

Approved Minutes of the Kintore & District Community Council

**Held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:00pm by
Zoom Video Conference**



KINTORE AND DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. Welcome and Apologies

MM welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Community Councillors present: MM Moira Moran, JR Jim Reid, JC Janine Cracknell, AM Alan Milne, KM Ken McEwen, AC Angus Cheyne, EL Eve Lamond, DM David MacAllan, LAM Laura Murrie

Ward Councillors present: Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Cllr Jim Gifford

Members of the Public present: FG Fabio Greatbatch

Apologies: LEM Lesley Monaghan, DH Donna Heron, Cllr Glen Reid, Cllr Trevor Mason

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

2. To consider the special resolution as detailed below.

The special resolution is the proposed amendment of the maximum number of persons as stated in the Kintore & District Community Council constitution under section 3. Membership from 11 to 15.

MM opened the special meeting and led a brief discussion regarding the proposed constitution amendment to section 3 Membership of Kintore & District Community Council from 11 to 15. There was total consensus, and the special resolution was passed unanimously by the 9 community councillors present. The KDCC constitution will be updated to reflect this change. JC to send the minutes to the Garioch Area Committee Officer, and it is expected that FG will receive confirmation from the Aberdeenshire Council Garioch Area Committee Officer that they are now a full member. The KDCC members voted unanimously to co-opt FG during the business meeting held on 19th November 2024. JC is to manage this process to completion. **Action JC**

MM closed the special meeting, and the Community Council went on to undertake a business meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

All attendees for the special meeting remained for the business meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

AM advised the attendees that they had an interest in agenda item 14b) Funding

Opportunities – Funding Inverurie First Responders. It was agreed that AM would step away from the meeting when this item was discussed. FG, member of the public, also has an interest in this and will not participate in the funding discussions.

3. Minutes of the November Meeting

- a) Corrections - none
- b) Approval – Angus Cheyne/David MacAllan

4. Matters Arising; Update on Open Actions

- *JC to request ALDO training logons for all community councillors to Area Committee Officer. KDCC members have applied for ALDO logons where required and the action 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. No further progress as yet. Action to be carried over until the next meeting. **Action AM/DH***
- *JR to validate the list of Kintore Resilience volunteers and update any contact details. This action is being progressed and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action JR***
- *MM 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. There has been no repetition of the delay in the signs being put out in the last two months. The action is to be closed but will be reopened if the issue reoccurs.*
- *AM to investigate into funding options for the First Photographics replacement defibrillator. AM is to send a formal costing of the replacement defibrillator to match the other Kintore based units to MM in order for AM/MM together to apply for SEN funding. **Action AM/MM***
- *MM to validate the contact details of the Kintore Konnect delivery volunteers. Action has been completed and can be closed.*
- *MM/AM to work on a KDCC response objecting to APP/2024/1604 in support of Leylodge residents and submit once agreed with other KDCC members over WhatsApp. MM/AM/DM/AC met after the last meeting and formulated a response to this application on behalf of the KDCC. The draft of this response was shared with the whole of KDCC via WhatsApp and was agreed unanimously. The response was sent before the deadline. This action has been completed and can be closed.*
- *SEN have agreed to fund a defibrillator at Leylodge for residents. AM to liaise with SEN to facilitate this. SEN are providing two new defibrillators with one of them being situated for public access. SEN to work with the chair of Leylodge Against Industrialisation group to agree the location. KDCC involvement in this item has been completed and the action can be closed.*
- *AM to liaise with Scotia Homes to facilitate a defibrillator within the Town Park development at the next CLG meeting. This action is pending and will be carried over until*

the next meeting. **Action AM**

- *MM/JR to conduct an investigation into whether a public convenience at the Northern Road site is feasible.* MM attempted to apply for SEN funding for a public convenience. The application was rejected as the project did not have a regional reach. It was agreed to keep this action open and look for alternative funding options as well as alternative uses for the plot. MM encouraged other KDCC members to visit the plot and come back with alternative suggestions. KDCC have permission to access the plot via the neighbouring garden on Northern Road. **Action MM/KDCC**

- *LEM 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.* Action is pending and will be carried over to the next meeting. **Action LEM**

- *MM to advise "Save Kintore Community Library" coordinators when Garioch Area Committee will be discussing the possible closure of Kintore Library. MM to advise the process to follow in order to speak at Garioch Area Committee.* This action is pending and will be carried over until the next meeting. **Action MM**

- *Cllr Reid to advise KDCC when the proposed closure of Kintore Library is due to be discussed at Garioch Area Committee in early 2025.* This action is pending and will be carried over to the next meeting. **Action Cllr Reid**

- *JC to include KDCC Structure and allocation of areas of responsibility in the next KDCC meeting agenda.* This is discussed under item 5; the action remains open. **Action KDCC**

- *JC to request the Police Reports return to a monthly format,* PC Mark Barber has agreed to the change in frequency from next month onwards. The action has been completed and can be closed.

- *Cllr Reid to ask Aberdeenshire Council if there is any Aberdeenshire Council owned land suitable for allotments around Kintore.* Cllr Reid has reported back to KDCC that there is a plot of land between School Road and Tuach Hill that could be suitable for allotments. It was agreed to post on social media to gauge community interest as this would require a sub-group to take this item forward. The original action has been completed and can be closed. A social media post is to be shared on Facebook to ask for interested parties to contact KDCC to confirm there is still an appetite for allotments in Kintore. **Action MM**

- *Cllr Reid to investigate into why Kintore Academy Parent Council has not received the annual £500 maintenance grant payment for 2024.* This action has been completed and can be closed.

- *JC to contact Kemnay Community Council and Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council to request a representative attends Kemnay Academy Parent Council meetings going forward.* This action has been completed and can be closed.

- *JC to contact Kemnay Academy Parent Council to offer surplus cups and lids from the fireworks night for fundraising purposes.* JC/EL offered via email, to give the surplus cups to Kemnay Academy Parent Council for their use directly following the KDCC meeting held on 19th November 2024. This was declined as refreshments tend to be arranged by pupils and specific school faculties. This action has been completed and can be closed.

- *Cllr Reid to advise KDCC on the outcome of their meeting with the Garioch Manager from AHSCP at the next meeting.* This action is pending and will be carried over to the next meeting. **Action Cllr Reid**

- *AM to provide formal costings to MM for the funding of a covered trailer for KDCC use.* AM/MM investigated into possible funding from SSEN, and this was rejected. The action is to be closed until alternative funding sources can be identified.

5. KDCC Structure and allocation of areas of responsibility

This item relates to the action under Matters Arising. Further discussion of this item occurred, and it was agreed MM would circulate the list of proposed sub-groups to the KDCC members via the private WhatsApp group. All KDCC members are to consider which of the sub-groups they wish to join with interest and/or experience in. There was agreement that a more formalised structure for KDCC should be adopted with process, governance and succession planning in mind. This would consist of specific areas of responsibility associated with named individuals. Sub-groups will be set up; for example, Planning, Resilience, Events (including fireworks). Community projects, Funding, Communication (including Kintore Konnect).

6. Police Report & update on local issues

The Police report is attached under Appendix A. This report covers the period of 1st November – 31st December 2024. MM talked through the report, there were no questions raised. Going forward the reports will revert to a monthly format, as agreed with PC Mark Barber.

7. Planning Matters

Please see Appendix B for the planning report, see additional comments below. MM talked through the planning report.

APP/2024/1604 – Hydrogen Plant KDCC Response – The Aberdeenshire Council have engaged a landscape consultant who has concluded there will be a significant impact should the plant be built as per the existing application.

ENQ/2024/1663 - Installation of a 200MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Associated Infrastructure Land Surrounding Womblehill Farm Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0XJ – MM confirmed that this enquiry has led to Aberdeenshire Council Planning Service stating that there is a potential cumulative effect along with the other developments in Leylodge. The potential cumulative impact relates to the landscape, visual impacts and noise. It was concluded that an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) would be required for this proposal.

PPA-110-2460 - Full Planning Permission For Extension To Caravan Park, Erection Of 18 Holiday Lodges, Amenity Building And Formation Of Mobile Caravan Pitching Sites – An appeal has been lodged with the Scottish Government. This relates to the refused application APP/2023/1266. KDCC received an email on 30/12/2024 with an attached letter dated 27/12/2024 and a deadline to respond, if necessary, within 14 days of the date on the letter. MM formulated a response on behalf of KDCC, reiterating concerns on the unchanged impact to Hillhead Croft. The draft of this was shared via the private WhatsApp group and no objections were raised by the other members of KDCC.

ENQ/2024/1343 – Land to West of A96 between Thainstone and Port Elphinstone Roundabouts (B993) LDP Allocated Sites OP5, OP6 and the Northernmost Parcel SR1 (part of), Crichtie, Inverurie – This was discussed at the Garioch Area Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025. MM attended this remotely on behalf of KDCC as an observer. The masterplan for this development has been revised by the developers, was discussed, and agreed. Concerns were raised by some attendees regarding the increase in the number of houses, the impact on the GP practice, traffic congestion and non-adherence to the required 20-minute walking communities. It was commented that the public consultations were exclusively in Inverurie, even though the site for the development is within Kintore & District's Community Council area.

8. Kintore Community Resilience

a) Resilience Plan – The Resilience group was stood up during the melting of the snow, but no flooding occurred. The funding for SSEN has been received and is being spent on a number of items for use in an emergency event. These items include thermos flasks, hand warmers, gas stoves and pump-up beds. The waders are yet to be ordered.

b) AEDs – AM advised that the issue of Scottish Ambulance not switching off the availability of a defibrillator from the SAS circuit when they have instructed a member of the public to go and retrieve that particular defibrillator continues. The British Heart Foundation run the SAS circuit. Known as "The Circuit" it is a network of defibrillators across the United Kingdom that help Ambulance Services locate defibrillators in emergencies and provides information about the defibrillators to the emergency services. AM is to contact Scottish Ambulance on this matter and will advise further at the next meeting. **Action AM**

9. Kintore Konnect

JR, MM, KM work to produce the quarterly Kintore Konnect with a designer and printers. The next edition will be the spring issue and the deadline for submitting articles and adverts is 7th February 2025. The target deliverable date will be 1st March 2025 for distribution. Some long-term advertisers are nearing the end of their paid period, most will be renewing. There was collective agreement that this would benefit from additional person/s becoming involved in the ongoing production of this community publication. This would increase the visibility of other members of KDCC with community groups and businesses. MM asked for suggestions for a local hero for the spring edition of Kintore Konnect. AM was proposed and unanimously agreed.

10. Action Kintore

a) The Bothie Update

The Bothie's Youth and Volunteer Co-ordinator has reported that the groups are continuing to work very well. The young people requested a visit from Kintore Fire Brigade and to find out about Kintore Town House. The Co-ordinator is to travel to Birmingham to represent The Bothie at the UK Youth Conference. SSEN funding is expected to be applied for to replace the fascias on The Bothie by Action Kintore members.

b) Town House Project

The renovation plan for Kintore Town House is proceeding slowly as was predicted.

11. Community Projects for Kintore

- a) **Kintore School Garden Project** – Earthworks are part of this now major project, and it is no longer a community project for KDCC alone. A request for volunteers from Its Your Neighbourhood has been made. Going forward, this will be considered as part of It's Your Neighbourhood 2025.
- b) **It's Your Neighbourhood 2025** – It's Your Neighbourhood 2025 is a non-competitive scheme run by the Royal Horticultural Society. It was suggested that Kintore could enter Beautiful Scotland instead, which is a competitive scheme also run in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. A suggestion to crowdfund towards the cost of the flowers was also made. An extensive discussion took place and the KDCC members voted and agreed to post on social media asking the community for volunteers to help and also if their preference is for It's Your Neighbourhood 2025 or Beautiful Scotland 2025. **Action JR**

The flood lights have been installed on the Town House as planned. An issue has been encountered with the installation of the electrical cabling required. It is necessary to drill through the solid granite wall, which due to the incredible thickness has not proved to be successful as yet. It is hoped this will be completed shortly and the flood lighting will then be operational.

- c) **Fireworks Night 2025** – All KDCC attendees agreed with holding a fireworks night this coming year. The fireworks proprietor and operator, FireworX Scotland, is already getting busy around 5th November 2025. MM has provisionally booked Sunday 2nd November 2025 due to the success of holding last years event on a Sunday. All KDCC members agreed with this. EL agreed to act as this event's co-ordinator.
- d) **CLAN Book Bench Trail 2025** – This is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) **The Voice – QR Codes – Kintore Historical Places** – An alternative name for this is Benchmark Kintore and this project will be also known as this going forward. Neil Weightman, from Weightman Digital, has been paid 50% of his invoice to produce the recordings and load them onto the Kintore website. JR is meeting with him shortly to progress this project. The appropriateness of having local voices was raised and a discussion followed. An alternative would be for Mr Weightman to record all of them himself to speed up the process and ensure uniformity to the quality of the recordings. There is a time pressure due to the grant requirement to submit the invoices to Aberdeenshire Council before the end of March 2025. The KDCC members voted and agreed to ask Mr Weightman to record them all. The local people who had previously volunteered will be thanked for their interest.
Action JR
- f) **Public Convenience located on Northern Road** – This agenda item relates to the open action under Matters Arising. Alternative funding will be considered for this project.

12. Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update – JC advised that the first meeting

under new leadership took place on 14th January 2025. Minutes were not published before the meeting due to some confusion and delays with handing things over from previous office bearers. The email address is going to be closed down and then reopened as it has 32,000 unread emails from previous years. A representative from Kemnay Community Council attended. Sadly, due to the unexpected death of the chair of Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council no one from there attended.

The headteacher advised that staff absence has improved, although there are two more resignations which will be recruited for. The headteacher is going to be publishing the new "Vision Statement and Values." The new vision statement is 'Working together to create a supportive, respectful, and friendly environment where everyone can achieve, fulfil their potential, and be happy through hard work, kindness and personal growth.' It is summarised by the new tag line of "Work Hard, Be Kind, Grow." The revised values are Respect, Kindness and Determination. The Headteacher is going to share the school's new bullying policy entitled "Promoting Positive Relationships" with the parent council attendees and has requested feedback before it is shared with the wider parent and carer body.

The parent council discussed the snow days which took place in the first week of term and the headteacher agreed there was some inconsistency between the bus operators. Also, he has requested that parents and carers do not bring their children into school if the child's bus is not running. There was another discussion regarding fundraising. The member who is taking the lead on this suggested looking to grant opportunities and also approaching companies for funding of big projects. A pupil designed and produced Calendar or Recipe Book were discussed and it was agreed that the timelessness of a Recipe Book would have greater longevity than a Calendar. Detailed costings are going to be provided at the next meeting.

A draft communication plan for the parent council was discussed and with minimal changes will be sent out to the wider parent and carer body. It has been clarified that the Microsoft TEAMS system is not for parental or carer use and any communication from parents and carers should be directed to the school office or appropriate guidance teacher. If the issue is of a serious nature, an email sent to the school address for the attention of the headteacher is the most appropriate method. The headteacher agreed to provide Key Dates such as parent evenings, exams and school closures on correspondence sent from school to help parents and carers plan ahead.

It was agreed that a working group of teachers and parents should be set up to investigate into what pupil reporting is needed. The headteacher has moved from a school that does not do any written reporting but has much more frequent parent evenings. The toilet misuse continues and has led to several of the toilets being closed to pupils for several weeks. The unisex toilets on the ground floor have been found to be more successful as there is no external door for the pupils to hide behind. The headteacher is investigating into the costs of changing all toilets to this layout. It would require all toilet cubicle doors being changed to a floor to ceiling design and its cost is likely to be prohibitive.

A new policy regarding mobile phone use is to be circulated in the coming weeks. It is going to be a substantial change to the current policy. JC suggested that the parent council could provide an article for the next Kintore Konnect, similar to other local organisations. This was thought to be a good idea. The Kemnay community councillor suggested something similar for the Kemnay newsletter. JC to advise the Kemnay Academy Parent Council Chair and Vice Chair of the Kintore Konnect spring edition deadline. **Action JC**

13. Aberdeenshire Councillors' Update – Cllr Gifford advised that the Aberdeenshire Council budget is the main focus at this time. There are no HSCP reserves as these were utilised last year, this is adding to the challenge. There is an emerging issue relating to the required upgrade of the operating system on school-based PCs to Windows 11. It has been identified that a significant proportion of these PCs are too old to be upgraded. KDCC were asked to contact the Scottish Government's Deputy First Minister to plead the case for additional funding. Cllr Gifford is to provide the relevant email address and the KDCC will consider this request. **Action Cllr Gifford/KDCC** The serious nature of trying to balance the Aberdeenshire Council budget was echoed by Cllr Lonchay.

MM had provided the attendees with a document detailing Kintore Library usage since 2017 in preparation for the meeting, see Appendix C, and an extensive discussion regarding the potential closure of Kintore Library followed. The consultation meeting held at short notice on Thursday 12th December in Kintore Library was very well attended with representatives from KDCC, Hatton of Fintray Community Council, Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council and a representative for the Member of Parliament for Gordon and Buchan. There were also numerous members of the public who could not all be accommodated in the allocated space. Questions were raised during the KDCC meeting regarding the increased expenditure of Aberdeenshire Council on employee salaries. It was agreed that the biggest cost to Aberdeenshire Council is the people. There was a discussion regarding the reported cutbacks to ARCH (Aberdeenshire Responders for Care at Home) Responders which is a 24-hour service for unplanned and urgent care needs. The service is available 365 days a year. There was concern that this could impact frail and elderly members of the public. Cllr Gifford is going to investigate into this and advise KDCC. **Action Cllr Gifford** MM referred to an article in the local press, where there was a reported saving of £4.2m since November 2024 as claimed by the leader of Aberdeenshire Council. MM requested that a breakdown of this saving be provided to KDCC at the next meeting in order to advise the wider community. Cllr Gifford agreed to investigate and advise accordingly. **Action Cllr Gifford**

14. Funding Opportunities – MM requested that all KDCC members consider what items could funding be applied for, out with those stated below:

- a) **SEN Grants** – As stated under The Bothie update earlier, it is believed that £5,000 is being applied to SEN to fund the replacement of the fascias on The Bothie.
- b) **Funding Inverurie First Responders** – The KDCC members were asked to consider if it was appropriate for MM to assist Inverurie First Responders in applying for funding. There was unanimous support for this. The Inverurie First Responders are conducting numerous presentations and demonstrations in the community and there is a requirement for a projector screen. It was unanimously approved to gift £100 or thereabouts from the profits of the 2024 Kintore Fireworks Night to Inverurie First Responders to purchase this item. To assist Inverurie First Responders, JR will order the required projector screen (up to the value of £100 or thereabouts) and arrange delivery to AM. **Action JR**
- c) **Kintore Floral Display** – The co-ordinator of the Kintore floral displays will be applying for ASDA community funding to create or enhance community growing projects and has requested assistance from KDCC to complete the application. JR/MM are to assist with this matter. **Action JR/MM**

15. Correspondence

- Community Council Forum – Trading Standards. Now receiving Scams bulletins, Robert McKinney keen to run something relevant in Kintore with our support and guidance.
- A96 Corridor public consultation until 25th Feb 2025.
- SSEN Pathway to 2030 online seminar – Tuesday 4th Feb 2025 2pm to 3pm.
- SSEN Kintore to Tealing 400kV overhead line public event – Monday 24th February 2pm to 7pm – KDCC members who are available during this period are encouraged to attend at some point.
- SSEN online seminar to outline business plan for the RIIO-T3 price control running from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031 – Monday 27th January 2pm to 3pm, AC has registered and will be attending.
- Aberdeenshire Council has sent an email proposing a new street name for the Scotia Homes development. The proposed name is McIntosh and would be for Phase 1. KDCC need to respond before the beginning of March with either agreement or an alternative suggestion. Any alternative suggestions would need to have a supporting case and need to be a Scottish Surname. JC is to investigate into the significance and relevance of McIntosh and advise KDCC accordingly. **Action JC**

16. Treasurer's Report

JR talked through the status of the Kintore Community Council Account and Kintore Community Council Floral Display Account. See Appendix D for the Treasurer's Report.

a) KDCC Account – There were a number of generous donations received in the previous two-month period. Kintore Kids Club and Lina Moles were thanked by KDCC for their generous donations. Due to Aberdeenshire Council no longer providing any flowers to the Kintore Floral Display group, it is necessary to make up the shortfall from KDCC funds. It was proposed to transfer £1,000 from Kintore Community Council Account to Kintore Floral Display account and this proposal was passed unanimously by KDCC. JR to transfer £1,000 and advise KDCC when this has been actioned via the private WhatsApp group. **Action JR**

b. Floral Display Account – No additional comments made.

17. AOCB – An enquiry has been raised via the website regarding the dilapidated state of the former Torryburn Hotel. This has been responded to, explaining that as the property is privately owned, there is nothing the KDCC can do to motivate the owner to tidy up the site. It is noted that the Kintore flood study is due to take place this year and the removal of the layer of topsoil at the former football pitches in Midmill has commenced in order to lower the height of the area by 1.5m.

Date of next monthly meeting Tuesday 18th February 2025.

Appendix A – Police Report



GARIOCH COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM **VISIBLE, ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE**

Community Council: Kintore

Reporting Period: 1st November to 31st December 2024

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	November and December 2024
Assault	1	9 (4 included in

		same incident)
Housebreaking/Theft	7	3
Public Nuisance	8	8
Road Traffic	4 incidents and 4 others	2 incidents and 2 others
Drugs	3	2

Assault – Includes all recorded instances of violence.

Housebreaking – includes all break ins to domestic and commercial premises, including attempted break ins.

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 was 5 reported Assault(s) during this reporting period, 4 of which are detected with the offenders having been dealt with and 1 in which there is still enquiries being conducted. There is one incident that resulted in 4 Police assaults, the offender has been dealt with and there is no risk to the wider community.

Housebreaking/Theft:

There have been 3 reported Theft(s). 2 incidents are undetected with one relating to a Theft by shop lifting. 1 incident has been detected, and the offender has been dealt with.

Public Nuisance:

There have been 8 reports of public nuisance during this period which relates to youths within the community. Incidents included youths throwing stones off commercial premises and various residential properties, alongside anti-social behaviour around the town hall and church hall.

Road Traffic:

This period has seen 2 reported collisions/ obstructions. All these are minor in nature, some of which do not meet the criteria for Police attendance.

There have been 2 other road traffic issues. All relate to Road Traffic Offences for which the drivers have been dealt with.

Drugs:

There have been 3 incidents of drug possession.

Significant Crime/Issues within Your Community:

The Community Police Team is aware of the on-going issues with youths and the anti-social behaviour this can bring.

In early December there was a rise in anti-social behaviour in which Police were aware of local community groups being disturbed by groups of youths. There was an operation with mobile patrols carried out around 'peak times' for several weeks in December. Since 11/12/24, Police have received no calls relating to Public Nuisance. We 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 in the Kintore.

Conclusion:

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

Thanks,

Mark Barber
Constable

Inverurie Community Policing Team

North East Division
Police Scotland / Poileas Alba

Inverurie Police Office

Blackhall Road

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AB51 5QF

Appendix B – Planning Report

Planning December 2024

- [Erection of Dwellinghouse](#)

Land At The Neuk Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2024/2008 | Received: Fri 06 Dec 2024 | Validated: Tue 10 Dec 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision.

- [Display of Hoardings](#)

Land At Kemnay Road Midmill Kintore Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2024/1926 | Received: Thu 28 Nov 2024 | Validated: Wed 11 Dec 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision.

Decided December

ENQ/2024/1663|Installation of a 200MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Associated Infrastructure Land Surrounding Womblehill Farm Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0XJ

Aberdeenshire Council response:

After review of the submitted material, it is the view of the Planning Service that the development has the potential to give rise to effects in cumulation with other development proposals in the area which may be significant in nature. The cumulative impacts relating to landscape and visual impacts and noise would suggest that an Environmental Impact Assessment would be required for this proposal. The Planning Service would encourage submission of an EIA scoping request, should the determining authority require an EIA to be undertaken.

January validated.

APP/2025/0032|Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Form Residential Garden Ground and Erection of Domestic Garage|3 Deystone Cottages Kintore Aberdeenshire AB51 0UH.

January decided – none.

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Appendix C – Library

Location	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Notes	Door counter	Door counter	Door counter	Door counter	Click and Collect Visits	Door counter	Click and Collect Visits	Door counter	Door counter	Door Counter. Part year to October	cost
Huntly	18092	18375	16536	0	51	6286	145	17329	16066	9252	
Insch	6263	6128	6992	0	0	216	0	5638	7073	3497	21,449.53
Inverurie	60972	48527	45580	0	1290	10721	562	21924	27089	17303	
Kemnay	15705	16226	17467	0	164	7544	218	10317	11705	6411	57023.33
Kintore	39511	37448	34861	0	65	2947	85	17570	15973	10734	42700
Meldrum / Oldmeldrum	83030	94906	113957	0	0	0	0	12874	13607	11385	33,800.00
Newmachar	8560	7114	8011	0	24	1233	85	5917	5585	2539	11,024.29
Turriff	19383	22663	20253	0	316	10295	156	12213	12605	8596	35,924.29
Westhill	34386	35504	39447	0	251	14367	284	27482	34150	21676	79,523.33

think the main facts are the core library services which is book borrowing has increased year on year for Kintore. Roughly, 17,500 books borrowed last year and that's physical books to my understanding. **Please note only half year figures**

We cost less than Kemnay and more books are borrowed.

Turriff is our nearest comparable population number we are about equal, and they have less than us.

There is no available parking in Inverurie now for folks travelling into Inverurie without incurring costs.

Only 1 person is currently receiving a doorstep delivery (not quite the big popular service they seem to want us to believe it is) I've also been told this service is only for bed bound people 🛌

No mention of what happens to the school hours as Avril appeared to not know they can't just come in and help themselves to library books without a librarian so are they proposing teachers become the librarian for class time?

They continue to mention 15 hours for Kintore but ignoring the 10 hours of school allocated time and outreach hours of 5 for Blackburn and Midmill. So really, we are being cut from 30 hours to 5.

The Sir Arthur grant centre has so far cost £2,619,079. It has generated £12,679. And had 568 people through their doors.

A failed multi-million-pound tourist attraction in Aberdeenshire is on the market one year after the land was sold to a mystery buyer.

Archaeolink Prehistory Park at Oyne near Inch cost £4 million to build, before seeing a further £2.5m of funding from Aberdeenshire Council.

Now, the abandoned building is available for a fraction of what it cost to open – with offers of £150,000 invited.

Back in 2023, council officers unveiled a proposal to rent out part of its city HQ following more than £5.5million refurbishment works. It was also said that three partners were in talks to make the move to the Westburn Road site. However, only one organisation has been confirmed.

The cash-strapped [local authority](#) had hoped savings of £477,000 could be made by renting out part of its [Aberdeen](#) base to public sector partners. Any new occupants would have shared the building's running costs.

As lease talks have collapsed, the savings have not been made, and this will impact on the council budget due to be discussed and agreed next month.

Cost of plans for abandoned plan for Town Hall site,

Vacant sites, Harlaw Road, St Andrews School, cost for Gordon House

We confirm that the Council holds the following information, which we believe satisfies your request.

The total costs to date for the building work & refurbishment of the Sir Arthur Grant Centre

Total Costs £2.508m

The total costs to date of purchasing all the equipment, all the furnishings, all IT equipment and everything required to open this as an outdoor centre.

Total Costs £30,381

The total running costs for the Sir Arthur grant centre since opening including all overheads, all staffing, all licencing, all training & insurance costs.

Total Costs £80,698

The total revenue generated by the centre to date.

Total Revenue £12,679

The total numbers of users using the centre since opening.

Total Attendees/Participants 568

And the activities the centre has run.

Activities include School Residentials, Uniformed Groups Weekdends, School Activity

Days, Holiday Camps, Woodland Activity Days, Meetings (both internal and external), training, conferences and away days, Music Events and First Aid Course

I would also like to request the total running costs for the Aberdeenshire Farming museum at Aden. Including all staffing, all overheads, and insurance.

Total costs (23/24) £44,110

And the total number of visitors at this venue since 2019.

Total Visitors –59,706

In addition, I would like to request the total sums predicted to be spent on the Macduff Marine Aquarium redevelopment, and this split into where the funding is coming from.

£7.8m estimated costs for Macduff Marine Aquarium with £20m secured from UK Government Levelling Up fund with additional external monies being applied for although outcome of awards not yet confirmed.

And the total sums predicted to be spent on the new Peterhead Library and the new Peterhead museum, and the split into where this funding is coming from.

£21.6m estimated for Peterhead Cultural Quarter which includes the Museum of Aberdeenshire and Library. The museum and library are the one project/building.

And lastly, with regards to the Peterhead library and museum, the amount spent on these projects to date.

Total cost to date £177,992

Appendix D – Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances for Both Bank Accounts Correct as at 19th January 2025

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE 19TH JAN 2025, £16548.15 FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21ST JAN 2025

UP £3390.19 FROM £13157.96 BALANCE REPORTED ON 6th Nov 2024

TOTAL Income since last report :- Total £7046.25

- £0.75 cashback (Virgin Bank Partners deal)
- £1656.00 – SSEN Grant Resilience Group
- £1500.00 – Kintore Kids Club- Donation
- £250.00 Donation- Lina Moles
- £2592.00 – Income from Kintore Konnect Adverts 6x advertisers
- £500.00 – Late payment of Sponsorship for Clan Bookbench
- £547.50 Fireworks income – (inc £500 from Dossetts)

TOTAL Expenditure SINCE LAST REPORT -Total £3656.06

- £828.58 – Reimbursement to JR – Purchase of goods for Resilience Group- SSEN
- £26.87 – bank charges over Nov /Dec (maintenance change plus cash handled etc)
- £154.27 – AED's (Defib pads & Batteries)
- £900.00- Neil Weightman Digital – (Half of total payment -upfront payment for BenchMark Kintore QR codes work on recording voice overs etc)
- £1299.00 Thomson Partnership – Printing Kintore Konnect Winter Issue
- £400.00 – Fireworks Donations – (Bennachie Church £100, Kintore Scouts £100, Kintore Fundraising £100, Action Kintore £100)
- £47.34 – ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL -FOR WASTE COLLECTION FIREWORKS NIGHT

PREDICTED INCOME & EXPENDITURE DUE BEFORE NEXT MEETING

Money due in before next meeting

- APPROX £1200.00 - MONEY FROM KINTORE KONNECT ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP RENEWALS –

Money due out before next meeting

- £1299.00 – PRINTING OF KINTORE KONNECT MAGAZINE WINTER ISSUE
- £900.00– 2ND PAYMENT Weightman Digital costs for QR BookMark Kintore Project
- APPROX £1000.00 – KINTORE FLORAL ACCOUNT FOR SHORTFALL OF SUMMER FLOWERS

AS PER DECISION FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL NOT TO SUPPORT

- £780.08– TO BUY PRODUCTS FOR RESILIENCE TEAM FLOODING EQUIPMENT AS PER SSEN GRANT – MUST BE SPENT ON THESE ITEMS

Summary of above-

FINAL RESULTS IN FROM A Fantastic result for the Kintore Fireworks Night surpassing all other previous Firework Nights – well done team!

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 -INC £900.00 OF THE NEIL WEIGHTMAN DIGITAL COST

ONE OFF DONATIONS FROM LINA MOLES AND KINTOPRE KIDS CLUB – BOTH OFFICIALLY THANKED

£1656.00- GRANT FROM SSEN - £828.58 ALREADY SPENT ON EQUIPMENT- £780.08 STILL TO SPEND

*FIREWORKS SPREADSHEET

KINTORE FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT 3RD NOV 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	£	£	
CASH -BUCKETS AND STALLS (ONCE FLOAT OFF)	5243.02		
BUSINESS SPONSORS	1450		
SUM-UP QR CODEs	170		

SUM-UP PAYMENT PDQ machine	410.48		
DOSSETTS - DONATION (NOT YET IN EST £500)	500.00		
SUM-UP LATE QR CODE DONATGIONS	22		
SUM UP LATE QR PAYMENT	32.5		
Bank transfers donations	20.00		
SUB TOTAL - INCOME	£7848.00		
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
ALL TOYS		819.57	
FIRE SPINNERS		350	
ALL DRINKS TEA/COFFEE /MILK /SOFT DRINKS/CRISPS		161.66	
FIREWORKS -FIREWORX SCOTLAND		2820	
AJM FIRST AID		154	
BUCKETS – RUBBISH- ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL		47.34	
SUB TOTAL- EXPENDITURE		£4,352.57	
TOTAL PROFIT - AS AT 19 th Jan 2025	£3495.43		

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL FLORAL DISPLAY ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT 19TH OF JAN 2025 - £1390.65 FOR KDCC MEETING ON 21ST JAN 2025

UP £0.23 FROM £1390.65 BALANCE AS AT 6TH NOVEMBER 2024

INCOME TOTAL :- £0.23

☐ £0.23 CASHBACK – VIRGIN PARTNERS CASHBACK OFFER

EXPENDITURE TOTAL :- NIL

PREDICTED EXPENDITURE BEFORE NEXT MEETING:-

Approx. £2000.00 – for Summer Plants – the Orders will be split equally between Cove Bay Nurseries & Swailend

☐ NOTE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO SUPPORT THE KINTORE FLORAL DISPLAY BY TRANSFERING

FUNDS TO ALLOW SUMMER PLANTS TO BE PURCHASED – IN LIGHT OF THE DECISION

FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL NOT TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY FLOWERS

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.