



## **Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) Online Meeting Thursday 28 May, 2 pm**

### **Attending**

Caithleen Bell, Senior CLD Worker, Adult Learning  
Lynsey Coutts, Active Schools  
Charlotte Easen, CLD Worker, Adult Learning  
Lorna Forsyth, CLD Worker, Community Development  
Rachel Lewis, CLD, Kintore Bothie  
Jeannette Mackay, Community Member  
Leslie Murison, Live Life Aberdeenshire  
Linda Singer, Grampian Opportunities  
Sue Wainman, Greener Kemnay, Kemnay Community Council  
Ray Walker, Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay & District  
Susan Weetman, Admin Support Assistant, Kemnay CLD

### **Apologies**

Sonya Donald, NHS, Health Visitor Garioch  
Alison Sutherland, Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service

### **Welcome**

Caithleen welcomed everyone and they introduced themselves. Jeannette explained that she is a community member working with the ADP, Cybersafe Scotland and local churches.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda.

### **Active Citizenship Update**

Caithleen, Rachel and Rob had been working on the celebration of volunteers' awards event which was to be held last Saturday 23 May at Kemnay Village Hall. Everything is ready for the event – nomination forms, flyers etc but it had to be postponed due to lockdown. The new date will depend on when restrictions are lifted which may not be until next year for this type of event. Lorna said that the members of the Kemnay community resilience group, Lend a hand Kemnay, are keen to hold an event post COVID-19 to celebrate the volunteering effort during the crisis and that the Academy and primary schools would also like to support such an event, particularly as the VE Day celebrations had to be cancelled. It was suggested that a larger event could include all community organisations. Organisations from the Kintore and Kinellar communities may also like to hold a celebration event. Ray said that the Kintore Summer Festival committee members would have a list of contacts in the area. An outside event was also suggested so that it could perhaps be held earlier. Jeanette is a member of Lend a hand Kintore and she will mention it at their meeting next week.

### **COVID-19 Response / Partners Updates**

Rachel is still in contact with many of the young people she works with – through Zoom and WhatsApp. Once the lockdown is eased, she is considering meeting with some of the more vulnerable young people in the big open space at the back of The Bothie.

The Rotary has been meeting regularly through Zoom and presented this year's Citizen of the Year, Dorothy Fraser, with her shield outdoors.

Lend a hand Kintore has found that there are very few people who need their services as families and neighbours are looking after each other. They have many volunteers as well as plenty of hand gel and 2500 masks but they are only helping 2 households on a regular basis. However, there may be more support required for people who have to isolate longer-term. A special edition of Kintore Konnect has been distributed, highlighting the services of Lend a hand as well as updates from businesses in the area.

Lorna said that Lend a hand Kemnay are busier and are looking after a number of people. She added that the Garioch Community Kitchen is providing food parcels for those who normally get free school meals and the Masons are delivering them in Kintore and Kinellar whilst Lend a hand are delivering in Kemnay. Kemnay Farm Shop is using donated food to help others who are struggling but are not entitled to the food parcels from the Community Kitchen.

Free sanitary products are also available from the FareShare Hubs in Port Elphinstone and Kemnay as well as the Aberdeenshire Council website. Lorna said that she is also looking to raise awareness of reusable sanitary products such as Mooncups. Also, it is possible to 'make your own' and Rachel thought this was something the pupils at Kemnay Academy may be interested in. Linda said that an organisation has been using Grampian Opportunities' premises to make up sanitary packs to go abroad.

Positive Steps Kemnay has been keeping touch with their members and sent everyone a hand-written postcard.

Active Schools are keeping in touch through social media and are setting challenges each week. To promote engagement, pupils are encouraged to submit photos and video clips of themselves attempting the challenges. A virtual sports day will also be taking place next week. Some of the coordinators have been working in the School Hubs and this may increase during the summer months although there is more demand in Ellon and the North. Lynsey attended a webinar, hosted by someone from New Zealand, which shared a model of how things could look in the future.

Leslie has been working on the Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub as well as running some online classes during the Wellbeing Festival. 3 drawing sessions were set up using Zoom – one for P5 – P7s, one for S1 – S3s and one for adults. The sessions were a success and were well attended. The main challenge was setting up the virtual consent forms and privacy notices and ensuring there were 2 PVG staff attending the sessions for the young people. The evaluations were positive although longer term it would have to be considered whether money could be generated from these types of classes. Susan will circulate the consent form used by Leslie so that others can adapt it for their own needs.

Grampian Opportunities bought a Zoom licence and have found it most effective in keeping in touch with groups and one to one coaching. Many people they work with are high risk and will have to shield for longer so they will need long term support. Linda will be looking at how their premises can be altered to make it safe for people to return once that is allowed. There is a Government risk assessment tool which can be used to help with this. Linda has also been involved in a craft initiative in conjunction with Inverurie Community Council whereby craft kits have been assembled and distributed to children in the area. The resources are now running low so she is looking at small grants to extend the project.

Caithleen said that it is unlikely that CLD will be able to access office space for the foreseeable future as most offices are based in schools and they will require all the space available. There has been some group work continued online and they will continue to keep in touch with learners. It was announced that 33,000 people have been furloughed in Aberdeenshire and it is predicted that about 10,000 people will be made redundant in the Oil

and Gas sector so the emphasis for CLD is likely to be on employment skills and skills for life.

Jeanette said that Cybersafe Scotland had held a live Facebook event about child protection and online safety which has had over 11,000 views. The links are still on the Facebook page if anyone would like to access them. A programme had been developed, with input from Aberdeen University and RGU, and was due to be trialled in 10 schools but has been put on hold just now due to the pandemic. The programmes will be customised for each school and it is hoped to roll the programme out across Aberdeenshire primary schools. The Scripture Union is also looking to provide resources for those pupils moving from P7 into S1 as they are missing the important transition process. Lynsey said that Kemnay Academy is looking into providing a virtual transition programme, which could include a tour around the school, but this is in the early planning stages and she will be meeting with her line manager tomorrow to discuss it.

Charlotte is currently developing at STEM Facebook group which will set a STEM activity each week through a YouTube channel. One idea is to have a 'Green Thursday' whereby the group are linked to outdoor activities, perhaps with other partners, such as Greener Kemnay.

Lorna said that Lend a hand Kintore is looking to source jotters to distribute and have been in contact with the Academy although there has been no response as yet. It was suggested that a funding grant could be applied for, perhaps through AVA. She also said that the community resilience hubs have been offered access to Aberdeenshire Council training through ALDO, its online training resource. Courses available include first aid, food hygiene, health and safety, child protection and data protection. Additionally, if people lose their jobs the extra training courses could help bolster their CVs. Linda said that Grampian Opportunities also has resources that are available for anyone to access.

#### **Action Points**

Susan will circulate online consent form

#### **Kemnay LLCP Self-Evaluation**

It was agreed that the LLCP would continue to meet online as everyone felt it was beneficial to keep in contact and exchange information and ideas during the crisis. Caithleen said that every year a review and evaluation of the LLCP's work is undertaken. Everyone agreed that the completion of a form would be the best way to do this so Susan will circulate the Self-Evaluation form next week.

#### **Action Points**

**Susan to circulate Self-Evaluation Form**

#### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm, Google Meet