



## PORTLETHEN LOCAL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETING – PORTLETHEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

	<p><b>In attendance:</b> Graeme Hooper (CLD), Marc Campus (Police), Rhona McComiskie (SDS), Barry McGillivray (Leisure), Scott Cameron (Careers Guidance Student), Marie Archer (Arts Development), Neil Morrison (HT Portlethen Academy), Lynn Buchan (CLD) Minutes</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Yvonne Waddell (Social Work), Sandra McKechnie (HT Portlethen Primary), Graham McColl (Active Schools), Carol Mitchell (Network Librarian Portlethen), Natalie Cooper (Adult learning, CLD)</p>	
1	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Lynn welcomed everyone and they introduced themselves</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Partner Update</u></b></p> <p><b>Leisure – Barry McGillivray</b> Leisure are now part of Live Life Aberdeenshire but still part of Aberdeenshire Council under a new structure and way of working. Partnership working is part of this. In partnership with Aberdeenshire Active Schools, Portlethen Swimming Pool offered taster sessions and relevant training to enable young people to experience lifeguarding. This resulted in part-time employment for a few young people. This successful project will resume in January.</p> <p>Under the new umbrella of Live Life Aberdeenshire, staff are encouraged to be innovative to encourage community members to become fitter and healthier and try different sports. One new activity is float fit, done on boards in the water. These boards are a shared resource between Portlethen and Stonehaven. There was a good take up over the October break for the project Teenager Grow (14 – 16-year old's). Live Life Aberdeenshire Portlethen hope to replicate the walking sports pilot that had great success in Mearns, to encourage older people to partake in exercise. Barry also mentioned a new sport he would like to launch, called Pickle Ball.</p> <p><b>Police – Marc Campus</b> There is a new Inspector, Allen Shaw, based in Stonehaven. Marc continues to build partnerships with communities and subgroups.</p> <p><b>Community Learning &amp; Development – CD Graeme Hooper</b> Graeme is working with the Jubilee Hall committee to start up the Fareshare food initiative in Portlethen at The Fine Piece Café. The committee plan to visit the Mearns project next week. It is anticipated that ½ a pallet of food will be delivered monthly and distributed to those in need at the Fine Piece Café on a Wednesday morning. Graeme has yet to contact the Primary Schools regarding their involvement in this initiative.</p>	

**SDS – Rhona McComiskie**

Staff have been busy completing the destination data for the Scottish Government. As part of the data collection, Portlethen has a low number of unemployed summer school leavers, presently four. They are working with the SDS work coach actively seeking employment.

Portlethen Academy is one of Aberdeenshire's four academies successfully chosen to be part of the Wood Foundation five-year pilot. (See update from NM)

SDS are looking at how to engage with parents more effectively. Parents of Portlethen young people have been contacted and consulted regarding this and results indicate a good return. The findings have yet to be collated.

**Marie Archer – Arts Development**

Portlethen has unspent Percent for Art from developer obligations. Marie has contacted Community Planning and Portlethen Town Partnership members with regards how best to use this money for community connectivity. The initial plan is to have an artist work with community groups to hold a weekend event in May, with temporary art structures developed and produced in connection with these groups. Marie asked for interest in supporting this initiative. Lynn suggested that Community Development would be a great fit for this project, along with input from the WWYP team. Graeme is happy to meet with Marie regarding this project. Fraser Govan is the walking sports contact, should Marie wish to incorporate this into the weekend event.

**CLD – Lynn Buchan**

Gear Up 2 Go has started with 13 participants. SDS is delivering the session tomorrow. Princes Trust Achieve worked alongside Men's Shed and Street Artist Ian Taync to develop and produce a mural at the Men's Shed sensory garden. The Portlethen Youth Forum have devised a You Tube video, highlighting bullying, to show at assemblies during Anti Bullying Week. So far, they have received excellent feedback from staff and young people. CLD staff have delivered P7 Health & Wellbeing workshops to three out of the four Primary Schools to date. These workshops have covered peer pressure, friendships, resilience, dealing with anxiety, understanding ourselves and working together. Staff have delivered two drug awareness sessions to all S2 pupils discussing the consequences of choices that they make. Gordon continues to support young people using the LIAM tools (Lets Introduce Anxiety Management).

**Portlethen Academy – Neil Morrison**

The exciting new opportunity with The Wood Foundation is called Excelerate Learning Project. The Wood Foundation, who are behind the Youth Philanthropy Initiative across the shire, have researched for three years to find a project-based learning package that relates to the workplace and transferable skills. Neil visited Nashville last week along with some teaching staff to see similar projects in action within the academies there. The Wood Foundation are funding a three-year Business and Community Support worker post, investing £4million across the five-year pilot.

Neil highlighted after the academy's performance review yesterday, that the young peoples' base line assessment has lowered which has implications on courses staff

	deliver and career pathways that the young people take. The result of the decrease in the base line assessment requires further research.	
3	<p><b><u>Family Learning</u></b></p> <p>CLD have been tasked with carrying out the Regional Improvement Collaborative Family Learning Consultation. There will be further meetings to roll this out. Natalie Cooper, CLD Adult learning, could not manage the meeting but did update the LLCP by email. Her team are looking to deliver family learning sessions during the key holidays and living with your teenager. There will also be work that comes from our meeting with Yvonne, Social Work, next week and within K&amp;M if there is need, we can look at the Strengthening Families programme. Natalie believes the south pilot will take place in Deeside.</p>	
4	<p><b><u>Cost of the School Day</u></b></p> <p>CLD will be rolling out awareness sessions to partners about the cost of the school day by the end of March 2020.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Emerging Need</u></b></p> <p>Some of the LLCP partners have grave concerns about a particular year group, regarding their drug use. Partners are already in discussions about how best to engage with the group and ensure that their future choices are not detrimental for them and those around them. Also, to be looked at are early intervention strategies for younger pupils, who may follow the same path.</p>	
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