

Minute of Westhill LLCP Meeting held on 23 January 2020 in Westhill Library 13.30 -15.30

1. Welcome and introductions

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions from those present

Present: Iain Ritchie SDS, Bronagh Cameron The Foyer, Ian McCombie Westhill and District Rotary Club, Keith Anderson AVA, Caithleen Bell CLD (Adult Learning), Leslie Murison Live Life Aberdeenshire, Michael Riley CLD (Community Development)

2. Apologies

Dawn Brown – The Garioch Partnership, Alison Reid – Head Teacher Westhill Academy, Jill Noble – Network Librarian, Freda Nicolson – Active Schools Co-ordinator

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes circulated from the meeting in May. No meeting at the end of the year (2019). Speed networking event held in September.

4. Speed networking feedback

Attendance wasn't great, with some key partners missing. Feedback from the day was very positive with stakeholders able to make links with each other. Suni Caro (CLD Worker) came along and gave a presentation about the Aberdeenshire resettlement scheme and New Scots. Annette Johnstone – Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Coordinator delivered a presentation on poverty and Inequalities in Aberdeenshire with a focus on some Westhill statistics around poverty.

5. Westhill CPR and defibrillator training

Mike circulated a write up from the Westhill PADS Awareness sessions held in November. Around 240 people attending from the local community. Good piece of work. Report from Amanda MacLean, one of the main organisers is attached.

6. Strategic needs assessment update

Mike circulated a 2nd draft of the executive summary. Caroline Smith – Community Planning officer couldn't attend today but would encourage all LLCP members to review the draft strategy (attached) and get back to her with any comments. Please note the strategy is in a draft form so should not be shared wider at this stage. Please see note from Caroline attached with the minutes.

Some actions from the assessment may link to the LLCP agenda.

7. Cost of the School Day training

CLD has been tasked with rolling out the Cost of the school day awareness raising session across Aberdeenshire. Cost of the School Day has come from the Child Action Poverty Group in Scotland. It looks at poverty rates, cause and impact across Scotland with a focus on its effect on young people. It is not purely school focussed but does look at ways unexpected school costs can impact on low income families. Westhill is probably one of the least affected communities in Aberdeenshire but there is still a need to discuss and plan.

Child Poverty in Westhill – 6% of children

Plan to deliver in Westhill around Easter 2020 – date to be circulated. If you are interested in putting your name forward for this course, please contact Michael Riley so we can gauge numbers and book suitable accommodation.

8. Family Learning Seminar

Short introductory programme developed by the Regional Improvement Collaborative for partners involved in working with families.

The session shares the CLD picture of family learning and underpins the roles of partners working together in the interests of children, families and young people. Session to be organised for the Westhill LLCP – dates to be circulated

9. Library Service Questionnaire

Jill Noble (Librarian at Westhill) – Live Life Aberdeenshire are currently undertaking a survey about the future of library. Mike circulated paper copies and the QR codes. The survey can be accessed online by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/abslibraries> LLCP members and colleagues are asked to complete the questionnaire.

10. Partner updates

Ian McCombie – Rotary Club Westhill

Club sponsors 2 projects per year;

1 YP a year to Canada for an exchange trip.

2 x RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) at Abernethy after exam diet. 1 week of girls and 1 week for boys. Open to all young people. Currently no YP identified.

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/rotary-youth-leadership-awards/>

Mike to discuss with school contacts. Contact Ian with any queries

Keith Anderson – AVA

Keith extended his open invitation to attend any community meetings and also support the local community in Westhill and beyond.

TSSG (Third sector support group) – demonstrating the value of the 3rd sector in the shire. Benefits and impact of the 3rd sector.

30% of the Scottish population are volunteering and have volunteered in the recent past.

Tackling poverty – focus group currently being facilitated. Group would like to identify families from Westhill to take part. Keith to send to Mike and Mike with circulate with the minutes.

Ian Ritchie – SDS

Careers advisers in every secondary schools, Eileen Buchan (Westhill).

Ian is a work coach so is supporting young people beyond school with developing their skills towards work and learning. CVs, Job searches, training programmes etc.

Generally open to young people up to age 25, 26 for care experienced young people

Supporting young people to develop their career management skills

Rhona Cameron – The Foyer

Working with young people 16 plus. Funding in place to allow young people to access mental health services within 2 weeks. Current statutory/NHS waiting time is around 16.5 weeks.

Trying to direct funding towards construction, influx of young people (men) looking for this type of work.

Caithleen Bell – Adult learning (CLD)

New member of staff, Charlotte Easen, starting in Feb. Will be based in Westhill part time and will be working to develop adult learning opportunities in the community including family learning opportunities for part of Wellbeing Week.

Lesley Murison – LLA (creative services)

Local intelligence – what classes might be suitable for the community?

Fee paying classes, possible creative writing.

Any ideas should be flagged up to Leslie

Mike Riley – Community Development (CLD)

Mike gave an update from the work with young people team working in the academy.

Mini public for drugs and alcohol project/strategy – 20 community members randomly selected. 1st session last week, well attended, with the 2nd session next week. These sessions will help develop the strategy direction.

11.CPD Priorities for 2020

£750 budget to provide CPD opportunities in the Westhill Community

12. LLCP Priorities and actions for 2020

Strategic needs assessment will identify potential actions/priorities

There will be a celebration of the 3rd Sector Week in October.

Cost of the school day might highlight other areas and actions.

13.AOCB

How do we grow the membership?

Keith to contact Westhill groups and invite to LLCP groups

Commitment for members to pass on the invites to groups where relevant.

Mike to circulate info with minutes;

My life Dynamic are organising free workshops in Aberdeenshire – poster attached.

Road Safety Campaign at Westhill Primary – details attached

14.DONM

Wednesday 29 April 13.30 – 15.30 Westhill Library meeting room