

LLCP Meeting – 10th November 2020 14.00 – 15.30

Present: Iain McCombie, David Dent, Mike Riley, Leslie Murison, Jill Noble, Stella Campbell, Bronagh Cameron, Gillian Wood and Keith Anderson. Ian is leaving the Committee to focus on other Rotary projects but David will be our new Rotary club representative.

Apologies: Caitheleen Bell, Alison Reid, Eileen Buchan, Carolyn Smith, Freda Nicolson, Calvin Little and Carolyn Lamb.

No Matters Arising

Mike will send out a Link to Aberdeenshire online Drug Briefing taking place late January early February if you wish to register or pass on to Colleagues.

Partner Updates

Leslie – Creative learning classes which had been running across Aberdeenshire, have been stopped due to Covid and will not be returning at the moment therefore People will get refunds for fees paid

Jill - Last Monday Westhill library has their local click and collect service – you can book a 15 minute slot online to come and collect your books (up to 10 books at one time) or collect audio books. Kemnay and Kintore start next week. People can also phone in if they wish to discuss any books. Staff back in the local Library after being off from March. Many staff have been involved in the HAC. Staff are happy to be back reuniting with customers. Live Life at home going well and book bug sessions going well. Library open from 4 – 6 pm twice a week. the Library is also involved with Cosy Bony Knitting group people can come and drop knitted donations.

Hearing Aid Batteries can be picked up from the library.

Library Policy re book donations – either book a slot or phone. Where do the books go? It depends on the condition either go back in to stock or are given to Better World Books.

Stella - Back in to buildings – worship services online. The first to open was Trinity then Skene. The generosity of people in the parish is remarkable the church had a drop off point for collecting food to donate to the food Bank in Banchory South. they also collected shoe boxes for Blythewood Care. The food Bank at the Community Church got support from the local youth Football Teams and Inverurie North and Banchory South got help it is not means tested but you do need a referral. In the future when there might be a lot of redundancies the food banks will help.

Working around remembrance day the primaries painted pebbles and they were placed at the war memorial.

Westhill Resilience Support Group got funding from Aberdeenshire Council to pay for over 300 afternoon teas and small xmas gifts.

Iain – Rotary meetings are suspended at the moment but we still have meetings online. We have been involved in Litter picks 2 every months.

They have placed a Park Bench in Sauchen in memory of a local Jimmy Allan. They have been supporting the community council with a public access defibrillator and a 2nd will be placed at Cluny school, it was St Johns ambulance who funded it.

£500 was donated to Scottish Charity Air Ambulance based in Dyce.

Support funding to food banks in Inverurie and also planted 4,000 purple crocus bulbs in the Sauchen area, Crombie Primary, Sensational and at Westhill Heights. The purple crocus is a symbol of our fight to eradicate polio.

The xmas concert is cancelled this year but they are handing out afternoon tea boxes which was bought from Marshall Farm Shop, with an anonymous donation, on 10th December to Westhill Snr Citizens, Garlogie, Dunecht and Echt also.

Keith – Well done to all trying to lift the moral. Significant work on government guidance for groups. Risk assessment should be done when organising a face to face business meeting. The group should assess why they are meeting - the aims and outcomes.

Gillian – Westhill pool opened after a lot of refurbishment. Jill from the Library said it was looking very smart. Councillors were invited round just before it opened. We were fully booked the 1st week but it is slowing down now since the schools went back. 50+ are back using their time slots. We are relaunching a new alternative to swimming lessons.

Activities have halted at the Community Centre but are trying to get Football and Badminton back in the school. Now delivering all their sessions by government guidelines. Westhill Walkers are back and also Jog Scotland.

We are the only leisure provider in Scotland to have been able to open every leisure facility that we have. There were no redundancies or staff cuts at the pool but staff are aware that they could be redeployed if they have to shut the pool again.

Bronagh – Busy working remotely targeting winter school leavers for Princes Trust and Reach programmes. They are doing walks in the park for 6 weeks with risk assessments in place.

Creating a program of work experience with Construction Companies, also SIA courses and a return to work after Covid course.

There is NTTF funding for those who have lost employment after 1st March help fund with training needs. We are also getting digital equipment, food parcels, baby boxes and books out to those in need of this support. There are counsellors helping with financial advice.

Mike – Continuing working from home. Not a lot in the community centre mostly online. Youth work is in meeting with targeted young people from the Academy. Some face to face and some online.

Mike working online with Alcohol partnership and also at Port Elphinstone re food banks which are open to everyone you do not need a referral, the food (non-perishable) is donated by supermarkets.

Some staff may be called in to help in care homes, man helpdesks and probably manage the running of the covid vaccine clinics.

Next Meeting Tuesday 21st January 2021 2pm