



Kincardine
& Mearns
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— Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership newsletter —

Welcome to the new Community Planning newsletter

This newsletter will keep you in the loop about anything related to Community Planning in Aberdeenshire. We are planning to publish four editions throughout the year with both Local and Shire wide info and articles. We'd really like to know what you think of it from the layout to the content. Please forward any comments, good, bad or ugly, to the central Community Planning team - contact details are at the bottom of this page and we'll take it from there...

What is Community Planning?

Community Planning is all about ensuring that public organisations work together and with people in local communities. The Community Planning partnership listens to, communicates with and involves communities in decisions on how services can better meet local needs.

The aim of Community Planning Partnership is to work together for the best quality of life with happy, healthy and fulfilled people, living in a healthy, safe and sustainable environment with a vibrant local economy. Working together for everyone in Aberdeenshire by listening, involving and responding to the people in our communities and by working in partnership with our communities and local organisations to deliver more efficient and improved services, which meet local



needs. It is something that happened in Aberdeenshire long before it was officially called 'Community Planning', but has been made a statutory duty through the Local Government Act (2003).

The partners...

In Aberdeenshire, there are ten main community planning partners; Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Councils for Voluntary Service Network, Community Councils, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service, Grampian Police, Local Rural Partnerships, Nestrans, NHS Grampian, Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland.

Are you already involved in community planning?

You may already be "doing" community planning without even knowing it if you, possibly as part of a community group or community organisation, put forward the views and wishes of your community into local projects. This could mean any project that affects your community and is being undertaken in partnership.

We are keen for the community planning partnership to be aware of these types of projects. The easiest way of making sure of that is to contact either your Local Community Planning Group, or one of our community and voluntary partners mentioned above, i.e. Community Councils, Councils for Voluntary Service, and Local Rural Partnerships. Support or advice may be able to be provided.

contact us

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Locally...



Mearns Youth Forum

Hello my name is Will Sergeant and I am a member of the Mearns youth forum. The Mearns youth forum was created by young people for young people in 2001. The idea is that we are the voice of the young people in the Mearns area. We organise events (for young people) and we consult them on what THEY want.

Recently we conducted a consultation so young people could tell us what they want to do and what they want to need in the Mearns. 263 young people aged 11- 25 took part. The results were shared with local voluntary organisations, the council, the police, community councils, and many, many more people. We are currently working with them to respond to the young people we consulted.

In our youth consultation young people said that there was not enough youth friendly information so, together with youth action groups in Stonehaven and Portlethen we are designing a K&M youth pocket guide with all the information that a young person would want to know about who they can contact in a time of need or just for general interest. This will be given to all



young people in the area.

As if that isn't enough we are still hard at work on many more projects including a new and improved Mearns Youth Forum Website (as pictured) with new features such as a blog and a games page, which all young people can leave a comment on. We are also going to be involved in the

train station opening. We will be there at the opening to find out what difference the station will make to local people's lives and as part of this work we will be recording the first ever documentary to be broadcast on the long awaited community radio station Mearns FM.

The youth forum is open to all young people living or going to school in the Mearns so if you want to get involved then contact us via our website or Mearns Community Centre 01561 378298. For more information go to our fantabulous new website www.mearnsyouthforum.org.uk.



Working together for the best quality of life for everyone in Kincardine and Mearns

Dynamic Drop In

Have your say in the future of Kincardine and Mearns

Friday 12th June 2009 - 7-9pm
Saturday 13th June 2009 - 10am-3pm
Sunday 14th June 2009 - 1-4pm
at Portlethen Academy

Meet representatives from your Local Community Planning Group (Aberdeenshire Council, Grampian Fire & Rescue, NHS, Grampian Police, Local Area Partnership, Community Councils, Councils for Voluntary Sector, NESTRANS, Skills Development Scotland, Scottish Enterprise).

Air your thoughts, raise concerns and meet others from your community. Put in your comments on the current Local Community Plan.

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