



## **Meldrum LLCP**

### **Minutes from a Team meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 9.30 am**

Apologies Calvin Little, Vikki Carpenter, Kirsty Dickson, Peter Young

Attendance – Samantha Rawlins, Julie Low and Annette Holland

Due to the low attendance number the meeting started with a general catch-up from those attending.

Julie Low, Keyworker, Infrastructure Services, Employment Support Team.

Referrals are on the increase from DWP. Not so much in Meldrum itself but Blackburn and Inverurie areas. A mix of employment skills, e.g carers, driver, gardeners and a few from Oil & Gas.

New funding streams are coming on board to support way forward. Employers being offered financial incentive to employ and train for 6 months with a view to employment after suitable training.

Contact being made via phone calls, emails and video calls. No face to face contact as yet.

Work with school leavers has been difficult as they are choosing not to engage but it seems that if a young person had applied to college, their placed seems to be secure.

SDS have also been following up with young people regarding their destinations. SDS were not at the meeting to comment.

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### Samantha Rawlins, Community Planning Officer

During lockdown period the communities seem to be getting on with what needed to be done. There were the offer of support given by the Areas Office but little was required.

Neighbourhoods pulled together and supported each other with offers of grocery shopping and delivery.

Legion were delivering food parcels regardless of need.

They seemed to be resilient and managed with little support. There was the support of local volunteers and a strong community council which helped co-ordinate and take the lead.

### Community Learning & Development.

During recent months CLD service were offering online courses for Adult Learning. These will continue until such times as face to face work can resume.

Workers have been deployed into school childcare hubs, working in care home setting, call handling via the Grampian hub while keeping their core delivery of learning available.

Working with young people team were also maintaining contact with several young people to offer additional support while not at school. Staff supported childcare hubs both at East and Summer period.

### Calvin Little, Public Health.

Staff working in the Grampian Hub with incoming calls and contacting those shielding.

Development work is ongoing to enable all who require some ICT equipment to keep in touch have access to a piece of equipment. At the moment there is no exit timescale for staff. No return date for going back to a office space or delivering any face to face sessions.

Public Health are working on plans to take them to 2022 based on knowledge gather over the past few months.

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As there were so few partners attending this meeting, we were unable to answer some of the set prompt question.

What has been working well in the Meldrum area during lockdown which, if supported, could be maintained?

- The community seemed to pull together with little outside support
- A strong Community Council helped the situation.

What learning opportunities are on offer for school leavers, adults etc.?

Young people:

- SDS are maintaining contact to ensure everyone has a positive destination.
- College places are being confirmed for those who had applied prior to lockdown.
- Some may have to return to school if they do not have a destination.
- New training courses are in place for such things as COVID Cleaning, Driving qualification etc.

Adults:

- Online course have been made available
- Literacy classes have gone online.
- 1:1 Call are in place, but staff encouraged to join learner together to give support to each other.

What gaps need to be addressed?

- Employment opportunities locally.

What does the local economy look like with regards unemployment and families/individuals moving into universal credit?

- There are figures for new universal credit application but its not up to date. Julie to send details after the meeting. These will be stores with the minutes.

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Are there community groups struggling due to lack of funds and are not able to access available funding?

- Not discussed but there is funding available for most initiatives.

Looking forward to getting back to 'normal' workplace, what does that look like for partners?

- Advice was given to say that there would be limited , if any, space at Meldrum Academy to offer desk space.

How engaged are the care homes in community life given that they were in lockdown from friends and family?

- Not discussed.

Next meeting date Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 10.00a.m.

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