

## Assynt Resilience Group

### Assynt Development Trust, Assynt Community Council Community Care Assynt, Connect Assynt working together

Minutes of the meeting Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 2:00pm held via Zoom

No	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Willie Jack ADT, Bill Wardley Smith CCA , Jane Young, Liam Taylor, ACC, Andy Summers Volunteer co-ordinator</p> <p><b>Observing:</b> Adam Pellant, Ewen McLachlan ADT</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Sarah Ann MacLeod ADT, David Slator CCA</p>	
2	<p><b>Any conflicts of interest?</b> None</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Last meeting</b> – The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> June meeting are an accurate record, Proposed LT &amp; Seconded WWS All agreed</p>	
4	<p><b>Income &amp; expenditure report:</b> The meeting discussed the figures presented and there were no queries. WJ confirmed that while all HIE’s queries on the report of the first half of SCF funding have been answered, ADT do not yet have a date by which the second half of the SCF funding will be received from HIE. WWS suggested that we could delay payments of invoices until funds were received, but WJ advised that ADT funds can be used until the SCF funds are received from HIE, it is only a matter of when the funds are received, not if. LT agreed that ACC funds can and will be spent on ARG projects such as buying more automatic hand sanitiser dispensers.</p> <p>AP suggested that protective screens should be bought for use at Inverpark Stores. LT advised that he was content to use ACC funds for this purpose if necessary before ADT know about whether their grant application to the STP Fund is successful or not. AP advised that anything bought prior to a grant being awarded can in general not be reclaimed with that grant money.</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>LT/AP</p>
5	<p><b>Food bank:</b></p> <p>AS Update – last week there were 30 food boxes delivered while this week there were 21. Feedback was good from the recipients. The food bank is now held in the Village Hall community room and bar area and works well with the one-way system into one room and out of the other. The shelving is being put up and volunteers are finding that procedures are more cumbersome &amp; onerous than AL due to the layout &amp; reduced dimensions of the space.</p> <p>WWS advised that New Start Inverness now has food available and this will be collected by CCA next week. KLB and Bettyhill are the new food hubs for Fairshare and supplies are now available - CA are collecting from KLB today. LT asked if the food is available for communities on a first come first served basis and WWS replied that it is available equally for all communities between Assynt &amp; Durness.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>WWS</p>

	<p>WWS reported back on yesterday’s Zoom meeting held to discuss the new system and the future of food bank provision after SCF funds have been used. ARG has spent £4,401 of SCF funds on the food bank between 19<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> July which is around £2,700 per month. It was asked whether we could obtain that same quantity of food in the future when SCF funding ends. AS feels that the group should speak to HC Ward Manager Phil Tomalin; HC have delivered the final SG/ HC food parcel to a shielded individual in Assynt.</p>	
6	<p><b>PPE</b></p> <p>a) <b>Automatic hand dispensers:</b> LT advised that thirty AHD’s have been bought with ARG funds and many have already been distributed. The Village Hall will need 2 or 3 while the cluster of businesses on the main street will need enough to cover all of them. Elphin has been done. AP agreed to try to distribute them to Kylesku and Drumbeg by next week so places are ready for re-opening. LT advised that ACC funds will be used to buy 10-15 more automatic hand dispensers. It was previously agreed that the dispensers will be distributed to those businesses who require one and who agree to refill at their own cost and maintain as necessary.</p> <p>b) <b>NHI £1,000 grant</b> – WJ introduced this project in light of questions raised about whether Discover Assynt clientele are to be given priority for provision of the hand sanitiser for accommodation providers through this NHI grant. WJ advised the meeting that DA clientele are not prioritised ahead of others, and that when supplies have been delivered, (hopefully next week) then ADT/ DA will email all accommodation providers on email list and will also publicise the opportunity to get sanitiser on ADT, DA and Assynt Activity FB pages, to reach those accommodation providers not on DA email list. The opportunity will be publicised as on a first-come-first-served basis, as demand may exceed supply. It was also clarified that the NHI grant had previously been noted to have been sought by ADT/ DA, not as a direct ARG activity, hence details of distribution hadn’t been made known to the ARG representatives questioned about it.</p> <p>EM left the meeting</p>	<p>LT/ AP</p> <p>EM/ AP</p>
7	<p><b>Face masks:</b> Masks have all now been distributed and if anyone has not received a mask then AP and WJ advised that one of Assynt’s mask makers is willing to make more.</p>	AP
8	<p><b>Other funding decisions</b></p> <p>a) Lochinver Primary School update – all supplies have now been delivered to the school. Colin Masterton wished his thanks to ARG to be passed on.</p> <p>AS left the meeting</p>	

