



KINTORE AND DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Kintore & District Community Council

Held on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7:00pm at Kintore School and via Zoom Video Conference

1) Welcome and Apologies

Community Councillors Present:

LM Laura Murrie, RS Rod Smith, JC Janine Cracknell, AM Alan Milne, AW Anne Wels, DM David MacAllan, AC Angus Cheyne, EL Eve Lamond, JM June Morrison

Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area Committee Officer: Alison Cumming

Ward Councillors Present: Cllr Glen Reid

Members of the Public Present: Wilma Walker, Rory Cameron

Apologies: MM Moira Moran, KM Ken McEwen, FB Fiona Brown, FG Fabio Greatbatch, Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Cllr Jim Gifford, Cllr Trevor Mason

Welcome: The Vice-Chair, Laura Murrie, welcomed all attendees to the meeting once a quorum was confirmed and also noted the apologies.

2) Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3) Minutes of the Previous KDCC Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026

Corrections: No corrections were raised.

Approval: Approved – **David MacAllan**, Seconded – **Anne Wels**

4) Matters Arising; Update on Open Actions

All attendees were reminded that action updates are to be sent to LM via vicechair.kdcc@gmail.com and JC via secretary.kdcc@gmail.com

2024/09/04 – RS to organise water pump training for members of the Kintore Resilience Group.

Update (July): No further update. This action remains linked to the wider resilience programme and will be progressed once autumn resilience activities recommence. **Action in progress.**

2024/09/06 – RS to validate the list of Kintore Resilience volunteers and update any contact details.

Update (July): To be completed alongside water pump training action **2024/09/04**. **Action in progress.**

2025/03/12 – MM to provide the contact details for the Kemnay Community Councillors who are interested in attending the pump training to RS.

Update (July): To be completed alongside water pump training action **2024/09/04. Action in progress.**

2026/01/02 – DM to contact Aberdeenshire Council Planning regarding the wastewater treatment plant for APP/2025/1384 Crichton.

Update (July): DM advised that discussions with planning officers continue regarding proposed revisions to the application. Clarification was received that wastewater would be dealt with through a piped connection rather than by tanker. This item is now on the agenda and the action can be closed. **Action closed.**

2026/02/06 – MM/RS are to prepare a feature for the Autumn edition of the Kintore Connect on the resilience measures an individual can take and protective equipment that can be purchased.

Update (July): It was agreed for this action to be held over until early autumn. **Action in progress.**

2026/02/07 – RS is to organise a meeting of the community resilience group for August 2026.

Update (July): No further update. Meeting arrangements remain under consideration. **Action in progress.**

2026/02/11 – MM is to investigate into whether the Aberdeenshire Council Christmas Lights Policy has changed or there is an active consultation and advise the rest of the KDCC.

Update (July): JC advised that the policy consultation has now been published for public consultation and shared via the Kintore Facebook page. **Action closed.**

2026/03/09 – MM is to continue to investigate into tar removal options for the cobbles located at the base of the fountain in the town square.

Update (July): No further update. Awaiting progression of the wider Fountain restoration project. The item is now on the agenda and the action can be closed. **Action closed.**

2026/03/11 – Cllr Mason is to attempt to establish what is the scale of the Aberdeenshire Council funding for the World Rally Championship 2027 and advise the wider KDCC.

Update (July): Cllr Mason provided an update via correspondence. It was noted that the council's planned contribution has been reduced and alternative funding sources, including sponsorship and Scottish Government support, are being pursued. The action is now complete and can be closed.

Action closed.

2026/03/13 – JC is to co-ordinate KDCC attendees for the Community Council Forums as each date approaches.

Update (July): This has been noted and JC will add Community Council Forum attendance to the preceding months' agenda. May (June meeting), July (September meeting), November (December meeting). MM and JM are to attend the September Community Council Forum. **Action in progress.**

2026/04/05 – RS to organise the tar painting outside Sustainable Roots, The Square and Dossetts Butchers.

Update (July): No further update. Works remain part of the It's Your Neighbourhood programme. **Action in progress.**

2026/04/07 – RS/MM is to discuss with Breedon if they can support the creation of a permanent "Desire Path" behind the welcome to Kintore sign and flowerbed with materials and labour.

Update (July): This is discussed under item 10)a). Breedon have committed to undertake the works entirely. RS to continue to liaise with Breedon to ensure completion. **Action in progress.**

2026/04/15 – JC to feed back the Police reporting feedback to PC Barber.

Update (July): PC Barber was unable to attend. Concerns were raised regarding the generic nature of recent police reports. JC to continue to feed back the KDCC comments raised through the appropriate channels. **Action in progress.**

2026/04/18 – JC is to confirm with Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area Office which community councillors have ALDO logons and whether the logons are still active.

Update (July): JC reminded attendees that community councillors can access a range of online training opportunities via ALDO and requested any councillors requiring access contact her directly. This item was discussed under item 15). Action completed. **Action closed.**

2026/05/01 – JC and MM are to ensure regular posts are added to the Kintore Facebook page re ECU00005225 - Kintore to Tealing Overhead Line Public Inquiry on Friday 19th June 6pm to 8pm.

Update (July): Public Inquiry events have now concluded. The action has been completed. **Action closed.**

2026/05/03 – Cllr Reid will advise of any outcome at the next KDCC meeting following JM forwarding details of the private water supply issues for Leylodge residents and escalation with Aberdeenshire Council planning.

Update (July): Update provided under AOCB, item continues to be prioritised by all interested parties. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/04 – RS is to format a localised version of the Water Safety Scotland Flooding document to make it more relevant to the community.

Update (July): This item is in the early stages. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/05 – AM and JM are to work together with SSEN Transmission to complete the provision of the 2 AEDs to the Leylodge community.

Update (July): Replacement AEDs remain pending through the SSEN procurement process. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/06 – Inverurie Community First Responders posters to be distributed around the communities covered.

Update (July): AM advised that this is on hold due to other issues. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/07 – The Action Kintore attendees agreed to discuss the KDCC proposal of a ringfenced Community Trust for the new Scotia Homes pavilion at the next meeting and to advise MM of the outcome.

Update (July): No Action Kintore meeting has taken place since the previous KDCC meeting and therefore no update is available. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/08 – Cllr Reid agreed to investigate into short-term Bike Track PLI situation with Aberdeenshire Council Legal and advise MM of the outcome.

Update (July): A response is pending from Aberdeenshire Council Legal. **Action in progress.**

2026/05/09 – Cllr Reid confirmed his interest in the long-term Bike/Skate Park project and RS is to copy Cllr Reid in on any future communications with Aberdeenshire Council Legal.

Update (July): This request has been noted. Action can be closed. **Action closed.**

2026/05/12 – JC is to feedback on the Aberdeenshire Council LDP Bid Engagement regarding the area immediately adjacent to Kintore Railway Station that floods on behalf of KDCC once request Planning Officers' recommendations for KDCC is received in early June.

Update (July): JC advised that the engagement had not yet reopened despite expectations it would do so in early June. Follow-up correspondence has been sent and it is anticipated the engagement will open by the end of July. **Action in progress.**

2026/06/01 – MM/DM to prepare and submit the updated KDCC response concerning APP/2025/1240 Hillhead Caravan Park Extension.

Update (July): MM and DM confirmed the updated objection was submitted after obtaining unanimous agreement from the other community councillors via the encrypted chat on WhatsApp. Following consideration by the Garioch Area Committee, a site visit and further review have been arranged. The application remains under consideration. **Action closed.**

2026/06/02 – LM/KDCC to review and comment on the second draft Community Action Plan.

Update (July): LM advised that only minor comments remain to be addressed and the Community Action Plan is close to publication. **Action closed.**

2026/06/03 – Town House – Suggest Action Kintore has a stall at the street party to promote project.

Update (July): MM to email Action Kintore chair. This has been completed and the Action Kintore chair has confirmed they wish to have a stall at the Kintore Street Party. The action can be closed. **Action closed.**

2026/06/04 – MM to arrange for the overgrowth at the entrance to Gauchhill Woods to be addressed.

Update (July): The overgrowth has been cleared. It was noted that the work appears to have been completed by Aberdeenshire Council. **Action closed.**

2026/06/05 – AM/FG/MM to coordinate production of the Fireworks site plan.

Update (July): No further update. Planning activities continue through the Fireworks Committee. **Action in progress.**

2026/06/06 – JC to add the Trades Widows' Fund Charity to the KDCC funding opportunities list.

Update (July): Added to the funding opportunities register. **Action closed.**

2026/06/07 – MM to review the Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum Core Paths Review request.

Update (July): Initial review undertaken. Further consideration will be required before a formal response is submitted. **Action in progress.**

2026/06/08 – MM to establish whether Kintore could be included in a future Integrated Travel Towns project.

Update (July): No further update. **Action in progress.**

2026/06/09 – JC to add the proposal for community walks to a future KDCC meeting agenda.

Update (July): Item discussed and remains under consideration as a potential future community project. **Action closed.**

5) Police Q2 Report & Update on Local Issues

The Police Scotland Quarter 2 Report had been circulated in advance and is attached as **Appendix A**.

Members discussed the continued dissatisfaction with the revised reporting format. It was observed that previous reports had provided meaningful information regarding incidents, trends and policing activity directly relevant to Kintore and District. The current report was considered to be overly focused on broad divisional information, providing little insight into local issues affecting the Kintore and District community.

It was noted that media releases and Police Scotland social media platforms frequently contain more useful local information than is now being provided through the official Community Council reporting process. Members considered this disappointing as one of the primary purposes of community council reporting is to support informed discussions regarding local policing priorities.

The rationale previously provided by Police Scotland for reducing the amount of detailed information was discussed. Members recalled being advised that officers would instead have more opportunity to attend community council meetings and provide updates directly. It was noted that police attendance has not materialised as yet at KDCC, although it is noted that neighbouring community councils have had representation.

The Aberdeenshire Council representative advised that similar concerns have been raised by other community councils. Members agreed that continued feedback should be provided to Police Scotland as per existing action **2026/04/15**.

6) Planning Matters

a) Planning Report.

The Planning Report is attached as **Appendix B**.

Members noted the applications that had been validated or determined since the previous meeting. The approval of the change of use application relating to the former beauty premises on School Road was welcomed, with members understanding that the business expects to commence operations in the near future.

Approval was also noted for revised house types and layout amendments within the Scotia Homes development, including the addition of two residential plots.

b) ECU00005225 – Kintore to Tealing Overhead Line (SSEN).

A detailed update was provided by JM regarding the public inquiry proceedings recently held in Banchory, Tealing, Brechin and Kintore. Members heard that the process had proven substantially more rigorous than many had anticipated. Those attending reported that the appointed reporters had challenged a number of assumptions contained within SSEN Transmission's submissions and had requested further information on several key areas.

Discussion focused on a wide range of concerns raised throughout the inquiry process. These included landscape and visual impacts, environmental effects, health considerations, the impact on agricultural businesses and private properties, and the justification for overhead infrastructure rather than underground alternatives. Members heard that affected landowners and residents across the route continue to express significant concerns regarding the long-term impact on their homes, businesses and quality of life. Particular concern was expressed regarding compulsory purchase implications and the financial consequences that could arise for some landowners. Members noted that examples from other affected communities demonstrated the potentially far-reaching effects of major transmission infrastructure projects.

It was reported that health impacts, which had initially been regarded as being out with scope, have now become a more significant part of the discussions following representations made during the inquiry process. Those involved in attending the inquiry commented positively on the professionalism and impartiality demonstrated by the reporters. Members agreed that the process appeared to be providing a more robust examination of the proposals than many had expected.

KDCC acknowledged the considerable commitment being shown by local residents and community representatives who continue to devote significant time and effort to the inquiry process on behalf of affected communities. Further inquiry sessions and submissions are anticipated later in the year with the first one taking place in September. JM agreed to continue in her role as KDCC Associate Member focused on this ever-expanding item.

c) ECU00006379 - Peterhead to Kintore Overhead Line (SSEN).

Members were advised that the separate transmission project between Peterhead and Kintore continues to progress. It was noted that examination of technical documentation has revealed proposals for additional infrastructure associated with the Kintore substation complex, including additional busbar arrangements. Members expressed concern that these elements

had not featured prominently during public consultation events and discussed the importance of maintaining close scrutiny of all supporting documentation. The Community Council agreed that continued monitoring of both transmission projects remains essential.

JM advised that during the above discussions, another OHL project has been mentioned - BKUP (Blackhillock [near Keith] to Kintore 275kV to 400kV).

d) APP/2025/1240 Hillhead Caravan Park Extension

As per existing action **2026/06/01**, an updated response was prepared and shared with the wider KDCC membership via the encrypted WhatsApp chat. There was unanimous agreement to submit the updated response to Aberdeenshire Council Planning prior to the application being discussed by Garioch Area Committee. KDCC Members were advised that a site visit by the Garioch Area Committee is scheduled for 10am on Tuesday 18th August 2026, with determination expected later in the month. The Community Council discussed the upcoming process and confirmed that KDCC representatives intend to attend the site visit to observe.

Action 2026/07/01 LM/DM/MM

Existing concerns regarding pedestrian safety, active travel connectivity and traffic impacts remain unchanged. Members were also reminded that there remains an opportunity for a KDCC representative to address the committee should this be considered necessary when the application returns for determination. LM/DM to discuss with MM whether a request to speak should be submitted following the site visit on Tuesday 18th August 2026. Request to speak to be sent to the Garioch Area Officer by Friday 21st August 2026. **Action 2026/07/02 LM/DM/MM**

e) APP/2025/1384 Crichton Development Update

An update was provided on discussions surrounding the proposed Crichton development. Members heard that clarification had now been obtained regarding wastewater arrangements. It is understood that wastewater will ultimately connect through existing infrastructure rather than requiring tanker transportation as initially suggested. Members welcomed the additional clarity but agreed that the application should continue to be monitored closely as discussions progress.

f) Community Action Plan Update.

The draft Community Action Plan is now approaching completion. A small number of final comments have been received and are being reviewed before publication. Members noted the extensive amount of work that has been undertaken in preparing the document and welcomed the progress that has been made. It was agreed that the Community Action Plan will be an important document for future project development, funding applications and long-term planning. Members also noted that the findings continue to demonstrate strong community support for many of the projects currently being explored within Kintore. Publication is anticipated following completion of the final review process.

7) Kintore Community Resilience

a) Resilience Plan

No amendments were proposed.

Water Pump Training and Validation of Volunteers

No update was available. These actions remain dependent upon appropriate conditions and available training opportunities.

Water Safety Scotland Flooding Local Version

Members revisited the idea of producing a localised version of the flooding information for Kintore. It was agreed that this would be particularly beneficial in advance of the winter months and should remain under consideration.

b) AEDs

Members were advised that an AED had recently been removed from its cabinet in response to a medical emergency. Although the device was ultimately not required, appropriate checks had subsequently been carried out and the unit had been returned to service. Encouraging progress has been made regarding the provision of additional AEDs through discussions with SSEN.

Members heard that replacement units remain likely for Leylodge and that additional opportunities may now exist for Airlie House and Provost Lawrence Court. AM to liaise with SSEN to confirm the purchase of two more of the preferred AED models. **Action 2026/07/03 AM** JM is in discussions with SSEN regarding existing action **2026/05/05**.

Members welcomed the potential expansion of community coverage, noting the importance of maintaining accessible lifesaving equipment in locations serving vulnerable residents.

Discussions also continued regarding suitable cabinet provision and power supplies. Solar-powered cabinets remain under consideration for locations where access to mains electricity may be problematic.

c) First Responders Replacement Vehicle

A comprehensive update was provided regarding ongoing efforts to establish a charitable organisation capable of securing funding for a replacement vehicle for Inverurie Community First Responders. Members heard that considerable progress has been made but that the process remains more complex than originally anticipated. Additional governance arrangements, trustee requirements and compliance measures have all required substantial work before formal registration can be completed.

Discussion centred on the practical challenges associated with charity formation and the subsequent establishment of banking facilities. Despite obtaining professional advice and support, a number of administrative hurdles remain. To strengthen governance arrangements and address concerns around potential conflicts of interest, additional individuals have now agreed to become trustees. Members welcomed this development and noted that a broader trustee base should strengthen the organisation moving forward. Potential funding opportunities were discussed and members were optimistic that the project would be well placed to attract external funding once the formal structure has been finalised.

The important service provided by local first responders were recognised by all present and there was strong support for continuing efforts to secure a replacement vehicle. It was highlighted that Inverurie First Responders has been nominated for the Unsung Hero Pride of Inverurie Award. AM is to contact the Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area Project Officer to request assistance in moving the ongoing issues forward. **Action 2026/07/04 AM**

8) Kintore Konnect

Preparations for the Autumn edition are underway. The submission deadline for material was confirmed as 7th August 2026.

The principal challenge remains the lack of a longer-term volunteer able to undertake publication design and layout responsibilities. Members discussed a number of possible solutions, including seeking assistance from local colleges, approaching students seeking portfolio experience and

developing a professional template which would simplify future production. It was suggested that establishing a reusable template could significantly reduce the time commitment required to prepare individual editions and make the publication more sustainable in the longer term. Members agreed to continue seeking potential volunteers and contacts with relevant experience. JM will ask a family member if they are able to assist with this task and advise MM. **Action 2026/07/05 JM**

9) Action Kintore

a) The Bothie Update

RS advised that the funding application for solar panels on The Bothie has been submitted.

b) Town House Project

No update was available.

10) Community Projects for Kintore

a) It's Your Neighbourhood 2026

Preparations continue for the Keep Scotland Beautiful judging visit scheduled for Friday 31st July 2026. Members received a positive update regarding recent improvements at Airlie House. Significant work has been undertaken by local volunteers, community groups, SSEN, Scotia and other local businesses. Improvements include landscaping works, refurbishment of planting areas, construction of raised beds and wider environmental enhancements.

Members were particularly encouraged by the response from residents, many of whom have actively engaged with volunteers and expressed their appreciation for the improvements being delivered. Further discussion took place regarding the proposed path behind the Welcome to Kintore sign. Breedon has generously agreed to undertake the works and provide the necessary materials and labour support on their own timescale.

i) Replacement Floral Display Co-ordinator

A detailed discussion took place regarding future arrangements for Kintore's floral displays. Members acknowledged the tremendous contribution made over many years by those responsible for organising and maintaining the town's floral displays. Concerns were expressed regarding the challenge of finding a direct replacement given the scale, role and responsibilities of the position.

The sustainability of the current model was examined. Members considered whether future arrangements might require fewer baskets, different planting approaches or a greater reliance on volunteer teams rather than a single coordinator. Suggestions included increased involvement from gardening groups, schools, youth organisations and other community volunteers. Members agreed that promoting a shared team approach may prove more successful than attempting to recruit a single individual to undertake the entire role.

Recent acts of vandalism affecting floral displays were also noted with disappointment. Members recognised the impact such incidents can have on volunteers who devote considerable time and effort to enhancing the appearance of the town. There was unanimous support for maintaining floral displays within Kintore, although it was recognised that alternative arrangements may be required to ensure long-term sustainability.

ii) The Square Fountain & The Town House Clock

No significant progress was reported. Funding opportunities and potential technical solutions continue to be explored.

b) Progress on Garden Competition

Fourteen entries have been received for the 2026 Garden Competition. Whilst slightly lower than the previous year, members considered this to be a positive level of participation and looked forward to the judging process scheduled for Saturday 1st August 2026.

c) Kintore Community Group Networking Event

Given current workloads and volunteer commitments, it was agreed that this project is unlikely to progress further during 2026.

d) Fireworks Planning

The next meeting will take place Monday 18th August 2026 when preparations are expected to accelerate. Discussions will focus on sponsorship, merchandise, licensing requirements, infrastructure and event planning documentation. AM is to liaise with FG to obtain the fireworks site plan. AM is to join the core fireworks committee going forward. **Action**
2027/07/06 AM

e) Allotments

No update was available.

f) Bike Track

Members received an enthusiastic update regarding a developing community-led initiative to establish a bike track within Kintore. The project has generated significant interest within the community and has already attracted strong engagement through social media. There is a dedicated Facebook page Tuach Track Community Group – Kintore. Members heard that discussions have begun with national cycling organisations, several of which have expressed support for the initiative.

A bike skills event is planned for Monday 3rd August 2026 at Kintore Public Park and will be used to demonstrate demand whilst providing a family-friendly community activity. Temporary features and cycling obstacles will be installed to allow young people and families to experience the concept.

Members were pleased to note the strong alignment between the proposal and priorities identified through the Community Action Plan survey. The principal challenge remains identifying a suitable site, although discussions continue with Aberdeenshire Council and other stakeholders regarding potential locations. The Community Council welcomed the enthusiasm shown by the project group and recognised the significant amount of work already undertaken.

11) Aberdeenshire Councillors' Update

Kintore Railway Station E-Bike Hub

An update was provided regarding the proposed e-bike hub at Kintore Railway Station. Members heard that the project has experienced significant delays due to regulatory approvals and permissions involving the rail network. Progress is now being made and there is optimism that the facility will finally move towards implementation. The project is intended to support sustainable travel and improve local transport options.

Midmill Floodplain Restoration

Members received an update on concerns surrounding restoration works associated with the Midmill floodplain. Further enquiries have been made to ensure that restoration commitments are

fully complied with and that flood storage capacity is protected. Members agreed that maintaining the effectiveness of flood mitigation measures remains an important issue for the community.

12) Funding Opportunities

Several funding opportunities had been circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion focused on the value of maintaining a list of potential community projects that could be progressed when suitable funding opportunities become available. Members agreed that the Community Action Plan should provide the foundation for such a list and that future ideas should be added as they emerge. This would allow KDCC and partner organisations to respond more quickly to grant opportunities. No specific funding applications were approved at this meeting.

13) Correspondence

Community Council Forum

Members noted that the next Community Council Forum will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2026. The agenda is expected to include discussion of alcohol and drug-related issues together with other topics affecting local communities. JM agreed to attend with MM when volunteers were requested by JC; as per existing action **2026/03/13**.

Gateway Kintore Proposal

Members discussed correspondence relating to a proposed mixed-use development at Broomhill Roundabout. The proposal includes a mixture of commercial, industrial, employment and retail uses. Discussion centred on the potential opportunities that could arise for Kintore alongside the importance of ensuring that any future development delivers the benefits promoted during the planning process. The proposal remains at an early stage and KDCC agreed to continue monitoring developments as additional information becomes available. JC/MM to acknowledge the correspondence with an appropriate response. **Action 2026/07/07 JC/MM**

Aberdeenshire Council Community Council Networking Event 2026

Members discussed the proposed Aberdeenshire Council Community Council Networking Event 2026 for Saturday 26th September 2026. KDCC have expressed initial interest in participating in the event. A more detailed response is now required by Thursday 20th August 2026. Members discussed the event. JC/MM is to confirm who will be representing KDCC and complete the form prior to the date. **Action 2026/07/08 JC/MM**

14) Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the monthly positions on the two KDCC accounts; the report is attached as **Appendix C**.

a) KDCC Account - £15,517.20 as at 21st July 2026

£15,517.20, down by £727.02 from £16,244.22

Expenditure during the period included the annual Zoom subscription, website hosting costs, associated transaction fees, Men's Shed rental support and expenditure relating to It's Your Neighbourhood activities at Airlie House.

Income included cashback receipts and reimbursements.

b) Floral Display Account - £536.99 as at 21st July 2026

£536.99, up by £75.00 from £461.99

The account received donations of £50 and £25 from community supporters. Members thanked those who had contributed and noted the continued community support for the floral displays.

c) Kintore Men's Shed Statement of Financials – £2,544.67 as at 21st July 2026

£2,544.67, up by £100 from £2,444.67

Progress towards establishing dedicated banking arrangements continues. Members noted the administrative challenges involved despite charitable status having already been achieved and expressed hope that the remaining issues can be resolved soon.

15) AOCB (Any Other Competent Business)

ALDO Training

Members were reminded that the ALDO training platform remains available and has recently been updated with additional content.

Private Water Supply Issues

A detailed update was received regarding ongoing private water supply problems affecting local households in the vicinity of SSEN works. One household went without a water supply for 15 weeks during 2025 and 3 weeks so far in 2026. Members expressed concern that the issue has remained unresolved for a prolonged period and noted the significant impact this is having on daily family life. The practical challenges associated with maintaining a reliable water supply over such an extended period were discussed.

Whilst investigations and discussions continue, members agreed that a permanent solution must be pursued as quickly as possible and welcomed efforts currently being made to explore alternative options including mains water connections. KDCC agreed to continue monitoring progress.

Martin Ford [Ex-Ward Councillor] Memorial Tree

Members were advised that damage had been identified to the support stake associated with the Martin Ford memorial tree at Kintore Railway Station. Cllr Reid confirmed he would check the status of the tree and advise the wider KDCC. **Action 2027/07/09 Cllr Reid**

Kintore Street Party

Members agreed that KDCC should have a presence at the Kintore Street Party on Saturday 29th August 2026 as an opportunity to promote community initiatives, encourage volunteering and recruit support for future projects. JC and EL both confirmed their willingness to volunteer on the day.

16) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as Tuesday 15th September 2026 at Kintore School and via Zoom.

Appendix A – Police Report
2026 Q2 Garioch Community Police Report

Garioch Community Policing Team CC Report 2026 – Q2

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- [Garioch Community Policing Team \(CPT\) News](#)

There have been no significant changes within the Garioch Community Policing Team during this reporting period.

The team continues to provide a visible and accessible policing presence across the Garioch area.

Members of the Public are reminded that non-emergency matters can be reported by calling 101 or through Police Scotland's online reporting services. Local enquiries can also be directed to the Community Policing email addresses for each area.

Community Based Officer Update from PC Mark Barber

Hello, I'm your local community beat Police Officer, Mark Barber.

I would like to provide an update on the work we have been completing in your communities over the last three months.

A key focus throughout this reporting period has been community engagement and early intervention. Community Policing Officers have visited a number of local primary schools, including Uryside Primary School and Nursery, Midmill Primary School, Crombie Primary School, delivering age-appropriate inputs on the role of the Police, resolving conflict positively, and the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe. These sessions provide an opportunity to build positive relationships with young people while encouraging respectful behaviour from an early age.

I mentioned in the last report that we were conducting a parking initiative, this took place in the month of May, led by Constable Hill. This initiative seen an increased Police presence, particularly around school pick up and drop off times with advice being shared with drivers as well as enforcement action being taken – including advice and tickets being issued, encouraging safer and more considerate parking.

Following a spate of Theft of Shop lifting's, community Policing officers visited local businesses to provide crime prevention and distribute security leaflets. This followed a number of incidents, including the theft of cash from a shop till. Officers took the opportunity to discuss practical measures that can help reduce the risk of further offences while encouraging businesses to continue reporting suspicious activity promptly.

Community engagement, visible Policing and proactive patrols will remain a priority as we move into the busy summer months.

Thank you for your continued support.

- Significant incidents with public interest

During the reporting period, there have been a number of incidents that generated significant public interest across the Garioch area.

In April officers responded to an incident in Inverurie involving allegations of online communication offences against a child. The incident attracted considerable attention both within the local community and on social media. A male was arrested in connection with the enquiry, and investigations remain ongoing.

There was also four Thefts from retail premises within Inverurie, including the theft of cash from shop tills and a robbery. Following extensive enquiries, one male was identified for four of the reported offences. He was subsequently arrested, charged and reported. In response to these incidents, Community Policing Officers visited local businesses to provide crime prevention advice and distribute security guidance to help reduce the risk to staff and help prevent any further offending.

Officers will continue to work proactively with local businesses, partner agencies and the public to address emerging concerns.

Proactive Work

During May 2026, South Aberdeenshire Community Investigation Unit and the Inverurie Roads Policing Unit carried out joint operations to actively target those using the road networks in south Aberdeenshire to transport controlled drugs.

As a result of the operation, a vehicle was stopped and approximately 1kg of Amphetamine and cash were recovered. Two individuals were arrested, charged and reported in connection with the offences.

In a separate incident, officers identified a vehicle dangerously and acting in suspicious circumstances. This vehicle failed to stop for Police, before stopping and running from Police. Two individuals were quickly apprehended and brought into Police Custody. Enquiries resulted in the recovery of Ketamine, cash and a number of mobile phones suspected to be involved in criminality. The individuals were

charged with offences relating to supply of controlled drugs and various road traffic offences.

Road Safety

The Garioch CPT have undertaken speed checks throughout the area and are focusing on driver education following the change in speed limits in many areas. 'Pop up Bob' has been utilised in response to concerns of speeding and has been very well received by residents as showing a notable difference.

During this reporting period, officers have responded to reports regarding the unsafe and illegal use of electric bikes, in particular, Westhill. Increased patrols were carried out, resulting in two electric bikes/ scooters being seized where offences had been identified. The Community Policing Team will work proactively to address concerns surrounding the misuse of electric bikes and improve safety for all road users.

High visibility patrols will continue to be carried out as well as responded to concerns raised by members of the public.

- Recent Operations

During this reporting period, the Community Policing Team carried out a targeted parking initiative within Inverurie following concerns raised by residents, businesses and local stakeholders regarding inconsiderate and unsafe parking.

Officers undertook increased patrols within identified hotspot areas, engaging with motorists, providing advice where appropriate and taking enforcement action where offences were identified. The initiative resulted in improved compliance and demonstrated the positive impact of visible policing presence.

The Community Policing Team will continue to monitor community concerns and undertake targeted operations where appropriate, ensuring Policing activity remains responsive to local priorities.

- Seasonal Advice

Please find attached the June edition of North East Crime Alert. In this edition:

- How one community in the North East have united to beat doorstep crime.
- We explain we conflict across the world has resulted in an increase in GPS thefts in the UK.
- Why fitting a tracker to your campervan or motorhome is important.
- The real-life story of one victim's nightmare experience with rogue traders.
- Cannabis cultivations and advice for landlords and lettings agents.
- Rising fuel costs and speculation about fuel shortages are leading to increased thefts across Scotland. We look at how to increase the security of your fuel storage.

- Planned Activity for next Quarter

The Garioch CPT have already increased foot patrols coming into the summer holidays. A key priority will remain tackling antisocial behaviour through increased high visibility patrols and proactive Policing within identified hotspot areas. Officers will continue to respond to concerns raised by members of the public and we are awaiting funding for these patrols.

Appendix B – Planning Report

Kintore & District Community Council Planning Report as at Friday 16th July 2026

Validated June 2026

- **Alterations and Extensions to Dwellinghouse**

1 Torryburn Court Kintore AB51 0ZN

Ref. No: APP/2026/1096 · Received: Thu 25 Jun 2026 · Validated: Tue 30 Jun 2026 ·

Status: **Awaiting Decision**

Decided June 2026

- **Change of Use from Beauty (Class 1A) to Assembly and Leisure (Class 11) (Retrospective)**

Fusion Fitness 32 School Road Kintore AB51 0UX

Ref. No: APP/2025/1010 · Received: Fri 20 Jun 2025 · Validated: Fri 11 Jul 2025 ·

Status: **Application Approved**

- **Erection of 17 Dwellinghouses (Change Of House Types, Layout and Additional 2 Plots to Planning Permission Reference APP/2023/0872)**

Land Beside Woodside Croft Midmill Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2026/0199 · Received: Fri 06 Feb 2026 · Validated: Wed 04 Mar 2026 ·

Status: **Application Approved**

Validated July 2026

- **Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse**

Greystone Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0YX

Ref. No: APP/2026/1102 · Received: Thu 25 Jun 2026 · Validated: Tue 14 Jul 2026 ·

Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decided July 2026

No results found.

Appendix C – Treasurer's Report

Kintore & District Community Council Treasurers Report

– BANK BALANCES CORRECT AS AT 18 JUL 2026

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 19 JUL 2026 £15517.20 FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21 JUL 2026

DOWN £727.02 FROM £16244.22 REPORTED ON 14 JUN 2026 KDCC MEETING

FIGURES INCLUDE MONEY HELD ON BEHALF OF MENS SHED - £2544.67

BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- £1.27

- £0.09– Cashback on Card
- £1.08 – Cashback on Card
- £0.10 – Cashback on Card

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- £728.29

- £167.88 – Zoom Annual Fees
- £140.60 – Go Daddy Yearly Fees
- £3.86 – Foreign Currency Transfer Fee
- £111.31 – MENS SHED Rent
- £304.64 – IYN Expenses re Airlie House

PREDICTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE DUE BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Money due in before next meeting

Various Kintore Konnect Advertising Fees

Money due out before next meeting

None known

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FLORAL DISPLAY ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 19 JUL 2026 £536.99 FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21 JUL 2026

UP £75.00 FROM £461.99 REPORTED ON 16 JUN 2026 KDCC MEETING

BANK MOVEMENT

INCOME TOTAL :- £75.00

- £50 – Anonymous Donation
- £25 – Named Donation

EXPENDITURE TOTAL:- £0

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