

The Garioch Gazette

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Council Recognition For TGP's John Chapman!



TGP Chairperson John Chapman, seen pictured below, has received recognition from Aberdeenshire Council, where tribute was paid at a recent Annual Awards Ceremony to all of the hundreds of dedicated community volunteers working throughout the Aberdeenshire area.

Local councillors nominated John in acknowledgment of and appreciation for his outstanding voluntary work within the Garioch community. The event took place at Woodhill House in Aberdeen and amongst those who attended were Aberdeenshire Provost, Jill Webster and Aberdeenshire Council's Chief Executive, Colin Mackenzie.

Computer Donation



Chairperson John Chapman, pictured left, at work setting up the computer and monitor received from Shell as a donation to help with developing the new Inverurie office in Jackson Street.

Shell kindly donated a PC, and two monitors with keyboards and mice.

The equipment will be used by Partnership admin and trustees.

Aberdeenshire – a great place to live and work!

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Keep Watching This Space ... for Autumn/Winter 2013/2014 Ward Forum Dates



What are these? Want to know more?

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Kingseat Community Association

A meeting of **Kingseat Community Association** led by Anne Simpson took place on Tuesday 18 June 2013 at the Newmachar Business Centre. The KCA's constitution was discussed, agreed and adopted unanimously by all.

Councillor Ford then took the chair for the election of committee members and the following names were proposed, seconded and elected below.

TGP wish this new group of the partnership all success in the future.

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| Carrie Zeiler | Elaine Simpson |
| Bert Rendall | Rose Cruickshank |
| Deborah Marwick | Julie McLachen |
| Scott Norval | Kevin Zeiler |
| Ian Stevenson | |



PSST! Anne Simpson is on leave until 23 July
Urgent enquiries to
chairperson@gariochpartnership.org.uk



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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 be 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 Simpson at anne@gariochpartnership.org.uk

First awards made !

Get yours in now !!!



TGP membership now sits at 40!
Have you or your organisation 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.

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)
Grampian Police	Aberdeenshire Central and South

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.

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> .

Aberdeenshire – A Good Place to Live



Aberdeenshire Council 2013 Community Engagement Events

Do you think Aberdeenshire is a great place to live, play and work? Well Aberdeenshire Council most certainly does!

Throughout 2013 Aberdeenshire Council are going to be hosting a series of engagement events across the length and breadth of Aberdeenshire to really connect with our businesses, communities and people, and they want to hear **YOUR** thoughts and **YOUR** ideas about how we can make a really great place even better!

Local community representatives including local councillors and community councillors, as well as representatives from local community groups, associations and partnerships, have been invited to attend an event to take place at Inverurie in August, which will also be attended by the Leader of Aberdeenshire Council, Councillor Jim Gifford, Chief Executive Aberdeenshire Council, Colin Mackenzie and Douglas Milne, Garioch Area Manager Aberdeenshire Council.

Volunteer Foodbank Collections



Garioch Church is setting up a Foodbank in Inverurie (also to cover Huntly) to be situated in an outbuilding at the rear of the Harlaw Road Day Centre and service users from the Day Centre will help with stock-checking and making up the food boxes.

The foodbank will open by the end of July/early August and are holding two food collection days on the **5th and 6th July** at the Inverurie and Huntly Tesco stores and are looking for people to volunteer a little time to help them with the collections. The Church will have organisers there at all times so it shouldn't be too onerous for volunteers (who will be fully briefed when they arrive) but they would appreciate any additional help anyone can offer.

If you would like to help just turn up on either day (or both!). Any queries at this stage please get in touch with Jill Sowden on 01467 628338 or email: Jill.Sowden@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.



Grampian Opportunities (GO) aims to promote employment, develop enterprise, and open up learning and volunteering opportunities for disabled people by supporting relationships that help people to identify what they would like to do, and start to work towards achieving it.

Supported volunteering, support into employment, and mentoring are the main areas of achievement within GO. Our peer-led mentoring service was recognised as winner of the Scottish Mentoring Network award for the Health and Disability category 2011; and in 2012, achieved the Quality Award. GO was also recognised for Outstanding Contribution to Developing Volunteering for disabled people at an awards event in 2012 supported by the Voluntary Action Fund.



Over the last three years, funded by the Big Lottery Fund, our mentoring service supported more than 30 mentoring matches each year. Last year, we had 54 volunteers registered and contributing to our work with 18 individuals moving into or progressing within employment.



Responding to changes that the implementation of Self-directed Support will bring to social care services in 2014, we have been piloting a support planning programme called Strike Out. This work is supported by a grant from the Scottish Government. Nationally we connect to project called "Getting There" and this helps us share our learning with others and help raise awareness of how people can use Self-directed Support to help them achieve agreed outcomes.

Self-directed Support will look at all areas of a person's life, and when people have money to support them achieve their goals, this will develop a local market which local organisations are well placed to respond to. We spoke to some groups about this at the Garioch Partnership forum.

We are also looking at supporting people to look at self-employment as an employment option which lets them use their skills and managing their health conditions at the same time. As an organisation, we achieve our goals with the help of our volunteers and staff, all committed to helping those with disability or long term health conditions achieve their full potential.

We are delighted to be a member of the Garioch Partnership and the wider network of community organisations this connects us to. We are also pleased that our organisations can work together and provide real work activities and experience for some of the people we support.

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