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

Held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 20th February 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, Claire Campbell, Eve Lamond, Boma,

Cllrs: Jim Gifford

Guest Attendees: Sean, Janine Cracknell

Apologies: Glen Reid/Trevor Masson/ Mo Thornburn/Rachel

**2.Declarations of Interest**

None

**3.Minutes of the Nov Meeting**

Corrections – Date to be updated and name removed for anonymity.

 KDCC Jan Minutes Approval – JR/LM

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

none

**5.Police Report**

The Police report was received for the current period.

Assault 0, housebreaking/theft – 0, Public Nuisance, 3, Road Traffic other 3, Road Accidents 6, Drugs 1

Speed checks continue and actions have been taken.

**6.Planning Matters**

Gauchhill Road – The fence erected is 1.8m high and is on the ground that is part of the green space. A number of residents have objected to this.

Marshalls – Planning has been approved.

Scotia amended submission. No submitted revised planning yet.

Leylodge – the residents are still unhappy with the plans for development in the area.

The battery storage application has 55 objections. There are major concerns over safety.

There is a meeting scheduled with Leylodge residents and Stratera on 23/02/24 at 1330 at The Square then another meeting including an MSP at the Village Hall at 1600. Questions have been submitted and responses expected.

**7.Community Resilience/AED’s**

A wish list has been submitted to SSEN to see if they will continue to support the resilience group.

We have also asked for a shipping container to secure all the goods. Location of shipping container is yet to be decided.

AED’s are all checked and in working order. New batteries have been received. Leylodge have asked for an AED.

**8. Kintore Konnect**

The latest issue has been submitted to print which includes 28 pages. We have new advertisers which is great. We need to make sure that we have a balance between advertisers and quality content. The councillors report took up 3 pages of this issue. Going forward it may be that only 1 councillor submits a report per issue.

**9.Action Kintore**

The Bothie are still waiting for a sign to be installed from the council. No response from the council yet regarding the street lighting.

The Burns Night at Kintore Golf Club was a great success and raised £1500. The Bothie has good numbers attending and in a good financial position.

The Town House Project – if the project does not go ahead the funding would not have to be repaid. The next stage is to get a lease and building warrant.

It was mentioned that it may be an idea to get a volunteer bank together. There are so many projects and committees that need support and find this difficult. Information could be put onto the Kintore website as a place for people to see where they could get involved to help. JR to put a post on the Kintore FB page to gauge interest.

**10.Community Projects**

Local Place Plan – a meeting is scheduled for March. MM/JR attending. This will involve a lot of work and will include gathering opinions from the community. JR has come across a good blog which he will circulate to the committee members which describes a local place plan. MM will circulate the community action plan for Kintore.

The Kintore School Garden are looking for businesses to help support. MM has directed them to SSEN to help. Bulbs were passed to them too.

Perennial planting – we have applied to Aberdeenshire council for perennial plants. 3 areas have been mapped out for this – the front of the town House, The area by the new Kintore Welcome Sign. 120 plants will be arriving in Mar/Apr.

Keep Scotland Beautiful – noncompetitive competition. Where there is shown improvement, you can continue to work towards a national award. Judges will visit and give pointers on how to improve. JR will circulate the details.

Best kept garden competition – we will publicise this now as it’s the time of year that people start to plan their gardens.

**11. Kemnay Academy Parent Council Update**

The Head Teacher left in December. Mr Wright is acting Head Teacher. Kyle Scott will take up the position after Easter. Prelims took place but were affected by bad weather, so they are still ongoing.

The parent council meetings have been on hold.

There has been a recent inspection, the full report is yet to be shared but discipline and student behaviour were some concerns.

**12. Aberdeenshire Councillors report**

The Aberdeenshire Council Budget is the main focus at the moment. There is a huge gap to fill financially. Cuts will be made to School Crossing Patrollers, Janitors, Garden Waste Collection Sites/Free parking/School Dinner Costs and more.

AI road inspections will take place instead of manual inspections.

There is frustration that residents are reporting pot holes but they are not being mended. Some have been there for months and substantial in size. It was also mentioned that the form to put in a claim to the council regarding damage to your car is impossible to find.

There is a flaw in the system where if multiple people report a pot hole only the person who initially reported it will receive any updates.

Inspiring Aberdeenshire nominations opened up a few weeks ago. You can nominate an Aberdeenshire resident for various awards. This can be viewed online.

**13. Correspondence**

MM continues to send out correspondence as she receives it.

**14. Funding Opportunities**

the National Lottery Community Fund mentioned previously wasn’t for us.

**15. Treasurers Report**

KINTORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE as at Sunday 18th February 2024 £12,503.54

UP £214.00 from Previous Bank Balance on 14th of January £12289.54

Income Total - £1000

Floral ACCOUNT BALANCE AS AT 18th of February 2024 + £1142.29

NO CHANGE FROM BALANCE AS AT 15th of January 2024 £1142.29

INCOME :- \* We will start to ask for donations soon

**16. AOB**

Missed bin collections are still an issue.

A street party is being organised headed up by Ruby Mackay. JR has been invited to join the organising group.

Tennis Court – there needs to be interest from the community before the commit to this.

Disabled Parking at Gauchhill Woods was rejected by the council as they said there wasn’t required. We should try again

**17. Date of next meeting**

Scheduled for 19/03/2024