



Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) Online Meeting Thursday 25 June 2020, 2 pm

Attending

Caithleen Bell, Senior CLD Worker, Adult Learning
Lorna Forsyth, CLD Worker, Community Development
Jim Hatter, Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay & District
Jeannette Mackay, Community Member
Rob Mackay, Positive Steps Kemnay
Sue Wainman, Greener Kemnay, Kemnay Community Council
Ray Walker, Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay & District
Susan Weetman, Admin Support Assistant, Kemnay CLD

Apologies

Lynsey Coutts, Active Schools
Emma Dobson, Public Health
Marie Glendinning, Kemnay Academy
Leslie Murison, Live Life Aberdeenshire
Linda Singer, Grampian Opportunities
Alison Sutherland, Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service
Jen Sutherland, Educational Psychology

Welcome

Caithleen welcomed everyone and they introduced themselves. Jim introduced himself as the new Youth Officer with the Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay & District,

Matters Arising

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

Partners' Updates

Rob said that the volunteer health walk leaders have been busy keeping in touch with their less able members through phone calls, postcards etc. The older walkers and those who attend the buggy walking group are keen to start walking again although there is some anxiety about resuming the walks. They have been doing one to one buddy walking and have recently increased to groups of 3. Risk assessments have been discussed at online meetings and it is hoped to start larger groups from the middle of July, once extended groups are allowed to meet again. They are also discussing producing a small newsletter, perhaps every 3 months, as not everyone is online. Rob wanted to clarify that Positive Steps Kemnay is independent of Paths for All but that they receive guidance from them.

Greener Kemnay has been meeting successfully online. The new gates are now in place at Birley Bush and it is hoped that more people will visit the garden over the summer although no dogs are allowed. Sue said that they are going to try to do more work on signs for the rest of the village. The public art project is going well – the 9 stones are almost ready, and they are now preparing the publicity for it. There are photos and videos on the facebook page and the artist will also be returning for more public engagement. There may be an

opening event at a later time which could perhaps tie in with other celebrations in the village once the crisis is over.

The FareShare Hub is now open from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday, and is being well supported by Flexible Children's Services. Lend a hand Kemnay has seen an increase in demand for free food and the Garioch Community Kitchen are providing between 30 and 36 free school boxes per month. Families are struggling through furloughing and redundancies and the food parcels are helping to keep them ticking over. There may be the possibility that FareShare Hub members continue to work with Lend a Hand Kemnay over a longer period to help with the increase in demand. Lorna said that we may not see the real impact of the pandemic until later in the year particularly as the job retention scheme ends in October and the self-employed scheme ends in August. FareShare are looking into expanding into freezer food but would need additional funding to do this.

Kemnay Community Council has not been holding its normal monthly meetings but is supporting Lend a hand Kemnay and can apply for funding as it is a constituted group. The 2 founders of Lend a hand Kemnay are now directly involved with the Council. Lorna has offered all members of the resilience and community groups access to Aberdeenshire Council training through ALDO, its online training resource and 5 members have already signed up.

Lorna has been engaging with the community by going out on her bike and chatting to people. She has also distributed a survey to ask how people are feeling and has had 35 responses.

Jeannette had a request last month from the NHS Vaccination Programme Manager about using local churches' facilities as alternative venues as the schools may not have space for them when they return in August. 23 churches have volunteered, including Kintore and Kemnay. She also said that the Catalyst Church has been in touch with the schools to ask if there is a need for donations of pre-worn uniforms. The schools have said that there is a need and it was suggested that the social work team also be contacted to establish who they should go to. Lorna said that those who are entitled to free school meals are also entitled to help through clothing grants. Caithleen suggested that the recent Cost of the School Day training had flagged up this need for support and that there should be more awareness of what is available in terms of financial support for pupils. It was acknowledged that leaflets are not an effective means of communicating and other ways should be looked at e.g. information videos. Caithleen and Lorna will meet to discuss this further. Jeanette also asked about foster care and adoption services and was directed to the GIRFEC group, currently chaired by Sonya Donald.

Jim said that he is planning a new youth programme, which is difficult in the current circumstances, but he is hoping to form new partnerships initially. He would like to introduce an environmental programme and will let us know when he has more details.

Caithleen said that the 3 teams within CLD are working hard to deliver a plan of phased return in light of the recent announcement that the schools should return in full in August. It is likely that the target will be to connect with vulnerable learners, who have not been able to engage online, via face-to-face, one to one and small groups in a school setting.

Although not able to attend the meeting, Lynsey thanked those who have already come back to her with potential ideas for the Transition+ programme. She asked that anyone else who thinks they could offer something should contact her as soon as possible so she can ensure there are enough materials/activities/input for the new S1's.

Grampian Opportunities reported that their craft group made over 200 kits for schoolchildren in Inverurie, who might not have access to materials, and offered to make similar kits for Kemnay if needed.

Action Points

Caithleen and Lorna to meet to discuss raising awareness of available financial support for pupils

Kemnay LLCP Self-Evaluation

So far, there have been 7 responses to the Self-Evaluation form and Caithleen asked anyone who has not already done so to complete it.

AOB

There was an enquiry about the future plans of Kemnay Village Hall and when it is likely to be operational again. Susan will email Janet Newberry.

Action Points

Susan to email about Kemnay Village Hall

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th August, 2 pm, Google Meet