

Mearns LLCP Meeting (Skype) – 21st May 2020

Present: Natalie Cooper - CLD (Chair/minutes), Fiona Dakers - Libraries, Ian Clarke – HT Fettercairn and Luthermuir, Jane Mitchell – Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network, Graeme Hooper CLD and Susan Boyd CLD.

Apologies: Carol Grant – Pupil support worker, Pauline Logue DHT Mearns, Lesley Robertson Community planning, Susie Brown MAP, Barry McGillivray CLO and Rep from Active Schools.

Natalie welcomed everyone to the skype meeting, purpose to catch up generally and share our services covid-19 responses and our personal experiences e.g. deployment duties and general discussion on covid-19 emerging needs moving forward.

Services/organisations updates:

Natalie – CLD (Adult Learning):

Staff in CLD are currently re-deployed into care home settings, Easter hub settings previously the call centre amongst other duties.

Learners have been supported through phone calls, emails and online learning digital platforms such as google meet and google classroom.

Focus on person centred work, supporting parents and local families, literacies and ESOL learners. A combination of general support, maintaining contact and learning content.

SQA core skills accreditation on hold – hopefully should resume September*

Emerging needs identified – mental health and wellbeing, digital literacy, social connectivity/isolation, changing economic – family finance/ food poverty etc.

Ian – HT Fettercairn/ Luthermuir:

Parents fortnightly support calls made by Ian, on-going support to families and online school provision designed in partnership with partners and parent council.

Preparation for blended learning model moving forward.

School staff across the cluster have been working in the Laurencekirk Hub.

Similar emerging need identified as highlighted above by Natalie, on-going discussions with Ed Psych about children's anxiety at the time and upon return to school – support measures.

Fiona – Libraries:

Library staff have been deployed to the call centre during covid-19, discussion on the nature of calls that have been received and how to capture some of the identified need around kindness, isolation and social connectivity as opposed to calls for food parcels.

Natalie to email Fiona a blank template of a practice exemplar used in CLD.

Fiona discussed the library phased return plan – first stage will be libraries operating a click and collect service or delivery service to the public.

Mearns will hopefully be in the second allocation of libraries offering this service.

Emerging need:

Digital literacy and social connectivity

Scope for partnership working.

Jane – Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network:

Mearns and coastal healthy living network have recruited a bank of new volunteers as many of the existing volunteers are shielding etc.

Volunteers have been doing the food shopping service, medicine collections, post office collections/trips and a telephone contact service.

Also, the gardening service has just re-started – maintaining social distance measures etc.

Emerging need:

Discussion on need to upskill some volunteers and clients on digital literacy so that they can increase their social connectivity e.g. video calls with family and support calls from volunteers. Agreed that Library and CLD could support this development – Natalie to arrange separate meeting.

Discussion on how we capitalise on new wave of volunteering and community spirit long term?

Susan – CLD – working with young people:

P7 elevate programme scheduled for July at Mearns

P7 google meet sessions/dates with Laurencekirk pupils taking place (May-July)

1:1 phone call with young people (Activity agreements)

Discussion of P7/S1 transition moving forward and input from the Mearns Youth Forum

Emerging need – mental health and wellbeing amongst young people

Graeme – CLD – Community Development:

Support to community fare share and food larders across the Mearns area on-going

CLD CD staff involved in the K&M resilience group

Emerging need – Food poverty in area and long-term support for food larders across areas e.g. volunteering capacity and funding

Next steps from discussions:

Natalie, Jane and Fiona to meet to discuss emerging need of digital literacy and social connectivity.

Natalie asked if all present could email a summary of emerging needs/priorities they have noted during covid-19 and scope for their service/organisation to respond to need.

Natalie to contact Derek regarding new active school's rep to attend the LLCP.

DONM: Thursday the 3rd September 9.30-10.30am (provisionally Skype meeting)