

The Garioch Gazette

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Wishing you all a



TGP Winter Forum Event

TGP held a very successful winter forum recently. Some 26 people, a mixture of partners, supporters and potential members, braved the icy weather to attend, with a similar number of apologies received.



The new Community Initiatives Grant scheme was launched at this event and it was also agreed to look at setting up a Garioch Rural Halls network in 2013.

Ward Forum Dates

Date	Venue	Ward No
February 6	Newmachar Church	12
February 26	BLC Inch	10
March 13	Inverurie tbc	11
March 27	Westhill tbc	13

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TGP AGM



The Garioch Partnership will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 25th of March at 19.30 any individuals interested in applying for trustee / membership of the board can contact John at :-

chairperson@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Application forms can be downloaded from the website www.gariochpartnership.org.uk/

See the [Events](#) page for more information.

Community Grants Scheme

THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE GRANT SCHEME is open to any constituted not-for-profit community group/ or community-run organisation in the Garioch area with an annual turnover of less than £25k.

Consideration will be given to projects that show wide community support, or improve the quality of life of local people, are of long-term benefit and make a difference to the community you live in. This could include the start-up costs for a new group, equipment, training for group members, encouraging active participation in a community, marketing costs or improvements to Community Facilities

The maximum award will be £750. You will normally be expected to have matched funding in place or be able to demonstrate how the whole project will be funded unless the grant is for start-up costs for a new group or activity.

For further information visit www.gariochpartnership.org.uk or contact Anne.

First awards made ! Get yours in now !!!



TGP membership now sits at 30, Have you/your group joined yet ?



WARD FORUMS? – PUTTING THE COMMUNITY INTO COMMUNITY PLANNING!

Community planning is a way of working which makes public services responsive to, and organised around, the needs of communities. Implicit in this is the need to involve communities in the decisions made on public services that affect them. The overall aim of community planning is to provide better public services and to support communities in their endeavours to improve the local quality of life.

The **Garioch Local Community Planning Group** delivers community planning at the local level. It is made up of representatives from the major service providers as well as community and voluntary sector representatives and they are known as **Community Planning Partners**:

Major Service Providers	Community/Voluntary Sector
Aberdeenshire Council	Community Councils
Grampian Fire & Rescue Service	The Garioch Partnership
NHS Grampian	Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) Aberdeenshire Central and South
Grampian Police	

The partners work together to ensure that services are delivered to residents effectively and at best value. They also work with the communities of Garioch to ensure that local people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services that affect them. **Community Ward Forums** will comprise part of that engagement process. The forums will be organised on behalf of the **Garioch Local Community Planning Group** by **The Garioch Partnership** as part of its Service Level Agreement with Aberdeenshire Council.

What are they for?

In the context of Community Planning, the main aims of the forums in Garioch are:

- To ensure that the views of communities and community organisations are fed into the formal community planning process
- To provide an opportunity for ongoing, two way communication between the service providers and the community; forums can be used to raise issues formally or informally
- To ensure that community representatives are kept up to date with new developments that may be of use and relevance to their communities
- To support the development of Community Councils and other community organisations - for example through training sessions on media skills, running meetings and police engagement.

What else are they for?

Forums also provide an excellent opportunity for informal learning, networking with other community organisations/representatives and sharing information and experiences. There are many initiatives and projects being run by communities in Garioch, and the opportunity to hear about these and learn from other people's experience is invaluable.

How will we know if they are useful?

We will ask for feedback from those who attend the forums and undertake a more formal review after two sets of meetings.

How can the community set the agenda?

The forums will be run for the benefit of the communities in Garioch and the Garioch Community Planning Group is very keen to hear what issues and subjects the community wants to be included in the Forums. We will ask for suggestions at the forums but you are also very welcome to email us: anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk and douglas.milne@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Where can I get more information?

Information about Community Planning can be found on the Our Aberdeenshire website at: www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk and on the website of Aberdeenshire Council at: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communityplanning/index.asp>.

A note from one of our Partners.....

CRAIGMYLE COMMUNITY LTD

On behalf of Craigmyle Community Ltd, I would like to highlight our charity which is in a position to offer grants to individuals or groups, affected by a learning or physical disability or with mental health problems who require assistance to lead a normal life.

Guidelines, application and monitoring forms are available from <http://www.grampianopportunities.org.uk/funding/>.

Please note we do not normally provide grants for household goods.

Yours faithfully

CRAIGMYLE COMMUNITY LTD

Colin Millar

Chairperson

This month's featured group:

kiddiwinks is a registered charity which operates as a Playgroup, for age two and over, in the Kemnay area. It runs in the pavilion in Bogbeth Park.

Kiddiwinks is a committee run charity. Parents of the children that attend the group form the committee, the role of which is to manage the staff, fundraising and requirements of the group.



It currently hold play sessions (term-time only) on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 09.00 - 11.30 and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 12.00 - 14.30 at a cost of £4.25 per session, snack included.

All sessions are run by a dedicated and trained playleader with help from 2 duty parents. The sessions are structured and stimulating - activities include free play, story time, songs, crafts, painting and outdoor activities during the warmer months.

Parents/guardians are welcome to stay with their child to help them settle in if they wish.



Contact: kiddiwinkskemnay@gmail.com

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