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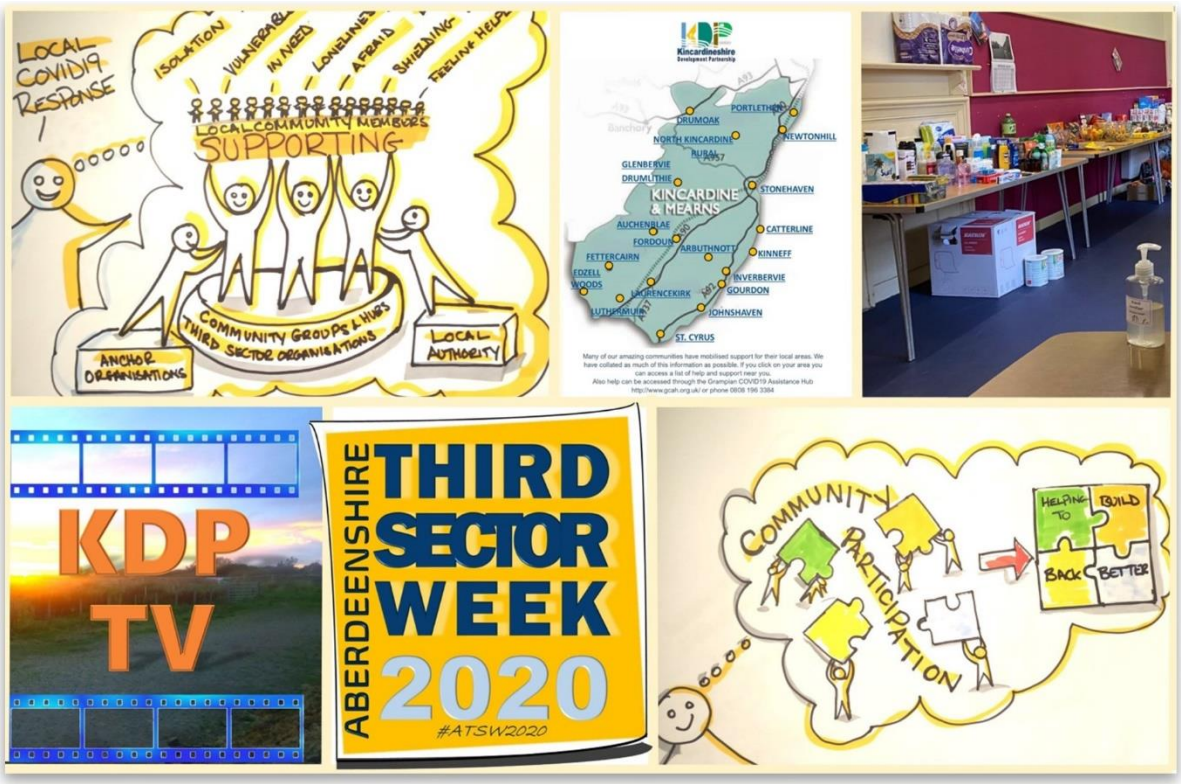

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LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

In last year's report I intimated that there would be challenging times to come for KDP. At that time none of us were prepared for what lay ahead. However, regardless of the restrictions that the current pandemic has brought, KDP has continued to perform to the highest level, and deliver its core objectives under the 'Service Level Agreement' (or SLA). We also continue to be at the forefront of developing initiatives, continuing to support community resilience, securing funding, and developing important links through involvement with the Third Sector. The success of KDP is determined by the ongoing commitment of its staff and trustees, and the support it receives from its member organisations. I would like to thank both Jacky and Margo for the work they have done over the past year, both of whom have worked tirelessly in what can only be described as difficult circumstances. There have been many challenges such as the loss of face-to-face meetings and the ability to engage with community groups, isolation and remote working, and the inability to plan future events due to the ongoing uncertainty. As a direct result of Covid we also lost Kirsty, our windfarm administrator, and we wish her well in the future. One of the most important tasks has been to ensure that we provide a good communication platform, and that much needed information is distributed through our weekly bulletins and social media.

Our primary source of income is provided by Aberdeenshire Council CED through our agreed Service Level Agreement. In the past this has been £33,000 which includes £3,000 from the K&M Area Manager. As you will be aware, Aberdeenshire Council have a rather large deficit in their budget for the coming years. This has resulted in a cut in funding to the Rural Partnerships of £7,500 over the next 2 years. Following that, in the 3rd year our funding will disappear altogether. As previously mentioned, KDP have consistently delivered much needed support in ensuring continued economic development and community resilience. As you can imagine, this has come as quite a body blow to KDP, and the other rural partnerships.

Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding this year's SLAs, but the point has been made quite forcibly, that a reduction in funding may result in a reduction in our ability to deliver the same level of service as in previous years. This decision is purely budgetary and does not reflect on our performance within the K&M community. Fortunately, due to good governance in previous years, KDP is still in a healthy and sustainable position. Over the next 12 months we will obviously have to look more closely at how we manage our work capacity and possible future funding streams. Our success in administering the Windfarms, and more recently the Supporting Communities Fund shows that we are more than capable in this respect, and we are determined to continue to support the K&M community to the best of our ability.

As we come out of Covid there will be a greater need to help build more robust and resilient groups to ensure the support and survival of those most vulnerable. The partnerships and relationships built across K&M are ensuring that there is a cohesive approach to supporting communities. We will also provide access to much needed funding and information to ensure the future growth of our communities and member organisations.

Our message to you all is clear. As far as KDP is concerned it is very much –

Business as Usual

We look forward to working and meeting with you all in the year to come.

Ron Sharp
Chairperson

INTRODUCTION

Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP), formed in 2014 as a community led and community focused independent, not-for-profit, voluntary organisation, has completed seven years of work for the communities of Kincardine and Mearns. Its objectives continue to be to promote, encourage and enable sustainable community development and economic growth in the area known as Kincardine & Mearns (K & M Area).

KDP provides free membership services to its members. The membership is open to all constituted, non-party political organisations within the K&M Area. The process of applying for membership is purposely user-friendly and uncomplicated. Membership packs can be downloaded from the KDP web site or, on request, sent by post. Please visit the KDP website www.kdp.scot for information.

Operating as a SCIO, it is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of one nominated representative from each of the twelve community councils in the K & M Area plus six representatives from constituted, voluntary led community organisations: up to 18 representatives in total. KDP welcomes representatives onto the board from the wider communities to enable it to fully represent all parts of the community, the constitution allows for this through co-options. Within the board there are four office bearer roles Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

We concluded the Annual Report for 2019/2020, with reference to the COVID19 Crisis, and the effect it had, and would have, on the plans and actions we were preparing for the period 2020/2021. At that time, communities were responding to the emergency situation, perhaps expecting we would be through the other side and fairly restriction free a year later. However, it has been a year unlike any of us will have experienced before.

As of March 2020, the board was supported by the Office Team Employees:

- Margo Titmuss Office Administrator on 10 hours
- Kirsty Alchin Windfarm & General Administration on 10 hours
- Jacky Niven Development Officer on 28 hours.

However, due to personal circumstances as a direct result of the pandemic, Kirsty needed to take a full-time post reducing the team to two members of staff.
All staff have been working from home, having discontinued face to face meetings from 13th March 2020. Initially focus had been on ensuring key information was shared and responding to requests from communities acting together to support their local areas during this difficult time.
Much of the fast-moving information was disseminated via the KDP Facebook page, with weekly and when necessary, twice weekly bulletins for key and more static information.

Towards the end of 2020, KDP's focus started to shift from the immediate and urgent support communities needed to survive the health and economic challenges; to looking

forward to periods of recovery, rebuilding and to once again beginning to thrive. We believe KDP will continue to have an effective part to play in every phase of this process.

We have been moved by the level of local action in response to the crisis; groups stepping up and looking out for their own communities, with KDP, along with other partners, extending practical support and sharing vital information, to allow these communities to deliver support to those in need. There will be a need to harness this community spirit and innovation to help our groups rebuild, albeit on a slightly different landscape, when we finally emerge from this crisis.

This is KDP's seventh Annual Report, and at the time of writing the communities of K&M, along with the rest of the world, are still dealing with unprecedented events surrounding the COVID19 pandemic. These events offer a different perspective on the value of the work of KDP. The work undertaken to build capacity, strong robust community groups and social capital helps to create a community resilience which now is playing a vital part in ensuring the support and survival of the vulnerable, isolated and others in need at this extremely challenging time. The partnerships and relationships built across K&M and across the Shire itself, are ensuring that there is support and a cohesive approach to supporting communities, making sure they have access and information on whatever is required.

This year's report will show that the role of the Partnership continues to be as wide ranging and diverse as our communities and their groups and organisations. Our activities continue to include working with our communities and in addition, developing and nurturing strong partnerships with statutory agencies, Aberdeenshire Council and our colleagues working alongside us in the other five Rural Partnerships. In working hard to help build and develop social capital within our towns and villages, we are confident that KDP will continue to play a strong role in helping our communities deliver robust and sustainable projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT

KDP Finance Report 2020 -2021

The accounts shown below are the provisional Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2021. The accounts have still to be certified by an independent examiner.

Covid-19 has left a trail of devastation behind it and KDP has not been exempt from the virus. We have had to curtail our 'hands-on' relationships with community organisations and learn new ways of remote assistance. One notable action was that KDP acted as administrator for a 'covid relief fund' and we dispensed £36,000 in a very short time period. None of the work done by KDP in this financial year could have been done without the hard work and enthusiasm of our staff; this is especially true as their burden increased when Kirsty Alchin departed for pastures new. Thanks to stringent financial control by all concerned, KDP ended the year with assets £2,978 greater than in 2019-2020. However, due to a forthcoming reduction in the annual grant from Aberdeenshire Council the next financial year will be even more challenging, and it is imperative that KDP can source alternative funding in order to maintain our profile in the community which we serve.

Andrew Newton
Treasurer
14th April 2021

Provisional Receipt and Payment Account for Kincardineshire Development Partnership for 2020 - 2021				
	2020-2021		2019-2020	
INCOME				
Opening Balance	£37,180.99		£37,419.24	* Note 1
Windfarm Community Funds *	£33,515.96		£35,280.61	* Note 3
Windfarm Community Finds - Admin Fee	£5,544.86		£8,210.18	
Aberdeenshire Council SLA	£33,900.00		£33,900.00	
Supporting Communities Fund (SCF)	£36,000.00		£0.00	
Other Deposits	£3,600.00		£7,750.00	
Total		**£149,741.81**		**£122,560.03**
EXPENDITURE				
Accounting Fees	£500.00		£500.00	
Advertising & Marketing	£0.00		£925.96	
Catering	£0.00		£393.48	
Board Members Expenses	£0.00		£0.00	
Board Member travel	£0.00		£117.00	
Community Cash Back Award	£300.00		£0.00	*Note 2
Conference Attendance	£0.00		£195.00	
Feasibility Study	£0.00		£4,900.00	
Insurance	£366.43		£524.04	
IT Expenditure	£864.96		£229.16	
Our Mearns Tourist Association	£0.00		£0.00	
Membership of external organisations	£35.00		£246.00	
Miscellaneous	£47.00		£0.00	
Office Expenses (inc hall hire)	£0.00		£655.74	
Office move & related costs	£0.00		£0.00	
Office rent & service charge	£3,415.40		£2,886.00	
Stationery, Printing & Postage	£146.33		£1,166.09	
Photocopying	£0.00		£0.00	
Telephone	£860.51		£714.32	
Training	£0.00		£185.00	
Staff Expenses	£0.00		£0.00	
Staff Travel	£21.91		£2,113.17	
Staff Wages & Pension	£33,399.55		£31,732.36	
Supporting Communities Allocation	£35,971.45		£0.00	
Website & Social Media	£0.00		£0.00	
Windfarm Community Funds re-allocation *	£33,655.10		£37,895.72	* Note 3
Total		**£109,583.64**		**£85,379.04**
Closing Balance		**£40,158.17**	**£37,180.99**	
Note 1	Cash in Bank was £37,180.99 but True Balance was £36,880.99 (unpresented cheque for £300)			
Note 2	Presentation of cheque (June 2020) for £300 from 2019-2020 account			
Note 3	Funds from 3 Windfarms are lodged in the KDP main account and then transferred to separate			
	ring fenced accounts for re-distribution to applicants			

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Development Officer and supporting team follow a Work Plan and provide a Monthly Development Officer Report which is circulated to all members of the Board. They also report to the Board at the monthly meetings. Their activities are focused on working with community groups and organisations, engaging communities, attending partner meetings to support, enable and empower our citizens to play a part in the development of robust, sustainable communities within K&M.

Jacky responds to a variety of requests from communities which include help locating potential sources of funding, facilitating community engagement events, capacity building within groups and Community Councils to help with plans for development.

This year's report will take a different shape due to our activities responding to the needs of our communities tackling the impact of the pandemic and 'lockdown' restrictions.

Nevertheless, as the following record of activities and case studies illustrates, KDP is emerging as a strong service provider for K&M, engaging communities and satiating an appetite for positive change.

Community Action Plans

All activities surrounding the development of Community Action Plans were put on hold for most of this period due to several factors primarily caused by the impact of measures to prevent the spread of COVID19. Challenges around providing robust and authentic engagement, access to community spaces along with communities focusing on providing support to those in need or isolated changed priorities across the area.

However, as part of our focus on community recovery and commitment to building back better we are developing a framework for COVID19 Impact Recovery and Community Action Plans to address the impact of the pandemic and the effects of prolonged periods of lockdown. In addition, we are developing approaches to manage the impacts felt on communities as the country begins to reopen.

Despite the challenges faced over the past year we are encouraged to see work continuing to progress from the Gourdon and Portlethen CAPs. Gourdon Lower Park has been renamed Seaview Community Park and is really taking shape as an inspiring community space. Plans to create Community Allotments in Portlethen are progressing.

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Supporting Community Groups

We are committed to the promotion of community economic development through the provision of support, advice and information to community groups and organisations and social enterprises.

We saw a marked reduction in work related to non-COVID activity however, work was still undertaken with a number of groups working on finding sources of (non-COVID related), funding, organisational development and governance, potential Asset Transfer, start up, and plans for a visioning session.

KDP continues to foster these relationships to ensure communities feel supported and empowered to deliver activities to improve their area. We continue to ensure that we have a flexible response to our community needs. Each request for assistance, whilst there will be common themes, will often have unique requirements.

K&M Talking Halls

It has been important to maintain a dialogue with the local community halls network, and four "Talking Halls" events were held virtually over the course of the 'lockdown' periods. These have been productive meetings with Halls being able to share their experiences, particularly around the COVID19 situation. KDP supplied helpful funding information which has been accessed by many of the participants.

KDP continued to work with halls individually on issues including governance and funding, including assistance in setting up a crowdfunding page for Fettercairn Public Hall.

Many Halls were able to access the Business Support Grants and feedback passed on to Aberdeenshire Council via Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation, highlighted and informed Aberdeenshire Council that there was a need for guidance on safe opening of community spaces, which resulted in two well attended Webinars.

Community Wind Farm Funding

The Covid pandemic had a significant impact on the management of the three Windfarm Community Funds administered by KDP. The decision was taken to delay the funds until groups were able to move forward with non-Covid related projects. It was also acknowledged that community groups were reacting to the immediate needs created by the pandemic, and that many specific grants schemes had been established to meet those requirements.

As the year progressed, a timeline was established for re-opening the Community Funds to allow the 2020 funds to be allocated.

Meikle Carewe

The Meikle Carewe Windfarm Community Fund opened for applications on 1st November 2020 and closed on 31st January 2021. Applications were received from 19 community groups, and a total of £24,331.69 was awarded.

Hillhead of Auquhirie

The Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Community Fund opened for applications on 1st December 2020 and closed on 28th February 2021. Applications were received from 18 community groups, and a total of £17,259.19 was awarded.

St John's Hill

The decision was made to combine the 2020 and 2021 allocation of funds for the St John's Hill Community Fund. As a result, the fund opened on 1st January and closed on 31st March. The Decision-Making Panel will meet in April to consider the applications.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions no presentation evenings were held.

The KDP website is updated when funds open and information appears in the local press and across social media. Any questions on any of the funds can be forwarded to windfarms@kdp.scot

Building Links and Partnership Working

KDP Continue to develop positive relationships with relevant Partner organisations, including our colleagues within the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation.

KDP continues to Chair the Third Sector Strategy Group (TSSG) whose purpose is to strengthen the partnership working between the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation (ARPF), the Third Sector Interface i.e., Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action and Aberdeenshire Council, to ensure the community/third sector voices are considered where policy may impact them.

As a result of the development of the TSSG, the group is becoming recognised as a credible and valuable partner across many forums. Inclusion in the Community Resilience & Partnership Workstream had presented the opportunity to be an effective contributor, and this has furthermore opened the opportunity to a place on the Connected and Cohesive Communities CPP Executive subgroup. In addition, links are being made with NHS and IJB Boards and the inclusion of the TSSG Chair on the Aberdeenshire Frailty Pathway Development Group where a landscaping exercise of Older People's services within the community has been submitted to inform the Hospital at Home model. The report is available here.

KDPTV

In May 2020 we launched KDPTV. Our YouTube channel has over 60 informational and inspirational Films and Presentations available to view. This is a platform for hosting features, which can be accessed as a resource for our members and partners. The channel hosted Aberdeenshire's Third Sector Week #ATSW2020, some of the content for the "De yae Ken?" partner initiative and the Twelve Rules of Christmas, a short self-care film supporting mental wellbeing over the festive period. KDPTV can be accessed here.

Aberdeenshire Third Sector Week #ATSW2020

The first Aberdeenshire Third Sector Week was launched week commencing 16th November and was successfully executed, achieving wide local exposure in addition to national coverage. The week was featured in the Community Justice social media campaign "Community Cheer". Also, Third Sector Organisations and Public Sector bodies were making use of the hashtag #ATSW2020.

The event succeeded in its aim of engaging Third Sector Organisations and Public Sector audiences.

The KDPTV YouTube Channel reached 1,420 view during the week and partners AVA reported that a large percentage of the visits to their website were from new traffic.

There is now a Third Sector Strategy Group Facebook Group. The membership is increasing especially during Third Sector Week. Plans for ATSW2021 hope to see opportunities for hands on and interactive experiences if circumstances allow.

Advocacy Work

The activities undertaken at a strategic and local level have highlighted the value and immense contribution communities and the third sector bring to make Kincardine & Mearns a great place to live and work. We can be in no doubt that the community response to the COVID19 crisis meant that community spirit and civil society was #neededmorethanever.

It is important that we continue to argue a strong case for communities and the Third sector to be recognised as equal and credible partners in the delivery of services. The need for sustainable core funding for anchor organisations is vital if we are to continue to help communities recover, rebuild resilience, and thrive once again.

Jacky has had the opportunity to share this message on a national stage, presenting to the Scottish Rural Parliament event in March along with other opportunities such as the SCVO Hustings event and contributing to Research Project: Trust, Human Rights and Civil Society in Mixed Economies of Welfare being undertaken by Cardiff University.

The presentation from the Rural Parliament event can be watched here.

Activity through Covid-19 response

K&M Community Resilience Partnership group

KDP sits on this local strategic group to take part in gathering information and giving feedback at a local level. This has provided a great mechanism to inform and update partners on the needs and response of communities and has enabled all partners to quickly counter any emerging issues or trends.

Community Resilience & Partnership Workstream

In her capacity as Chair of the Third Sector Strategy Group, Jacky was part of this workstream. This group had an Aberdeenshire wide remit feeding into the major incident management response during the first few months of 'Lockdown' restrictions. Jacky represented the ARPF and Third Sector here, and again provided insight and information to inform the collective effort to support and respond to communities.

Interactive Map

KDP produced an Interactive Map linking each of the settlements to the Community Groups and support in response to the COVID19 crisis. This was extremely well received and as a result the other five Rural Partnerships created maps along the same principle, which now form part of the data informing the Grampian COVID Assistance Hub (GCAH). An Aberdeenshire map was subsequently created which sits on the GCAH.

Communities have been able to access what assistance has been available locally. At a time when people feel a of loss of

control over circumstances, the ability to access information easily without having to share own information is a way of giving back some of that feeling of control.

The development of the maps is a demonstration of Partnership working at its best.

Capturing the Good Work of Our Communities

We were delighted to have been able to produce a film with the help of community groups who were kind enough to provide some great pieces to camera. The film is live on our KDPTV YouTube Channel and can be accessed here.

KDP also provided blog content for SURF who were promoting the community response nationally.

This helped communities feel recognised for the great work they are doing and inspired by the acts of goodwill. An unexpected consequence of the crisis situation is that the community hubs and larders have enabled communities to reach those who were experiencing challenging circumstances before the pandemic.

Help and support for Community Response Groups

Several community larders and support hubs emerged through the crisis. KDP have been signposting and offering support on structure, funding, access to resources, PPE. KDP have also been able to feedback emerging needs via the Local Resilience Team.

Local support groups have been able to sustain levels of support to communities for over a year and are considering the legacy that can be developed to build back better, stronger, and more inclusive communities.

KDP Supporting Communities Fund

KDP was able to secure £39,600 of Government funding to be distributed throughout K&M to groups and organisations tackling the immediate COVID19 Crisis.

Based on feedback from community organisations based in the twelve Community Council Area across Kincardine and Mearns, we hoped this funding would support in the region of 600 volunteers extending much needed assistance to approximately 1,200 members of the K&M community, a figure some of our groups expected to see rise as the impact of lockdown was further felt.

We supported a total of 25 different local community/partner organisations across all 12 Community Council Areas. These voluntary groups and organisations were able to offer help to more than 3,680 individuals living in our local communities.

We supported a range of initiatives focused on maintaining the general and mental wellbeing of communities, in addition to keeping communities safe and connected.

Many of the projects demonstrated innovative approaches to reaching the vulnerable and isolated. This initiative, delivered by Mearns and Coastal Healthy Living Network as an example reached out to older people who had been shielding for many months offering companionship and information and support to help them to become digitally connected whilst recognising their sacrifice and thanking them for their efforts to help protect the NHS at that crucial time. The positive impact on mental health of projects such as this has been a vital contribution to the wellbeing of local communities.

https://thebellman.co.uk/2020/09/01/afternoon-tea-treat/

In summary, the greater percentage of the funding provided the means for groups and organisations to operate in safety with adequate cleaning, PPE and Physical Distancing Measures with support for Wellbeing closely matched. Often the Wellbeing and Mental Health support were quite interdependent so some of the spend could lie in both categories.

We were delighted to have been able to have supported a diverse community ranging from those in rural isolation, older people, children, and those in material need within our local towns.

The KDPSC fund was to support relief work or activity related to the Covid-19 response around the themes of Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health, Connectivity, Support for Volunteers, Community Spaces and Safety.

The Route Map for Community Participation in the Recovery Phase

It is widely recognised that the community and third sector response to the COVID19 pandemic has been tremendous supporting communities, especially the isolated and vulnerable at a level the Public sector could not have achieved alone. Demonstrating better than ever before, the power of co-working.

The Route Map for Community Participation in the Recovery Phase paper was prepared with the intention to explore the route to recovery, to build back better, to create a fairer society and how community participation could be key to making the positive changes we want to see.

According to the World Health Organisation, experience has shown, where community involvement has been encouraged in areas where there have been natural disasters, it can produce wide-ranging advantages, including a positive impact on the effects of

trauma. As mental health and wellbeing is a concern as a result of the pandemic, community participation could play a big part in reducing that impact.

The steps proposed are not anything new, but to look at the vision in the context of the pandemic and the community response to the emergency.

The paper looks at the following five steps:

1. Step One - Effective and Inclusive Community Engagement
   Create spaces where people can take part on their own terms; move beyond simply gathering views and instead build dialogue and reflection to genuinely co-design responses.
2. Step Two - Building Strong Communities – Commitment to Sustainable Resourcing and Support of Anchor Organisations
   To support the growth of strong communities, that is; supporting sustainability, resilience, and enterprise; the support of anchor organisations is essential to realise and enhance organisations and ensure that vital resource is readily available.
3. Step Three - Collaboration – Co Design, Co-Production
   Invest in the conditions required to facilitate the delivery of services informed by lived experience and innovation.
4. Step Four - Trust in Community Ownership of Assets and Cooperative Enterprise
   Changes in approach to risk could unlock potential social, environmental, and economic outcomes.
5. Step Five - Be prepared to think and do things differently – Public Services can be shared to shape, innovate, deliver, and add value.

It is the community and voluntary activity of local people which builds sustainable and resilient communities. Community participation can offer services which are creative, and community led providing added value. Changes in approach could produce policies to support and build on this.

Jacky, through her work with the TSSG, has been keen to explore how the aims of the paper "The Route Map for Community Participation in the Recovery Phase" can be facilitated. The paper has real synergy with other papers that are being published. It is good to see a consistent message coming from across the Third Sector. The paper was submitted to the Independent Advisory Board in response to their call for ideas for a fairer Scotland and it is encouraging to see the ethos of our document reflected in the report, "If not now, When?"

The concepts contained within the paper are not new, as they outline facets of the Community Empowerment Act (2015) and the Christie Commission Report on the future delivery of public services (2011) but set in the context of COVID19 recovery. It outlines the value of Community participation in overcoming trauma and tackling mental health

issues. We are now looking at how we bridge the gap between the ideology and the practical reality.

Jacky presented the paper for discussion to the Connected & Cohesive Communities (CP Exec Subgroup), and it is hoped that it will provide focus as we move forward into recovery and rebuilding.

The paper can be accessed in plain text here and in brochure form here.

A short film summarising the paper can be found here.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an overview of our activities over the past twelve months; however, we are confident that we have been able to demonstrate a positive return on the investment and the successful delivery of our SLA for the year 2020/2021, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. In fact, this report illustrates the value of our work over the past seven years in building capacity, robust groups, and community resilience. We continue to foster relationships, built on confidence and trust with our communities and our partners creating the foundation and connection which facilitated a lot of the community response based activity over the past year. This is key when we consider the impact of the changes to the economic climate and our communities in the North East, and how it will continue to affect the needs and priorities of communities.

In terms of funding brought into K&M in this past year there were many funds made available to provide support for our communities responding to the effects of 'Lockdown' and the pandemic. KDP worked tirelessly to ensure our communities gained access to whatever was available, from halls and other community spaces accessing £10k each through the Business Support Grants, Community Larders and Hubs having access to Area Resilience Funds, Food Funds, Community Support Funds and where available non-COVID19 related resources. We were quick to respond to requests for assistance to ensure groups were prepared with the necessary governance to maximise their opportunities to get the support essential to help those in need.

KDP is well placed, in terms of connections, relationships, skills and expertise to support positive change, encourage new ways of thinking and nurture innovation. However, uncertainty over future funding and the immediate reduction of our current support raises concerns over our capacity to provide the level of support K&M requires at this vital time. We will continue to progress as a valuable community resource, and we will remain committed to monitoring and evaluating our activities to ensure that we are current and in touch with community need.

We have proven to be an effective partner across our networks this year and through successful partnership working we are harnessing confidence with our membership and have become the "go to" organisation to help our communities make K&M a great place to live and work.

The Film from our postponed AGM held in March 2021 summarises some of the work undertaken by KDP and our communities over the past year.

The film can be accessed via this link: Click Here

WHO'S WHO

Our Trustees	
Name	**Representing Organisation**
Ron Sharp (Chair)	Portlethen Town Partnership
Mairi Eddie (Vice Chair)	Benholm & Johnshaven Community Council
Andrew Newton (Treasurer)	Stonehaven Tolbooth Association
Bridget Scott (Secretary)	The Bettridge Centre
George Cruickshank	Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore Community Council
William Dargie	Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council
Sandra Davidson	Mearns Area Partnership
Ian Hunter	Stonehaven & District Community Council
Bob McKinney	North Kincardine Rural Community Council
Walter McMillan	Portlethen & District Men's Shed
Marion McNeil	Crathes, Drumoak & Durris Community Council
Isabella Williamson	Arbuthnott Community Council

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