should not be calculated on profit but on receipts and is highlighting this within Aberdeenshire Council in a hope to lead to a change in law to no longer be advisory. The chair suggests that local groups and the KDCC working together with the various companies could achieve more advantageous community benefits.

Cllr Mason confirmed that the Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council has been re-established and held a couple of introductory meetings. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This means that the entire East Garioch ward is serviced entirely by community councils.

MM stated that there was an article <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp3wxgie5pwo>

confirming that burning rubbish is now the UK's dirtiest form of power. This is the type of installation scheduled to be built just outside Kintore.  
Cllr Lonchay confirmed that funding concerns continue at Aberdeenshire Council and an extra £100m needs to be sourced over the next four years.

### 13. Funding opportunities – Proactive not Reactive

As per the previous meeting it was unanimously agreed to continue to actively discuss ideas and projects to have them ready to apply for funding when the opportunity arises.

- a) SSEN – MM/JR investigating opportunities.
- b) Scottish National Lottery – MM investigating.
- c) Mini Orchards – Fruit trees can be supplied to be planted on council land in order to create a community orchard. Ground opposite the railway station was suggested and the grassed area sandwiched between East Park Road and the Tuach Burn. Attendees are encouraged to make further suggestions to MM. The deadline is 31/10/2024 to apply. JR also highlighted the opportunity of wild flowering on council land.
- d) Rural Community Led Local Development – Paths JR to send AC details of the ongoing grants that may be applicable for the improvement of paths in and around Kintore. **Action JR**

### 14. Treasurer's Report

JR briefed the KDCC on the status of the accounts. See Appendix D for the Treasurer's report.

- a. KDCC accounts – It was unanimously agreed to pay Fireworks Scotland due to the closeness of the date and if necessary, ask them to hold it over until 2025 should the event be cancelled. It was suggested that Kemnay and Kintore could alternate years going forward. This is to be considered in the coming months.
- b. Floral Display – Accounts & Bank Account, sponsorship – Aberdeenshire Council have confirmed that KDCC Floral Display will receive 1125 summer flowers reduced from 1500 summer flowers for next year. This is many more than were expected.

### 15. AOCB

- a. SEPA Workshop written briefing from Laura shared – See Appendix B
- b. Volunteers for Litter Webinar on 7<sup>th</sup> November – JC to send out details to KDCC to appeal for volunteers. **Action JC**
- c. NPF4 & LDP virtual meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October – JC to forward details to Cllrs for their reference. **Action JC** LAM from KDCC has already volunteered to attend.
- d. Mini Orchards email deadline to reply 31<sup>st</sup> October – See comments under 13c).
- e. SSEN Underground, overground Webinar – JC to forward details to Cllrs for their reference. **Action JC**
- f. LEM raised concerns regarding the missing reflective black post next to the bus stop at the junction with School Road and East Park Road. LEM is to email Cllr Lonchay with details of this in order to be raised with Aberdeenshire Council Roads. **Action LEM**

**Date of next monthly meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## Appendix A – Planning Report

Planning October 2024

**Validated September** no new since last meeting

**Decided September**

- [Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse](#)

2 Castle Wynd Kintore AB51 0QE


Ref. No: APP/2024/1421 | Received: Fri 23 Aug 2024 | Validated: Mon 26 Aug 2024 | Status: Decided

- [Erection of Sales Cabin and Formation of Associated Parking Area](#)

Land At Kemnay Road Midmill Kintore

Ref. No: APP/2024/1349 | Received: Tue 13 Aug 2024 | Validated: Wed 14 Aug 2024 | Status: Decided

**Validated October**

- [Erection of Facility for the Production of Hydrogen Through Electrolysis, Access, Pipelines, Hard and Soft Landscaping and all Associated Works](#) 

Land To The West Of Kintore Substation Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2024/1604 | Received: Mon 30 Sep 2024 | Validated: Thu 03 Oct 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

- [Change of Use From Domestic Garage \(Class 9\) to Butchers Store Room \(Class 1\)](#) 

Inglesyde The Square Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0US

Ref. No: APP/2024/1566 | Received: Fri 20 Sep 2024 | Validated: Tue 01 Oct 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

**Decided October**

**APP/2024/1055** Formation of Storage Yard, Erection of Storage Building (Class 6), Office Building, Wash Bay and Associated Infrastructure



## Appendix B – SEPA Workshop held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and attended by LAM

### **SEPA Workshop participation:** Testing our messaging on flood preparation

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is developing new campaigns, leaflets and materials to help Scotland be prepared for flooding.

As an engaged stakeholder of SEPA's flooding services, your views will help to create effective and impactful messaging to reach audiences who could be impacted by flooding. There are no right or wrong answers, everyone's opinion and insight will be valuable.

Sounds interesting? Get involved!

The workshops will be on MS Teams, take around 45 minutes (an hour will be allocated), and will be run using polls, with some group discussion in parts.

There will be two workshops, with a maximum of 12 participants in each.

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Just finished the meeting with SEPA. Here's some notes from it:

- Purpose of the meeting is to test flooding messages and prepare for flooding. With climate change and flood risk increased, they want to make sure people are aware on how to prepare and live with flooding
- SEPA – vital to communicate to audience. They want to keep the correct tone, make it feel less formal and make sure they use language that all users understand
- We had to choose our preferred option for 4 different statements. Example – “*Flood happens. Are you ready*” or “*Prepare and be aware, flooding can affect you*”. These statements were asked in different ways and repeated with other statements. Then they took the top 3 statements and showed it on a poster with different punctuation. We had to give feedback on how it looked and if it read well.
- They have had some internal workshops, and they have seen some repetitive feedback (both options above are preferred statements)
- SEPA said if anyone has any real life stories that they want to share with them, to get in touch with Amy ([amy.laird@sepa.org.uk](mailto:amy.laird@sepa.org.uk)). They are looking to get personal videos to the wider audience which would help resonate with people.

Some general but also interesting information - there were a few different areas in my call. There was a man from Kemnay flood resilience group (Bill).

There was also a man from Speymouth who said that they have just successfully submitted a petition to the Scottish Government on flood management legislation. I found it here - [PE2118 Review and restructure Scotlands flood risk management approach and operations | Scottish Parliament Website](#). He said if anyone wants to reach out to him to discuss it, then SEPA can pass his name on (Jim Mackie). SEPA has his contact details, I have his email address from the meeting invite too.

Another person mentioned the Scottish Flood Forum has some good content on it ([The Scottish Flood Forum - Supporting Flood Risk Communities](#)). I'm not sure if the Kintore Flood Resilience Group is already aware of this.

## Appendix C – It's Your Neighbourhood 2024 Report



### IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD - MARKING SHEET

<b>Name of group: Kintore &amp; District Community Council</b>	<b>Assessment date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
<b>Name of assessor: Sandy Scott</b>	
<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>The group, ably chaired by Jim Reid (a prominent local businessman), is supported by 12 volunteers and more can be called upon. The aims of this group are to focus on 6 main Action Plans to improve and sustain their local area. These include: The Town House and Square, The Kirk, Approach from the A96, Street frontages, Kintore Pleasure Park, and Bus Shelters.</p> <p>I met Jim and Sue on a rainy day, but the enthusiasm and passion for their community really was evident and demonstrated.</p>	
<p><b>Section A - Community Participation (40%)</b></p>	
<p>The group is working towards things such as:</p> <p>Involving many aspects of the community and wider afield. Examples are Swailend Nurseries, Kintore Rotary Club, Network Rail and Aberdeenshire Council. The Community Council is the driving force behind all the community engagement and works well with local Elected Members.</p> <p>Fundraising is a success, with £3,000 raised within a fortnight which shows the local support for what the group is achieving. Other funding is in place and a water bowser is readily available for work through Jim.</p> <p>New members are attracted through the group's facebook page and kept in touch by Whats App. Kintore Kconnect is the local Magazine that is distributed, which has loads of material in it for Community conversations and of course, promoting it's entry into IYN!</p> <p><a href="#">Kintore Kconnect   Kintore</a></p>	
<p><b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30%)</b></p>	
<p>The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <p>Improving green space with litter picking and the group's involvement with the Town Square. Hard landscaping areas are also attended to, with all bus shelters washed and well presented by the group.</p> <p>Regular hoeing and detritus removal on hard landscaped areas shows the area to be 'spik and span!' and is very much appreciated by the community. There is a pride in</p>	





place and a mantra 'if we don't do it nobody will', which is a total understanding of Council budget restrictions and a willingness to work with the Council.

Sustainable Kintore is a facebook page that promotes climate change events; The Garioch Community Kitchen who, amongst other things, help new students with kitchen utensils so a good way of recycling kitchenware.

Street frontages are given particular attention by tidying in front of the school and other areas, and there is a definite ethos of volunteers giving back by engaging in environmental projects.

Future projects involve bench refurbishment and installing a double bench.

#### **Section C - Gardening Achievement (30%)**

The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:

A high standard of maintenance is achieved and plants benefit from regular watering and feeding.

Eleven entries are submitted to Kintore best garden competition and judged by the Local Landscape Services Officer from the Council.

'Welcome to Kintore' is set out in perennials and adds to the sustainable planting. This year's Keep Scotland Beautiful theme was evident, as homemade models of cakes and tea cups were installed into beds and no vandalism was evident...a good way of adapting the theme!

The beds, tubs and baskets were of a high quality and this was due to the plant choice and ongoing maintenance.

**OVERALL LEVEL ACHIEVED**

**Level 4 - Thriving**

#### **Areas of achievement:**

Community involvement is very evident and of good quality in achieving outcomes. A well driven group wanting to achieve the best for the settlement.

Utilising group members to improve the streetscape produces real results; washing bus shelters and weeding streets and other structures has such a real impact on the desirability of Kintore as a place to work and live.

#### **Recommendations/suggestions from your assessor:**

This is a group that could enter the Beautiful Scotland competition, and I would recommend Kintore Community Council consider this going forward – do get in touch with Juliette at Keep Scotland Beautiful to chat through this and to find out about their mentor support offer.





Like many groups, a leader that drives the idea of improving the locality is something to be proud of. It would be useful to have a 5 year plan considered building in sustainability for the group.

## RESULTS

Level	Description
Level 1	Establishing
Level 2	Improving
Level 3	Advancing
Level 4	Thriving
Level 5	Outstanding



## Appendix D – Treasurer’s Report

### Kintore & District Community Council Treasurers Report – Bank Balances for Both Bank Accounts Correct as at 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

#### **KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT**

**BANK BALANCE 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 £11,190.32 for KDCC Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024.**

**UP £1001.00 FROM BALANCE AT 24<sup>TH</sup> of September of £10,189.32**

Income Total - £3501.00

- £2000.00 – Aberdeenshire Council – Resilience Fund Payment (for Flood Bund Repair)
- £1.00 = cashback
- £1500.00 – from 3 Clan Bookbench Sponsors £500 each , Jim Reid Vehicle Sales, A& L Stronach and eBlast Group

**Expenditure -Total £2500.00**

- **£2,500.00 – Payment made to I&N Cambell Contractors for work completed on Flood Bund at Kingsfield Road – as previously agreed**

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

Money due in before next meeting

- £512.00 from Kinnons Garage for Kintore Konnect advert. This will be chased up – still overdue
- £4500.00 – 9x £500 sponsorship payments from – for Clan Bookbench
- £500.00 – Garioch Area Funds – Small Grant – for Flood Bund

Money due out before next meeting

- £2820.00 – Payment to Firework Scotland for upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Fireworks Display
- £1300.00 approx. – For Fireworks Toys / Cup lids and stirrers etc
- £6000.00 – Clan Bookbench Sponsorship (this will balance out from individual sponsors coming in see above)

*Summary of above-*

*Flood Bund Repairs at Kingsfield Road – Zero Net Cost to KDCC – income from Aberdeenshire Council resilience fund £2000 + £500 Grant = £2500.00 Less total cost of works I&N Campbell £2500.*

*Clan Bookbench Sponsorship – Zero Net Cost to KDCC – income total is 12 sponsors paying £500 each = £6000 will come into the bank before the payment of £6000 ( the cost of the Clan Bookbench for being in Kintore ) is paid to CLAN – due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.*

*The IYN costs- half of the total cost will be recouped via the Garich Area Initiative Grant which has already been authorised and agreed. Total cost of the IYN project including the QR codes.*

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

**BALANCE AT 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 £2511.65 for KDCC Meeting on 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024.**

**UP £18.11 FROM BALANCE AT 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2024 OF £2493.54**

INCOME TOTAL :- £50.11

- £0.11 CASHBACK

- **£50.00 – KEVIN GILBERT ANNUAL DONATION ON DIRECT DEBIT**

**EXPENDITURE TOTAL :-**

- **£32.00 – PARKHILL GARDEN CENTRE – PLANTS**

**PREDICTED EXPENDITURE BEFORE NEXT MEETING:-**

Winter plants are now here and planted and the predicted payment of £1100 will be made before next Treasurers Report in November