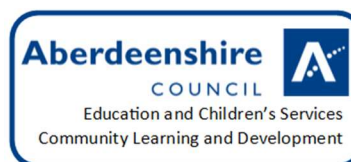


# Portlethen Local Learning Partnership Meeting



Date: 24/6/21

**Present:**

Jacky Niven -Development Officer, Kincardineshire Development Partnership(KDP)  
 Ron Sharp – Chair Portlethen Town Association and KDP  
 Neil Morrison Head Teacher, Portlethen Academy  
 Clare Taylor- Brown -Community Development SCLDW, CLD  
 Alison Simpson- Community Planning Officer K & M  
 Graeme Hooper Community Development, CLDW, CLD  
 Lynn Buchan -Working with Young People SCLDW, CLD

**Minute taker: Lynn Buchan**

**Matters arising from previous minute.**

- None

**Agenda items**

	Item	Action
	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn welcomed everyone and introduced them.	
	<b>Previous Minute-</b> Lynn went over the meeting in March.	Lynn to send previous minute to Alison & Ron
1	<b>Summer of Play</b> is at Portlethen Academy weeks 4,5 & 7. <a href="http://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk">Summer of Play - Live, Life Aberdeenshire (livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk)</a> Places are free.	
2	<b>Boys Group-</b> CLD have engaged with some of the boys Police and Education had raised concerns about their behaviour in the community. CLD have secure covid recovery money to do team building and engagement over the summer break.	
3	<b>New Draft CLD Plan 2021-24</b> available on the Aberdeenshire Learning Communities Partnership (ALCP) WordPress.  <a href="http://wordpress.com">CLD Plan 2021-2024   Aberdeenshire Learning Communities Partnership (ALCP) (wordpress.com)</a>  The 4 main new priorities are- 1.Improving health and wellbeing 2.Improving life chances 3.Building community capacity and resilience 4.Strengthening workforce development	Agenda item for the next meeting

4	<p><b>Unmet need/concerns</b>  Underage drinking- there is some good fake ID.  More drugs in the community  There continues to be a lot of young families accessing the Food Larder  Concern volunteers under equipped to deal with some of the issues brought up by users of the food larder.  Also, there is the strategic need to look at why there is a need for foodbanks- e.g., the Universal credit system.</p>	Police are aware.
<b>Partner Update</b>		
<p><b>Community Development</b>  Portlethen Food Larder is moving to a smaller space within the Porty Cabin and the volunteers are considering which sustainable foodbank model they will adopt- more than likely will be the CFine. Cfine are starting a mobile pantry from Edzell along the mainland villages, once they have a worker, Unfortunately this will not include our area,</p> <p><b>Portlethen Town Association</b>  Jubilee Hall is up and running again, with lots of let enquiries. Members are looking at reopening the 'Fine Piece Café' and exploring the option of evening classes in the hall too.  The Men's Shed is operational again.  The Mearns Healthy Living Network are back preparing planters to brighten the railway station.</p> <p><b>Portlethen Academy</b>  New leadership team after the summer, Neil and Tom are retiring. Barry Drennan will be the new head teacher.  Deputy head teachers Jenifer Law and Rhona Mackenzie will join the leadership team.  School roll continues to rise, hence there is fifth house Elsie. New guidance teacher joins the academy next term.  Young people are all set to come back in August after having dealt with a difficult term post lockdown -dealing with SQA assessments etc and the mitigations of masks, hand washing and access restrictions etc..  Neil expressed appreciation for partners present and they thanked him for his commitment over the last nine years.  With regards drugs in the school, SLT always work with police but there is no increase. He is aware that there are concerns in the south side of the city.</p> <p><b>Kincardineshire Development Partnership</b>  Jacqui has been involved in two Community Impact assessments highlighting the need to support food larder groups and new and emerging groups too.  Jacqui enjoyed being part of the two Portlethen Academy Excelerate Leaver Profiles sessions. She has been in touch with Isla Elliott, Business &amp; Community Support Officer about supporting pupils to understand their place and undertake a community action plan.</p> <p><b>Community Planning</b>  Alison Simpson is new in post and asked Ron to show her around Portlethen. Clare will join them too.</p> <p><b>Community Development</b></p>		

	<p>Clare Taylor -Brown promoted-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the recently brought back to life, Facebook page for Community Development Aberdeenshire, part of the CLD service.</li> </ul> <p>See link <a href="#">Community Development Aberdeenshire   Facebook</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Discoveries webinar next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July <a href="#">2021-digital-discovery-poster.pdf (wordpress.com)</a></li> <li>Opportunities for Young People Grant <a href="https://aberdeenshireclservice.wordpress.com/2021/06/17/opportunities-for-young-people-grant/?fbclid=IwAR2ryK2PXvx5C">https://aberdeenshireclservice.wordpress.com/2021/06/17/opportunities-for-young-people-grant/?fbclid=IwAR2ryK2PXvx5C</a></li> <li>YouthBank funding <a href="#">2021 Aberdeenshire Youth Bank – Community Learning and Development in Aberdeenshire (wordpress.com)</a></li> <li>Connecting Scotland Phrase 3 <a href="https://connecting.scot/organisations/employability/apply">https://connecting.scot/organisations/employability/apply</a></li> <li>Digital Mental Health Service for 10-18yars olds <a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a></li> <li>Digital Mental Health Service for 16years + <a href="http://www.togetherall.com">www.togetherall.com</a></li> </ul>	<p>Alison to give Ron a few possible dates.</p>

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**Date of next meeting- tbc**