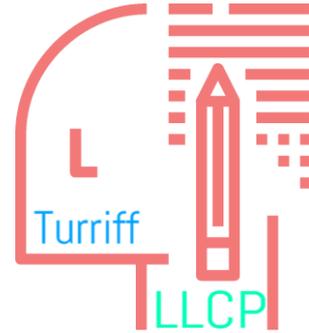


Turriff LLCP



Notes for meeting of 23rd February 2021 11.00 am

As a partnership we have set priorities, these being:

Transitions/Resilience	Community Empowerment	Workforce Development	Using data effectively
Young People	Towns Team	Partnership CPD opportunities.	Sharing of data to highlight gaps in need.
Adults			
Community Group			

Attendance

BB	Beverley Bruce	Social Work Team
CL	Calvin Little	Public Health
CR	Christine Robson	CLD Adult Learning Team
CMcC	Claire McClure	Co-op pioneer
CMcr	Colin Merae	CLD WWYP team
JB	Jane Bissett	DHT Turriff Academy
JA	Jenna Adams	Employment services
LM	Lee Menzies	HT Turriff Academy
RS	Rebecca Stoker	SDS
RD	Rhona Davidson	AVA
SR	Sam Rawlins	Community Planning Officer
SG	Stuart Grant	CLO
VP	Victoria Prendergast	Co-op Community and Shared Values.

Apologies

Claire Christie Turriff CAB

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Priority 1

Transitions/Resilience

Young People – LM stated that the academy have some young people who are starting to be offered apprenticeships which is a really positive step forward.

Adults

Employment services are finding that there are skills/ digital barriers to engagement. Numbers are low for referrals but unemployed are from different sectors. Oil and Gas, retail and hospitality being the main sectors. There is a main contact and referrals are being allocated to any key worker and not necessary one from a geographical area. Job Centre + would be the main partner to share links with this service.

Funds are available to support from Wellbeing and PACE.

SDS adult service numbers have dropped off and being transferred to the National PACE team. Now mainly working with school post leavers going forward into the future. Young people able to engage but find a barrier to engagement due to distance from Aberdeen to attend Tullos Training.

CLD have been providing support to survey respondents with individual case by case online offering help with anxiety, loneliness and mental health. Evidence that some learners have go on to join additional on line course provided by CLD.

Academy have been delivering Chromebook along with dongles. These are for Vodaphone and EE as this was a barrier due to rural connections. It is hoped that parents will use the digital equipment to up skill with the support of other family members. Hopeful aim is for everyone to have access to a device by Easter, which will be a hug achievement if this is met.

LM confirmed that they had secured a trainee counsellor for young people attending the academy. This should be a good asset for both staff and pupil moving forward.

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Priority 2

Community Empowerment.

As a partnership we need to look at community voice post lockdown and possibly gather impact statements as we move to recovery.

Priority 3

Workforce Development

No real discussion about this but it was felt that staff from all partners were better training in digital tools and platforms due the past year.

Priority 4

Using data effectively

Discussed as part of the agenda

Families and Children

- Food poverty

Facts & Figures for Turriff

Data from food distribution for past few years.

Feb 2019 12 - parcels were delivered.

Feb 2020 4 – parcels were delivered.

Work has been developed with partners to remove the stigma a food poverty.

Covid hit.

Feb 2021 as at 23/02/2021 17 parcels have been delivered with 5 in the pipeline. This equates to 24 adults and 25 children

January 2021 saw 41 adults and 33 children.

Although the baseline was low, during Covid, saw 325% rise in need for food.

Partners agree that it was easier to talk about food poverty in the virtual world than face to face.

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Referrals for food can be raised through SR, education, CAB and Social work. At the moment we are not building dependency, but it is being monitored.

Partners felt that we were just scratching the surface, but we do feel we are making a difference to people's lives.

– **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Looking at recent data collected during COVID it highlighted a significant rise in loneliness as a 'red' alert. Some years ago, Public Health carried out a survey but nothing significant came from it as an area for development. CL confirmed that Turriff didn't have a local health and wellbeing group to look at this but with the new Formartine Area Plan in place there is a group working on this area and will keep this group updated on the progress. It was also highlighted that Turriff did have additional needs that other settlements in Formartine didn't, so an action plan for Turriff's uniqueness must be considered.

CL also added that he was meeting with volunteer from the conversational café in Turriff to support them trying to get online with session in the near future. Conversation cafes were happening in other areas but not in Turriff. RD offered the support of AVA with regards volunteers.

SR stated that people were feeling anxious about having a clear understanding about the lockdown rules.

CL confirmed that they were making progress to pull together a Virtual version the Aberdeenshire Health & Wellbeing Festival. Early days

– **Digital connections**

LM confirmed that they have been running training sessions for parents with ICT and have a virtual support network to up skill and build confidence with pupils. These were live sessions and also video links made available. They have pupil digital champions supporting with the role out to make things sustainable with the sourced equipment. Presentation from Co-op Pioneers.

Ideas for an intergenerational ICT support between senior pupils and members of the community. We could look at setting something when we can get back to face to face delivery. Partnership approach to the delivery. WE may have to look at external venues for this to happen.

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Guest Speaker

An overview of the Member Pioneer role:

- develop an action plan to improve your community, focussed on; health and wellbeing, endangered spaces and education and skills
- establish and run a local community forum, or make connections with one that already exists
- build a strong network locally using social media to help
- understand your community needs, keeping your ear to the ground
- keep on top of events in your community which you could partner with to support your ambitious plans
- prioritise your time, making your hours count and focusing on opportunities to make the biggest difference

Member Pioneers work for around four hours a week to support their local communities and there are currently Member Pioneers in all North Aberdeenshire communities including Ellon, Pitmedden, Oldmeldrum, Fyvie, Turriff and Balmedie. Some do cover more than one area.

At the moment the Co-op also has a campaign to support Access to Food which is an ongoing project. Member Pioneers have been asked to link up with groups connected to providing sustainable access to food and wellbeing in their communities. This includes other food co-ops, community gardens, those helping with cookery skills, budgeting and healthy eating and community food cafes, larders and community fridges. This is to develop relationships with them to be able to provide support going forward.

Other parts of the Access to Food campaign include resources being available to Member Pioneers to support the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' Veg Power campaign and encouraging groups to share their details on the Co-operate Platform <https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/> . They also assist the Co-op Food stores with their local Foodbank collections and finding Foodshare partners, where food that is going out of date can be collected and used.

Finally, the Co-op currently has a national charity partnership with MIND/SAMH. The Member Pioneer's role is to support the stores with their fundraising, but they have also built up a relationship with My Life Dynamic and signpost and share activities they offer.

Questions – LM asked if there were any funds which could support 'comfort' (not sure if this is what the final name will be) product for this initiative. Looking for deodorants, shower gel etc even make-up if it were available. VP would ask the question of the local branches and get back.

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Actions following the meeting

SR to share e copies and paper copies of 'Who What How' with partners. Academy and Co-op Beverly

SDS to speak direct to Co-op about a possible apprenticeship for a young person.

CR to supply CLD AL info for the Formartine bulletin.

LM and RD to meet to look at achievements awards in the broader sense for young people.

VP to make contact with LM regarding products for comfort cabinet.

Shared email addresses

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Future meeting dates

Tuesday 25th May 11.00

Tuesday 10th August 11.00

Tuesday 23rd November 11.00

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