

Adopting Grit Bins Meeting of the Kintore & District Community Council

Held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 7pm via Zoom Video Conference



KINTORE AND DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Welcome and Apologies

Present: MM Moira Moran, LM Laura Murrie, RS Rod Smith, JC Janine Cracknell, AC Angus Cheyne, FB Fiona Brown, EL Eve Lamond, DM Dave MacAllan, AW Anne Wels

Apologies: FG Fabio Greatbatch, KM Ken McEwen, AM Alan Milne

MM, the chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending at short notice. A quorum was confirmed and the meeting could proceed as 9 of the 12 community councillors were in attendance. The KDCC quorum is currently 4 community councillors.

This meeting was to discuss and reach agreement on the “Adopt A Grit Bin” proposal from Aberdeenshire Council, sent on 13th October 2025. This invited community councils and associations to consider adopting some of the Aberdeenshire Council grit bins before they are removed. It is proposed that of the 57 grit bins currently provided within the boundaries of Kintore & District, 13 will remain and 44 grit bins are marked for removal. The decision to stop the filling of grit bins that no longer meet the grit bin provision criteria was taken as part of Aberdeenshire Council’s budget setting process in February 2025.

Two screen captures highlighting the grit bins that are being removed (red dots) and the grit bins that are remaining (green dots) are included as **Appendix A**.

The proposal has been discussed at the October 2025 and November 2025 KDCC meetings and also extensively out with these on the KDCC encrypted WhatsApp group. A large amount of research into costings, the potential liabilities and how adopting any grit bins would be managed had also taken place prior to the meeting and shared with all attendees.

All community councillors were invited to present their views on the matter before a vote was taken. After extensive and wide-reaching discussions, a unanimous vote was taken against adopting the grit bins that have been marked for removal with no exceptions.

It was agreed that the chair and secretary would communicate this decision to Aberdeenshire Council prior to the deadline of midday on 19th December 2025 via email. The chair agreed to communicate this to the wider community utilising the Kintore and Kintore Folk Facebook pages for this purpose. The chair would directly contact the residents who have raised their concerns with KDCC already.

Appendix A – Grit Bins being removed (red dots) and Grit Bins that are remaining (green dots)

