



**Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership (LLCP) Online Meeting
Thursday 14th October 2021, 11 am**

Attending

Michael Riley, Senior CLD Worker, Community Development
Nicola Stuart, Depute Head, Kemnay Academy
Sue Wainman, Greener Kemnay, Kemnay Community Council, Kemnay Futures
Susan Weetman, Admin Support Assistant, Kemnay CLD

Apologies

Caithleen Bell, Senior CLD Worker, Adult Learning
Margaret Bennett, Early Years
Lynsey Coutts, Active Schools
Lynn Davidson, Homestart Garioch
Marie Glendinning, Principal Teacher, Kemnay Academy
Grampian Opportunities
Rob Mackay, Positive Steps Kemnay
Alison Sutherland, Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service
Jen Sutherland, Educational Psychology

Welcome and Introductions

Michael welcomed everyone and introduced himself as the new Kemnay LLCP Chair, taking over from Caithleen. He works for the Community Development Team within CLD and is based in Westhill although he covers the whole of the Garioch area.

Partners' Updates

Kemnay Academy

Maire Glendinning had been hoping to join the meeting to talk about a new reading strategy and how the community can help support it. She will attend the next meeting, and this will be added to the agenda.

Nicola said that that 2 senior phase assessment windows are replacing the prelims and that they have just come to the end of the first assessment window. An active girls' day was held last week with an active boys' day being held today. The S1 pupils have settled in well and the pupils are

overall very positive. Masks are still being worn in school and this is making class discussions and group work difficult.

They have been working on the Aberdeenshire Sustainable Strategy and 9 pupils spoke online with Karen Tucker, Aberdeenshire Council's Resources and Performance Manager. There will also be activities around COP26 after the October holidays, including work with the school captains on the proposed cycling / walking routes from Kemnay to Kintore and from Kemnay to Inverurie.

Action Points

Susan to add Kemnay Academy reading strategy to agenda for next meeting.

Greener Kemnay/ Kemnay Community Council / Kemnay Futures

Sue said that they are working on ensuring that both cycling / walking routes are chosen and not just one. Proposed routes have been walked by local people and there will be an information and discussion evening on 2nd November, which is currently planned to be face-to-face only. This meeting will be hosted by Greener Kemnay and Positive Steps Kemnay, although environmental planners have also been invited in an advisory capacity. These routes are intended to be safe cycling and walking routes which should hopefully also promote the train links in Kintore and Inverurie as well as attracting more visitors to the area.

CLD

There are continuing staff changes within CLD, due to voluntary severance. There will also be a reorganisation of the CLD Service, probably within the first quarter of 2022.

Michael's role involves working closely with Port Elphinstone Community House, helping to arrange community activities, supporting staff in the North area, working with Connecting Scotland to get devices out in the community and producing Risk Assessments for the CLD Service. Additionally, a large proportion of his time is spent supporting the 3 ADP (Alcohol and Drugs Partnership) Community Forums and the 18 groups associated with the Forums. During the pandemic he facilitated the distribution of digital devices to members in the recovery community to enable them to stay connected during the lockdown period. As well as various meetings and activities throughout the year, Forum activities include a weekly online discussion group and fortnightly online book group. Michael is currently working with the North East Police to liaise with community members with lived experience to help reduce stigma and better understand the issues. Additional funding has also been agreed by the Scottish Government in an effort to reduce drugs' deaths. If anyone in the partnership is planning any activities around drugs and alcohol they can get in touch with Michael.

Although they were unable to attend the meeting these partners gave the following updates -

Alison Sutherland – Ranger Service

Alison is still busy with schools/groups so was unable to attend today's meeting. The Ranger Service have just finished their summer programme of events for the public and there will be a few winter events planned over the next few months, once all planned and providing there is no change in Government guidance, they can be found on the Ranger Service webpage - Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service Events | Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/aberdeenshire-council-ranger-service-18556211547>

CLD Adult Learning

The Adult Learning Team continues to deliver across the Westhill, Kemnay and Alford networks, with one full time Senior and one part-time CLD Assistant - so spread quite thin at times.

Outdoor family activities, Nature Graffiti and Story Walks, will be held during the holidays, in Kemnay, Kintore & Blackburn. The number of families registered is very low compared to the Summer this year and October last year, possibly due to families starting to get back to normal holiday routines. They will still be at the locations, doing outreach work regardless of numbers. Please share with partners not here and/or families you are working with.

A 4-week outdoor family learning programme in Lumsden will begin early November, followed by one in Kintore, starting towards the end of November. The programme is aimed at families with children in P1-4, with activities focusing on improving family literacies through outdoor learning. The advertising for Kintore will go out w/b 10th November.

There will also be an online anxiety in the home workshop in December, with advertising going out w/b 22nd November.

Connecting Scotland Fast Track Applications

This scheme aims to connect people in the community, mainly through iPads, chrome books and Wi-Fi dongles. There have been hundreds distributed within the general community, with 53 devices within the recovery community. Michael has been trained to support those receiving devices, which have been life-changing to many people. The application period for the latest phase closes on Friday 12th November and the priority groups are older people (aged 60+), disabled people and single parents. However, other groups equally qualify, such as unemployed people, families, care leavers and those with other vulnerabilities (e.g. refugees/asylum seekers, homeless people etc.). Susan has sent out the email containing all the information. Michael added that organisations are expected to commit to distribute devices and provide basic monitoring information however CLD can provide support with this if required. Nicola said that Kemnay Academy had also handed out devices to pupils identified through being eligible for free school meals. The Government has now also committed to delivering digital devices to every pupil in Scotland.

Future Planning

It was agreed that it was still difficult to get things done as most meetings are still online and some people are reluctant to meet in person. Numbers in online meetings have also been dropping. As part of the CLD reorganisation the number of Local Learning Community Partnerships may be merged from 17 into 6, with each one covering a larger area e.g. Kemnay may become part of a Garioch LLCP. However, Michael said there should be an opportunity to discuss this in advance. Sue said that a very detailed Strategic Needs Assessment has just been completed for Inverurie and that Kemnay will be next, perhaps taking place in March. The leading Community Planner on this is Caroline Smith.

The Financial Inclusion leaflet should be amended to reflect changes since it was last distributed.

Action Points

Susan to amend Financial Inclusion leaflet.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th December at 2 pm on Teams