

Aboyne Local Learning Community Partnership

The notes of the meeting held on Thursday the 17th of June 10am (online)

Present: Barry Drennan, Steve Russell, Hayley Lockerbie and Susan McGregor

Apologies: Carole Paterson, Nick Mardell Emma Murphy, Sam Basford and Shona Park.

Working group updates

- Digital literacy – Aileen, Hayley and Susan have been looking at this, with the remit 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. Agreed to build on the support in the area and to build capacity of volunteers
- Financial Literacies – access to information and income maximisation, understanding value, needs and wants and how to manage money. carried out Cost of the school day. Aboyne cluster is an area that is being considered for a tackling child poverty project.
- Mental health and Well-being – 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. Summer of Play has been organised in response to Covid 19 recovery and has a focus on fun and wellbeing for children, young people and their families

Partner Updates

- LLA – supporting the Summer of Play. Currently a review of services and staffing structures with the potential of a change of focus (school librarian/ area librarian). Still reduced capacity in Leisure due to covid 19 guidelines and staff deployment.
- Aboyne Academy. Barry is moving to a new job in Portlethen and Michael Foy is the new (full time) Head teacher for Aboyne Academy.
- CLD – supporting the summer of play initiative. Have a programme of family learning in the summer holidays. Considering face to face learning opportunities for learners who have struggled to maintain their learning online

Date of next meeting - To be confirmed – planning meeting