

## Mearns Local Learning Community Partnership Meeting

Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Present: Natalie Cooper (Chair & Minutes), Jane Mitchell, Fiona Dakers, Graeme Hooper, Susan Boyd and Pauline Logue

Apologies: Susie Brown, Lesley Robertson, Ian Clarke, Barry McGillivray and Carol Grant

Minutes from the meeting:

Summary and approval of previous minutes- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

### **Service / organisations updates:**

Graeme (CD-CLD) updated on the K&M food larders – currently 8 operational larders in the Mearns network and 1 container at Edzell woods.

300/350 parcels from fare share being distributed across K&M (check with Graeme – monthly figure?)

Discussion amongst the food larder groups on re-branding to “social supermarkets.

Fortnightly support Zoom meetings with the larder groups and mental health training arranged for the volunteers.

Adult learning CLD colleagues have made up some family learning packs (monthly) starting this month to be distributed to families via the food larders.

Note from C-fine fare share – K&M fastest growing area across Aberdeenshire.

Susan (WWYP – CLD) update:

Mearns youth Forum have been continuing to meet online, first through google meet and now the young people hosting zoom sessions, key agenda items are climate change and mental health of young people. Since August they have carried out socially distanced litter pick ups in Laurencekirk and working with Stonehaven youth forum on creating an online peer support group to support the mental wellbeing of young people.

Susan is currently delivering the following projects in Mearns academy: S1 mind buzz, S4/S5 PX2 programme and an S2 social media group – friendships, self-esteem, positive online peer support group.

P7 health and well-being sessions planned for the cluster primaries, face to face sessions in the new year.

Also a Gear up to Go (employability programme) pending – will be a blended learning approach; face to face and online sessions.

Discussion of starting an S1 lunchtime drop-in after discussions with Kathryn (ASN) in term 2, Fiona (Librarian) noted there was already a S1 lunch time drop-in happening in the library on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Agreed further discussion needed on topic of S1 drop-in – Susan, Fiona and Kathryn and Kerrie (Guidance).

Fiona (Libraries) update:

Fiona indicated that the library could be a learning space for WWYP staff to use for future delivery on the campus.

Stonehaven Library click and collect service is operational, hopefully Mearns library will get a click and collect date soon – waiting confirmation date.

Once click and collect is operational, will be available on a Monday and Wednesday 4.30-6.30pm and a Saturday 10-12noon and will be stationed at the side reception door of the campus.

Book bug is live! Currently 2 book bug sessions have been delivered online by Diane and great feedback received.

Gardening project – little outdoor space has been identified by the library/community entrance door to the campus, that will be converted into a community garden space. This project will be supported by the gardening group (M&CHLN), land -based academy group and input from the Tech department.

The aim is that this gardening project will be inter-generational based.

Jane (Mearns and coastal healthy living network) update:

Jane working away in the new normal!

Current services include: shopping service (Home delivery), prescription collections and deliveries, gardening group and the new chat and call service.

Recently health walks have re-started in Laurencekirk and Stonehaven and are rather busy.

Digital volunteers – supporting 1:1 client, via the connecting Scotland ICT initiative.

Natalie (Adult learning – CLD update):

Adult learning have been delivering online sessions across the Shire for ESOL, Employability, Core skills, Person centred – power tools and virtual coffee and chat learner forums.

In partnership with the library and M&CHLN have developed the concept of little bags of sunshine for older people to combat social isolation. The little bags of sunshine will include mindfulness activities, wordsearches, puzzles, short stories, recipes and other activities.

Recipients can also have a kindness phone call to discuss the sunshine packs etc.

Again in discussion with library and M&CHLN partners looking to develop a monthly ICT drop-in to support the digital skills and social connectivity of older people.

Family learning – Self-esteem Garden project being delivered; aim is to deliver 6 online sessions that allow parents to support the growing their child's self-esteem.

Following earlier discussion with academy Colleagues – pupil support workers, will look to deliver face to face sessions with identified families.

Pauline (Mearns Academy): Pauline, Depute head had to leave meeting early, so no update given.

**Little bags of sunshine update (Natalie, Fiona and Jane):**

See Adult Learning -CLD update on little bags of Sunshine.

**Responding to need – Subgroups:**

Mental health wellbeing reps: Jane, Susan, Fiona and Natalie

Family learning reps: Graeme, Fiona and Natalie

Other LLCP members will be offered membership on the sub-groups – notes of interest via email

**Subgroups meeting dates:**

Mental health wellbeing and combating social isolation – 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12.30pm (skype)

Family learning – 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am (Skype)

**AOCB:**

Susan ( Mearns Youth Forum)- approached by a young person – skate park rep looking for support to get CCTV and lighting installed at the skate park.

Natalie suggested they contact the Memorial park committee (Reid brothers) and/or Susan Robson as previous skate park committee member for further discussions.

**DONM: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @12.30pm (Skype meeting)**