



Ellon Local Learning Community Partnership MEETING - 10th February 2021 – 1330

- **Welcome, present and apologies**

PRESENT: Nicola Twine, Jan Murdoch, Lena North, Pauline Robertson, Sarah-Jane Bennison, Rhona Davidson, Maja Grigorjeva, Barbara Last, Victoria Prendergast, Samantha Rawlins, Sheila Waterhouse, Paula Waugh, Vikki Carpenter, Annette Holland, Camille Russell, Calvin Little.

APOLOGIES: Brenda Thorley, Pauline Buchan, Debbie Moore, Sally Sheehan, Leslie Murison, Bryan Mackay, Peter Ridout.

- **Previous Meeting Notes / Minutes**

- **Guest Speaker – Barbara Last**

- Community & Shared Value Member Pioneer – Ellon Co-op

- **Current Local Community Needs**

- Data sets/Information/Statistics – what documents and information sources do partners use to identify “need”
- Digital accessibility and inclusion
- Health Literacies and Financial Literacies – partner updates on meeting these learning needs in our communities/services

- **Community support, participation & learning opportunities**

- **AOCB / DONM - Wednesday 31st March 1.30pm**

➤ **Co-op – Areas/Opportunities/Information to highlight from Presentation**

Thank you to Barbara Last who is the Member Pioneer at the local co-op for attending the meeting and sharing with partners the local community work and initiatives that the co-op has been involved with, and highlighting areas for opportunity. It was also great to welcome Victoria Prendergast from the Co-op to the meeting as well.

Please see the accompanying slides which give more information.

The Co-Op is involved with building stronger and more resilient communities by offering:

- Fairer Access to Food
- Fairer Access to Mental Wellbeing Services
- Fairer Access to Education & Employment for young people

Co-operate online community platform - Online Community Centre

Click here to upload any community opportunities: www.co-operate.coop.co.uk

Community Wellbeing Index (tool)

www.communitywellbeing.coop.co.uk

Ellon Co-op COVID response

Information on support, resources and partnership initiatives locally

Lots of things to note on slides, including:

- Work with local foodbanks
- Supporting new identified community needs and causes
- Partnership delivery and resources supporting suicide prevention & mental health
- Many many more things ...

CONTACT DETAILS:

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We do have Member Pioneers across all of Aberdeenshire. I cover North Aberdeenshire, so if there is anything we can help with outside of Ellon too, please let us know.

LLCP discussion following Co-op Presentation

PARTNERSHIP RESPONSES TO COMMUNITY NEEDS – AREAS TO DEVELOP / EXPLORE

- Is there room to expand and develop the idea of the virtual community centre moving forward, as a platform for increased community engagement and as a community forum?
- Farming Community – Creative Arts – Mental Health & Isolation – Artist in Residence
- Community Larder / Fridge scheme – Community Planning & Co-op & AVA - Aberdeenshire Food Fund & Community Planning Group budget
- Local Education Projects that may require a small amount of funding, please let Barbara / Co-op know and they might be able to help.

➤ Current Community Needs

Discussion identified the following:

- Needs to be evidence of need.
- End to furlough coming up.

Formartine Local Community plan – newly refreshed, with action plan. 4 themes. Transport & Rurality. Employment.

FROG – Formartine Resilience Operational Group
Data has come from analysts.

Information from CLD engagements – Annette.

DWP has access to useful data regarding employment and benefits – Pauline – Employment Support Team.

Digital Accessibility – good track record with Academy.

Dongles for connectivity is an issue.

Health & Financial – no obvious information of data reflecting local picture from anywhere else outside LLCP partners and what we have access to.

Partnership Community/Learning Opportunities - current

- Pauline Robertson – employability support
- Jan – creative writing for emotional literacies
- Youth Volunteering - discussed
- Steps – Personal Development learning for Adults
- Calvin – Catalyst Church – men’s mental health group opportunities
- Women’s walking group for mental health NCT – Thursdays
- Rhona – AVA – Volunteering opportunities

➤ LINKS / INFO

FARMINING / CREATIVE ARTS / ISOLATION

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AVA support: Donna our Funding officer who might be able to research guide you to future funding sources.

<https://www.avashire.org.uk/development.html>

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VOLUNTEERING

details of our volunteering support services - including our linkage to open and active volunteering opportunities, training and the awards related. Please have a look

<https://www.avashire.org.uk/volunteering.html>

All awards are free to all participants; iVolunteer, Saltire, Aberdeenshire Volunteer Awards, etc. As your Third Sector Interface.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mohrGvFvU8Q>

Muir of Ord Community Fridge

Aberdeenshire Community Voices

<https://aberdeenshirecldservice.wordpress.com/2021/01/18/aberdeenshire-voices-on-the-pandemic-same-storm-different-boats/>

Formartine Community Plan 2019 - 2022 and the Formartine Action Plan

<https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/your-area/formartine/our-local-priorities/>