

Garioch Gazette

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Summer 2019

Welcome to another Garioch Gazette – keeping you up to date with what we're doing and what our member groups are doing, as well as relevant news, funding opportunities and events.

Our AGM was held last week and we had a fantastic turn out – it was great to see so many there! We had a very emotional presentation from Sandra McKandie, about Keiran's Legacy.

There's also a look at our Community Empowerment Event, co-hosted by Formartine Partnership, which was a fantastic day in the Axis







Aberdeenshire Network Meeting in partnership with The Garioch Partnership 1pm, Wednesday 4th Sept. Woodhill House, Aberdeen

Holiday time

Both Dawn and Louise will be taking leave over the next few weeks - our email will have 'out-of-office' messages to let you know when we'll be back.

Also, during the school holidays, we won't be in the office as regularly as usual. We will try to return telephone messages as soon as we can, but if you need a prompt reply, it may be better to drop us an e-mail:

dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk info@gariochpartnership.org.uk

The Garioch Partnership are looking for new Board Members. In particular, we would like to recruit a volunteer to take on the Treasurer's role.

If you are interested in joining the Board of The Garioch Partnership, or would like more information about being involved with the Board, please e-mail trustees@gariochpartnership.org.uk

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AGM & Summer Forum

Our AGM & Summer Forum was held on Monday 8th July, and it was lovely to see so many people there.

As promised, our Chair, John Chapman, kept the actual AGM brief. He acknowledged the work of Graham Geddes and Kay Diack, both of whom have stepped down from the Board, and welcomed Fiona Cooper and Jan Mathers, who have volunteered to join the Board.

John reported the challenges the Partnership is facing in terms of a reducing revenue budget from Aberdeenshire Council with an increase in demand as all community organisations face the same challenges



of doing more with less, and need our services and advice more than ever before. However, even with these cuts, we continue to deliver much needed support to many community and third sector organisations. This is thanks to the board and the staff of the Partnership who remain upbeat and enthusiastic even in the face of challenging times.

Our Annual Report was submitted to Aberdeenshire Council, and is now online.



John finished by thanking all the staff and trustees for their support over the past year; he recognised that this has not been the easiest year but it has been successful, and also thanked all the members who have supported and believed in us over the years.

Having completed the AGM business, John welcomed our special guests, Sandra and Gordon McKandie of Keiran's Legacy.

Following Sandra's presentation, (see more on page 3), John encouraged everyone to enjoy the fine pieces provided by Fly Cup, and take the opportunity to network, and catch up with friends, old and new.



Copies of both our Annual Report 2018-19 and the AGM brochure, including the Chair's Report and the minutes of the EGM in November 2018, can be found on our website: http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/agm-related-documents/

Sandra McKandie gave a very moving talk about Keiran's Legacy, the charity she set up with her husband Gordon.

Named for their son who died in 2016, Keiran's Legacy allows him to still make a difference.

Established in May 2017, the aim of the charity is education, awareness and saving people's lives.



Through campaigning and working closely with Police Scotland, they have achieved agreement that fast response vehicles in the Grampian area now carry

Devices named in tragic teen's legacy save lives

McKandie defibrillators used 11 times by police officers across the north-east in the past year

defibrillators, and are continuing to campaign to get them into all Police Scotland fast response vehicles.

They also run courses, targeting school leavers, providing CPR and defibrillator training, giving them skills and the confidence to use them.

They want to help communities get defibrillators but also ensure that people are aware of them and prepared to use them.

Sandra and Gordon also want to share Keiran's love of cycling, by encouraging people to get active, and stay healthy. They are providing helmets, maintenance tools and classes for school children in Moray initially so that every child has the opportunity to learn how to cycle safely.

Sandra finished by sharing two videos. Firstly, one put together by Keiran's friends, showing him in action, on his bike, and then some of the fundraising that they have done to help Keiran's Legacy.

She also shared an instruction video, showing how simple defibrillators are to use. The key message is: don't be frightened – do something.



Find out more at https://www.facebook.com/keiranslegacy/

Did you know there is a Third Sector Strategy Group for Aberdeenshire?





The TSSG is a gateway between the Third Sector and the Local *Working in Partnership!* Authority with the aim of

ensuring that the Third Sector form part of the discussion at the start of the development of policies which affect the Third Sector and Communities rather than merely being the consultee at the end of the process. This way there is more opportunity to co-produce these ideas.

Currently, the group is a partnership between Aberdeenshire Council, The Third Sector Interface (Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action) and the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation which has representation from all six Rural Partnerships.

The group has recently produced their Strategy Document for the next three years. For more information about Aberdeenshire's Third Sector Strategy Group please contact Jacky Niven at jniven@kdp.scot.



Statement from Daniel Shaw, new Chief Executive Officer, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action

Following some significant changes within our organisation, AVA is undergoing a transformation in what we do and how we do it: The purpose being to deliver greater, and longer lasting impacts for the organisations and communities that we serve.

As the new CEO, I am acutely aware that all eyes are on AVA at the moment as people are keen to know what our intentions are. In a recent message to our members I stated that our mission, vision and values remain unchanged. We will lead (through our partnerships and networks) the growth of strong, resilient, and proactive communities by example, through connection, support, and promotion of Aberdeenshire's Third Sector.

To achieve this, my aim is that we will have a new three-year strategic plan in place shortly which will make it clear what our intentions are and how we will measure our success. In the meantime, if anyone has any views on AVA that they would like to share with me, please feel free to contact me via enquiries@avashire.org.uk with the subject line of FAO: CEO.

With best regards, Dan



Is there a group in your area providing outstanding service to the community?

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities.

Any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

Submit your nomination by midnight on 13th September 2019 to make sure your nominated group is considered for the 2020 awards. For more information and guidance notes for nominating groups, visit the website at:

https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/



As you may be aware, the responses to the Democracy Matters events from the end of last year have now been analysed. Find out more in the Local Governance Review Newsletter:

https://mailchi.mp/701ef50c3195/local-governance-review-newsletter

To receive future newsletters about the Local Governance Review, sign up at https://us7.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=df8cf733f344 6d8e1fa53c316&id=ccac2bcc1e

You can also follow the Community Empowerment team on Twitter: https://twitter.com/CommEmpower



Your Community. Your Ideas. Your Future.



Warp It is a online redistribution network allowing organisations to share or give surplus items to other organisations or charities.

The eco tool improves sustainability, reduces waste and reduces spend.

Find out more at www.warpit.co.uk/faq.aspx

Updated guidance on charity accounts

The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has updated its guidance on the legal requirements for preparing charity accounts and getting those accounts externally scrutinised.

The legal requirements have not changed but the updated guidance aims to help charity trustees better understand the requirements.



All of a charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the charity's accounts, even if they are not accountants or financial experts. So it's important that the guidance is accessible to all trustees.

Before you begin to prepare your charity's accounts, you should read A Guide to Charity Accounts. This guide explains the type of accounts that your charity should prepare and the kind of external scrutiny of the accounts that is required. (Available at www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/a-guide-to-charity-accounts/)

In addition to this, there are also two new guides for independent examination, one aimed at trustees and the other at Independent Examiners:

- Independent Examination: A Guide for Charity Trustees
 (available at www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/independent-examination-a-guide-for-charity-trustees/)
- Independent Examination: A Guide for Independent Examiners
 (available at www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/independent-examination-a-guide-for-independent-examiners/)

Although the rules around charity accounting have not fundamentally changed, OSCR have updated their guidance so it is presented in a clearer format.

Applying to become a charity

From 01 May 2019, OSCR will no longer accept any paper-based applications to become a charity. Anyone who wishes to apply to become a charity must do so using the online application process.

The Thinking of Becoming a charity section of their website will explain the steps you need to take before applying and provide links to the online application. www.oscr.org.uk/becoming-a-charity/thinking-about-becoming-a-charity/

If you need any assistance or advice about either of these issues, contact Dawn for help.

Review of FREE repair workshop

A big thank you to all who helped at the Repair Workshop.

We had 21 items over the 5 hours- this might not seem lot but we were attempting to repair them immediately; they trickled in which was ideal and about all we could manage.





We were organised with a reception desk, a row of immediate fixers who with small mechanical dealt and electrical problems and then the workshop with woodworkers and mechanical/electrical engineers.

The record keeping on receipt was excellent so some we fixed on the day and for the rest have contact details for everyone to pick up when finished.

We had one man on the reception desk, a repair number was allocated and contact details taken and a parcel tag with that number attached to the item and that worked well too-everything was tracked perfectly.

Less ideal was the record of progress so the 'when fixed' information may be +- one or two.

If we do this again (we think maybe 1 x per year) we need a receptionist and a chaser to improve the progress records.

When fixed

12 items were fixed on the spot.

8 were kept as the repair needed more work or for glue to dry etc. and we will phone them when ready to collect.

1 was bought in and taken away before we could look at it, we don't know why.



A patient in splints

How people knew of the event

We advertised in the Shed page of the Westhill Bulletin, the Press and Journal (we got our text announcing the event in a side column), Facebook, roadside signs.

This was less well recorded but we did not intend to record this originally.

- 5 The Press and Journal
- 4 Westhill Bulletin
- 2 Roadside signs.
- 2 from other shedders

The rest are not recorded.

Type of equipment

- 5 Garden equipment- mowers, leaf blowers
- 10 Electrical drills, hairdryers, vacuum cleaners. The problems were cutting out, chewed by rabbit, choked with fluff etc.
- 6 Woodworking loose chair legs, refinishing needed, recover a card table

While the repairs were free we did get £8 in donations on the night and another £100 as people came to pick up the repaired items later.

We also took in a petrol mower that the guy could not start and he bought an electric one from us and donated his (we will repair and sell on).



A patient getting surgery

Several other tools were sold from our stores too amounting to another £50 of income.

We also got a mower to repair but the customer agreed to a service for which we will charge our normal fee.

I think this went very well. I enjoyed it from the doing something for the community aspect (where can you get a small repair done these

days- never mind at what cost!), seeing the shed pull together and enjoy the challenge of instant repair when we could and finally that a lot more people know where we are and what we can do.

Thanks go also to the Press and Journal, Westhill Bulletin, Chris for putting on Facebook and Ali for the roadside signs. All advertising was free to the shed.

Meeting room – Milne Hall

The committee at the Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene have shared "before and after" pictures of their new meeting room.

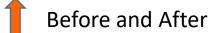
This area was previously ladies toilets, before renovations 5 years ago and latterly it was used as a storage area and cloakroom.

The meeting room can accommodate 20 people and has tea/coffee making facilities.

They would like to encourage local groups to make use of the meeting room, which can be booked by calling their Booking Secretary on 01224 743285 or by visiting their Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/Milne-Hall-Kirkton-of-Skene-544281108951601/













Joint Community Empowerment Event

The Garioch Partnership and Formartine Partnership agreed to work together to host an event to raise awareness of Community Empowerment locally.

There was an initial community empowerment event in Garioch in October 2015, so this was an update and more detailed information now that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has become part of the policy landscape.

The partnerships felt it was important to keep communities up to date and supported to access the opportunities available and to understand how they might best use the policy to support the development of strong places, and

great community projects.

45 people attended the day and had the opportunity to hear two keynote speakers and participate in 4 workshops.

Refreshments and lunch was provided by the Bake 'N Butty café at the Axis Centre and provided an excellent opportunity for networking and catching up with other people working or volunteering in the Garioch and Formartine areas.



Feedback

Great to have Scottish Parliament link.

Great time. Thank you.

Very grateful for the opportunity to share & meet like-minded folk.

Great networking opportunity & chance to hear how the various subjects were impacting/being regulated in the various communities.

Always a pleasure to visit the NE. Happy to do so again ©

John Loveday, Chair of Formartine Partnership opened the Graham Geddes, Chair of Newmachar Community Centre Association, of provided an example what communities can achieve by describing the history of the Axis Centre - our venue for the day.

Speakers

In the morning, Alasdair McKinlay, of the Scottish Government's Local Governance Review Team gave an update on the



"Democracy Matters" consultation.

After lunch, Linsay Chalmers provided an introduction to the work of Community Land Scotland, who assist groups to take land into community ownership.



Workshops

1. Engaging with local MSPs, led by Paul Anderson, Manager of the Scottish Parliament Outreach team.



Control Contro

2. Asset transfer/community ownership, with Rory Dutton, Community Ownership Support Service / Development Trusts Association Scotland.

3.Democracy Matters, Local Governance Conversation, with Alasdair McKinlay & Brian Logan, Local Governance Review Team, Scottish Government.





An overview of Participation requests with Andrew Paterson, Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC)

Members

Welcome to our newest members: Inverurie & District Stroke Club; Inverurie Out of School Club; Kembhill Park Flood Group; Garioch Women for Change; and Central Aberdeenshire Federation of Halls.

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How can TGP help you?

We can support you with:

- Project planning
- Governance
- Sourcing funding
- Consulting & engagement
- Handling "red-tape"

We've also got a variety of equipment that groups can borrow for free, including a digital camera and data projector.

We can also provide Independent Examination of your charity accounts (for a small fee: £40 for members and £60 + mileage for non-members).

For more information on these, contact info@gariochpartnership.org.uk

Who can join?

Any not-for-profit community organisation, large or small, based in the Garioch area or with links to the area can join free of charge.

Individual members who support the aims of the partnership are also welcomed as members.



In fact—any bona-fide, not for profit, community group can apply to join!

To join, complete and return our membership form — you can find it on our website: http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/membership-join/ - or e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk, and we'll send one out to you.

The Garioch Gazette is The Garioch Partnership's quarterly e-newsletter. It is circulated to a mailing list of approximately 200 "active citizens" who, in turn, are invited to circulate it to their personal and community networks – caring and sharing!

If you're reading this as someone has shared it with you, why not sign up to receive your own issue? We only send 4 issues per year, plus invitations to our AGM and winter and summer forums.

Subscribe online at our website: http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/2019-2/ Or e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk

The next edition of the Garioch Gazette, TGP's quarterly e-bulletin will be published in the Autumn. Any articles or adverts should be sent to info@gariochpartnership.org.uk by **Friday 20**th **September.**

Community Initiative Grant Updates



Spikin Autism were awarded £700.98 to run training workshops in the Garioch area.

They hoped to provide training workshops in the Garioch Community, with a view to providing an environment suitable for Individuals to bring their children along to minimise restrictions.

This was achieved and they successfully enabled some individuals to access training that wouldn't necessarily have otherwise managed.

One lady's feedback was that because it such warm, friendly and was a welcoming atmosphere where her children were allowed to feel safe and remain close, it also gave her that opportunity to access a service and speak to a professional who she wouldn't have been able to before.





They were also successful running evening workshops where one event was aimed more for the Parent Carer & the second for the Employer and Teaching Staff.

These sessions again were held in the Garioch Community and accessed by those who don't usually get the opportunity due to working commitments.

We can't thank the Garioch Partnership enough for their support because without it we would be unable to deliver such a vital and worthwhile service.

For more information about Spikin Autism, and to find out about upcoming events and training, visit their Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/SAAMSAILPEERSUPPORT/.

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With thanks to Gary Kennedy for the photographs.

At long last, the Culsalmond CEC has been redecorated.

These photos were taken at a Murder Mystery night a couple of weeks ago in aid of Charlie House.

The drama was provided by 'Once in Blue Moon' – an offshoot of the Culsalmond Players.

The meal was provided by the Station Hotel, Insch – the owners are Culsalmond residents.

You can also see the smart new stage curtains in the pictures, though we still have to finalise the new window curtains.

Many thanks to The Garioch Partnership for your grant towards the cost.

The Culsalmond Players received £1,000 from the Community Initiative Grant fund as a contribution towards the interior redecoration of the Culsalmond CEC, as part of a project of the Culsalmond Community Association.

Community Initiative Grants

Many congratulations to the latest successful applicants.

Organisation	Project	Awarded
1st Insch Scout Group	Purchase of new camping equipment	£750
Elrick Parent School Parent Council	Promoting Wellbeing at Elrick School	£750
Echt & Skene Community Council	Lyne of Skene public access defibrillator	£750
Newmachar Pre- school Playgroup	Updated CIG to include promotional information on project	£750

Resilience / Flood Recovery Grants

Following the flooding that hit the Garioch area in January 2016, the Inverurie Round Table set up a campaign to raise funds for those who had been affected.



Our local communities came together to organise a number of fundraising events and many generous donations were added to the Round Table's total.

We are delighted that Inverurie Round Table have asked us to administer those funds on their behalf.

If you have a project that you'd like funded, please get in touch.

We could make a contribution of up to £750 (£1,000 for exceptional projects).

More details, and application forms, are available on our website – www.gariochpartnership.org.uk or e-mail info@gariochpartnership.org.uk. It's the same form for both funding pots – just tick the appropriate box:

This form can be used to apply for either the Community Initiative Grant Scheme or the Resilience / Flood Recovery Grant Fund. Please indicate which Fund you wish your application to be considered for:					
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Funding opportunities



The Robertson Trust want to support smaller charities and community groups who are doing good work in their communities.

Wee Grants can be from £500-£2,000 and can fully fund or part fund your work.

Find out more at www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/whatwe-fund/wee-grants-for-wee-groups.

Apply soon - the funding is limited.



The Jo Walters Trust is inviting applications for up to £2000 for projects with a strong Aberdeenshire connection which aim to provide education outdoors.

For more information and an application form, visit: www.jowalterstrust.org.uk/grantawards/2019-grant-awards.html.

Deadline: 31st July 2019.

The objective of the Mary Salmond Trust is to provide

The Mary Salmond Trust

financial assistance to individuals and organisations in North East Scotland, which is defined as the local government area of Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and Moray

The maximum grant available is £500 and applications should be submitted by 31 January, 30 April, 31 July or 31 October to be considered for the February, May, August or November meeting.

Find out more at www.marysalmondtrust.com/

The Garioch Partnership - Weekly Update

These are just a selection of the funding opportunities that have been featured in recent Weekly Updates. This weekly e-mail is sent to all members of The Garioch Partnership and also includes details of training courses, news and events.

To join The Garioch Partnership complete the form on our website http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/membership-join/

Events

Peer Support

Garioch connects

Recovery Friendly

Activities Group

Monthly Get together to Connect, Plan and have Fun at the Garioch Centre every 2nd Tuesday 6-8pm

> 11th Jun 9th Jul 13th Aug 10th Sept



All Welcome

Full and Half Day Activities and Outings on Saturdays every 4 weeks

29th Jun Balmedie Beach Picnic
27th Jul Paintballing
24th Aug Blairdrummond Safari Park
21st Sept Recovery Walk Inverness



contact: Andy 07518 023913 or check in on facebook







At Garioch Community Kitchen Wyness Hall, Jackson Street, Inverurie Tel: 07729 297892



No Charge, Donations

Welcome



H Holiday Inn

Sponsorship opportunities available events@sensationall.org.uk

Home-Start Garioch Fundraising Event

Ladies Afternoon Tea Ashdale Hall, Westhill Saturday 10th August 2.00—5 p.m.

Traditional Cream Tea with
Prosecco

RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON £15 per ticket

Contact: 01467 624801 or info@homestartgarioch.org.uk for tickets or more information











LISTEN UP MEN!!

Feeling lonely or in need of having some fun?

Come along to the Inverurie Men's Shed to get involved in new challenges and stimulating activities

- Make new friendships
- Chew the fat over a hot drink
- Play board games or cards

If you wish, you can get involved in

- Community Projects
- Learn new skills in the workshops
- Develop a new hobby
- Teach yourself to cook simple meals

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!!

UNIT 19, HARLAW INDUSTRIAL ESTATE HARLAW WAY AB51 5SG

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 10.00am till 4.00pm

Inverurie & District Men's Shed is a registered Charity SCIO number SC 044965





Diary Dates

Saturday, 27 th July	Garioch Connects - Paintballing		
Friday, 9 th August	Café at the Kitchen, Garioch Community Kitchen		
Saturday, 10 th August	HomeStart Garioch Ladies Afternoon Tea		
Tuesday, 13 th August	Garioch Connects Monthly Get-together		
Saturday, 17 th August	Kiddiwinks Family Fun Day		
Friday, 23 rd August	Café at the Kitchen, Garioch Community Kitchen		
Wednesday, 4 th Sept.	SCDN / TGP Aberdeenshire Network Meeting		
Friday, 27 th September	SensationALL Inaugural Dinner Dance		

More information on each of these events in this issue of the Garioch Gazette.

If you've got events coming up – let us know!

We'll add the details to the next Garioch Gazette as well as our weekly update e-mail. We'll also add them to the calendar on our website: gariochpartnership.org.uk/calendar/



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