**Unapproved Minute of the Kintore and District Community Council**

Held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 16th January 2024 online (Zoom)

**1.Welcome & Apologies**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees and Apologies

Community Councillors Present – Moira Moran, Jim Reid, Ken McEwen, Lesley M, Alan Milne, Eve Lamond, Mo Thorburn

Cllrs: Jim Gifford/Glen Reid/Trevor Masson

Guest Attendees – June Morrison, Eric and Elizabeth Masson, Sandy and Elaine Wilson and Doug Sharp

Apologies: Claire, Rachel, Janine, Cllr Lonchay

**2.Declarations of Interest**

Jim Reid currently has a planning application lodged so will leave the meeting when the agenda point is discussed.

**3.Minutes of the Nov Meeting**

Corrections – None

 KDCC Sept Minutes Approval – JR/AM

**4. Matters Arising. Update on Open Actions**

none

**5.Police Report**

The Police report was received for the current period.

Assault 2, housebreaking/theft – 2, Public Nuisance, 1, Road Traffic other 9, Road Accidents 9, Drugs 1

There have been more speed checks lately and they will continue to do this. Overall, this is another good report with low levels of incidents /crime reported.

**6.Planning Matters**

* Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse 1 Burnside Cottages Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0YJ
* Change of Use Agricultural Land to Domestic Garden Ground, Formation of Tennis Court/Five Aside Football Pitch and Erection of Pavilion. Forest Villa Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0YU
* Siting of Modular Portable Office. Jim Reid Vehicle Sales Unit 5 Morrison Way Craigearn Business Park Kintore. Aberdeenshire AB51 0TH
* Installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with Installed

Capacity of 49.9MW, Substation and Associated Infrastructure Land to The East of Kintore Substation Leylodge Kintore AB51 0XY Installation of Solar PV Panels. Donald Russell Ltd Carnie Road Kintore AB51 0QH

* APP/2023/2355 | Erection of Dwellinghouse | Site to West of Whinstone Station Road Kintore Aberdeenshire. A neighbour mentioned that he wasn’t made aware about the application. Glen Reid will email the planning office to find out why there was no notification.
* Updated Submission Scotia Homes

APP/2023/0872 | Conditions 1 (a) Siting, Design, Layout, External Appearance, Finishing Materials; (b) Design Statement; (c) Landscaping; (d) Levels Survey and Site Sections; (e) Means of Access; (f) Car Parking and Turning Areas; (g) Footpaths to B994 and B987, including Bus Stops; (h) Flood Risk Assessment; (i) Details of Water Bodies, including Method Statements; (j) Foul and Surface Water Disposal; (k)Waste Management Plan of Planning Permission in Principle APP/2017/0288 | Land Beside Woodside Croft Midmill Kintore Aberdeenshire

Scotia Objections were raised by KDCC but they haven’t all been addressed.

* Hill of Fare Windfarm proposal – they are looking for support from community councils. We need to decide whether to support or reject. JR mentioned that if one large development comes to the area it will be the start of many large projects that we may not necessarily want. JG mentioned that we are only being asked for our views and won’t get to determine if it goes ahead. These projects due to new legislation are getting to bypass going through local authority. JG has urged the KDCC to raise concern regarding this.
* Support for the pylon project – there are a lot of community councils involved. They want to replace what’s there for bigger pylons. There may be less. As a community council it was agreed this should be supported.
* Leylodge Development – MM sent out the map of the development. Huge concerns were raised from residents. Battery storage/Hydrogen Plant/Pipelines/flooding/noise/light pollution/increased road traffic/house prices were noted. This will affect 40 residents in total. Cavendish advised they will be doing noise surveys in February. KDCC asked if other sites could be considered. A resident’s group has been formed. The KDCC are in support of doing the best for the residents. EM (Leylodge resident) mentioned that a meeting was called in Skene and only 7 people could make it. This was mostly due to being not being able to travel there which was unfair. JR noted that there were absolutely no benefits from this project to the local community. JM has written to the First Minister with little response.

Planning enforcement can be contacted if you think that anything is different from the original plans. GR has contacted them already to address certain points. There are other community groups that can be contacted for advice that have been through rejecting projects.

**7.Community Resilience/AED’s**

GR has a meeting planned with Network Rail/SEPA and Lee from the flood team. Aberdeenshire Council has a drafted remit in place. Funding will pay for the design of the flood defence.

Kingsfield Road will be inspected. Along with a drain in the field.

Rolo Mire – They have discovered that the lane is lower than the road. Sandbags have been offered in the meantime. Work was carried out in Malcolm Allan’s field, and this seemed to encourage the speed of water that ended up in the burn. There is no flow control. SEPA were notified and have compiled a report.

The water supply has been cut off in a field leased in Kintore. This has been discussed with the landowner with no success. Doug has asked GR to assist.

The resilience group has grown over the past 12 months at currently 76 people. JR will ask everyone who will be able to be active volunteers so there is a core group on hand to help.

MM has managed to get 3 new pumps from SSEN worth over 5k.

AED’s – the only issue is that people are taking the defibrillators to use but the ambulance service are not aware. They may direct someone who calls for help to an AED that isn’t necessarily there. There are 6 in total. AM has written to the ambulance service regarding this.

**8. Kintore Konnect**

There has been a huge interest in advertising. Business sponsors have been signed up. Just 2 to get.

Adverts need to be in by 10/02/24. Ashleigh is able to help with this issue. Christopher George will be able to help us with the KK going forward.

**9.Action Kintore**

A Burns Night fundraiser is planned at Kintore Golf Club on 27/01/24. 96 bookings in total.

Forest road lighting

Signposting and Forest Road lighting issues still ongoing.

**10.Community Projects**

Spring Clean looking for volunteers anyone interested MM can send details.

Local Place Plan – a meeting is scheduled for March. MM/JR attending.

The big bulb plant went ahead. We had 30 volunteers and planted around 1000 bulbs in 2 hours. We will receive perennials in March to plant from the project. The walled area in front of the townhouse could be a good location to plant.

The Welcome to Kintore sign can now go ahead. We got a reduction from Rood signs. It will be installed on 31/01/24

**11. Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update**

No update

**12. Aberdeenshire Councillors report**

GR

The sign for the Bothie was removed as it didn’t fit with Council policy although put up in the first place by the Council. A sign stating community centre can be put up.

Disabled parking spot, Gauchhill – The council has said they don’t know if there will be any resources for this.

Incident at the COOP. They are looking to put a sign up to warn motorists about exiting.

Midmill School – complaints about gritting of the road and pavements. This has been raised with Roads. GR will update us on this.

There is no pedestrian sign on the road leading up to Hillhead. GR has raised this with Roads.

There has been equipment organised to play Tennis recreationally at Kintore School. Robertsons still need to line the court. This has been raised with them.

TM

There have been problems with bin collections lately. This is down to staff shortages and change of routes. MM mentioned that her waste/recycling was all put into one collection lorry. TM will follow this up.

The budget for 24/25 is tight. If there are any saving ideas from the KDCC they will be welcomed.

LM suggested that you could save on grass cutting by only making a path and planting wildflowers elsewhere.

**13. Correspondence**

MM has been sending as received.

**14. Funding Opportunities**

Action Kintore are dealing with the shared prosperity fund. MM/JR will look at all funding opportunities this week. There is a good opportunity from the National Lottery Community Fund.

**15. Treasurers Report**

Bank balance as at Sunday 14th January 2024 £12,289.54

Down £833.78 from Bank Balance on 19th of November + £13,123.32

Income Total - £1688

£1508.00 from Kintore Konnect Advertising Invoices plus £100 from Jim Reid for distribution

of leaflet within magazine.

£100 – Raised from ticket sales to win Bottle’s & Chocolates – Kintore Resilience Group

£80.00 – Donation from Alan Sheridan, Nicol Road

This means we have now received a total of £530.00 to be ring fenced for spending on

Kintore Resilience Group Equipment – within the bank account

Expenditure -total £2521.78

Genny Hire £888.78 – which is approx £300 cheaper than quote for Generator

McKenzie Print £1633.00 – for Winter Issue of Kintore Konnect

Income due in

Money due in during January £600 (for 5 Kintore Konnect business sponsors on rear page all repeat)

still to be invoiced.

Expenditure due

Rood Signs - £778.90 for Welcome to Kintore Sign

Kintore Community Council Floral Display Account

Balance as of 15th of January 2024 + £1142.29

No change from balance at of 19th of November 2023 £1142.29

Income :- Will check with Sue Parrot to see what is due from Aberdeenshire Council

Expenditure :- Will check with Sue again to find out full costs to establish what Sponsorship and

Fundraising is required

We need to decide if the bank accounts should be combined.

MM will circulate a list of local businesses that we could all ask for donations towards the floral account.

**16. AOB**

Donna has decided to stand down from the Community Council due to time constraints. Claire Campbell will become an associate member and continue to minute the meetings.

Our insurance is up for renewal. MM sorting this.

Garden competition – The last resident from Kintore who won the best kept garden was Jim’s Father. We have decided to do this again. We will advertise this in the Kintore Konnect.

Tidy Towns – JR has suggested we join the initiative.

**17. Date of next meeting**

Scheduled for 20/02/24