

Aboyne Local Learning Community Partnership

The notes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 2nd of December at 10am (online)

Present: Barry Drennan, Dawn Tuckwood, Kate Redpath, Aileen Longino, Christine Stidolph, Natasha Pawlukiewicz, Hayley Lockerbie and Susan McGregor

Apologies: Steve Russell, Carole Paterson, Emma Murphy, Sam Basford and Shona Park.

Welcome and introductions – new member Christine Stidolph from Skills Development Scotland

Adult Literacies Strategy Consultation: general conversation around the emerging issues in relation to digital, functional, emotional, financial and health literacies. Key points

- Digital literacy - need to look at supporting older adults with their digital skills to reduce social isolation. With the wider community discussion around sources and reliability of information online. Analysis the validated of the source and information
- Financial Literacies – access to information and income maximisation, understanding value, needs and wants and how to manage money
- Emotional Literacies – building resilience and coping with change. Recognition that the Aboyne GIRFEC group is addressing this issue in relation to young people and there is growth in the counselling services to young people in the area. Dedicated counsellor for the school currently one day a week and links with the GP services. Support to adults/parents in relation to emotional literacies is something the LLCP could be addressing

Action: SM to complete consultation on behalf of group

Community Impact Assessment: The Council carried out a consultation in August this year to find out individuals and communities perspective on the impact of COVID-19 on their lives. Although positives were identified there was emerging issues that partners need to be aware of

- People reporting higher levels of stress and anxiety
- Increased pressure on community volunteers
- Concern about the capacity to sustain and maintain services
- Concerns about employment and personal finances

(see attached report and ward 15 statistical information)

Setting Priorities: Based on the previous discussions the following working groups were established

- Financial Literacies – Barry Drennan, Dawn Tuckwood and Susan McGregor
- Mental Health and Wellbeing – Dawn Tuckwood, Kate Redpath, Hayley Lockerbie
- Digital Literacies – Aileen Longino, Hayley Lockerbie and Susan McGregor

Date of next meeting 10am Wednesday the 27th of January 20201 (Teams Meeting)