

## Assynt Resilience Group

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

#### Minutes of Assynt Resilience Group meeting of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 5:00pm

Present: Willie Jack ADT, Bill Wardley Smith CCA, Liam Taylor ACC, Jane Young CA

Observing: Adam Pellant & Ewen McLachlan ADT

Apologies: Andy Summers Volunteer Co-ordinator, David Slator CCA, Sarah-Ann MacLeod ADT

#### Agenda

1. **Attendance**
2. **Any conflicts of interest**  
None
3. **Minutes of last meeting**  
Proposed LT, Seconded WWS – All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.
4. **Finance review** - Financial report for period to 18<sup>th</sup> September  
LT is happy with the report, all agreed it was an accurate record of ARG's income and expenditure.
5. **Food bank/ Larder**
  - a) Village Hall update - £500 rent is due up to the end of September. WJ to write to Amanda Webb to ascertain if the food bank could extend its use until the end of October and possibly later. JY is going to a meeting on re-opening village halls. SCF funds cannot be spent on activities after 30<sup>th</sup> September.
  - b) Food boxes – WWS reported that this week ten people received food aid. On Thursday 40 food bags for Lochinver and KLB will be collected from Highland Council at Dornoch. EM asked whether the empty food cartons could be collected from Nigg at the same time? Yes they can.

Food Larder proposals – The recent community Survey Monkey consultation received over 70 responses: 82% were in favour of the Larder being established and promoted by ARG and almost 50% thought that the harbour was the best site. The meeting discussed the pros & cons of possible sites and it was agreed that the most appropriate site would be the car park at the Assynt Leisure Centre. It was agreed that there was not enough time to carry out any further consultation through Assynt News due to the deadline. LT felt that we have to give the community food larder a go as there is a need to continue with the food bank project and he will discuss the use of the leisure centre car park with Kelly Standlick tomorrow afternoon. It was agreed to invest the remaining SCF underspend on the food larder shed, site, services, commercial fridge, freezer and shelving.
6. **PPE**
  - a) £2,500 STP grant fund £1,741 spent to date
  - b) Fogging machine proposal – this was discussed but the meeting did not agree to fund the proposal to buy a machine.
  - c) PPE – the meeting agreed to spend an additional £2,000 maximum on hand sanitizer, masks and gloves.
  - d) There will still be approximately £650 in donations which can be spent after 30<sup>th</sup> September
7. **Other funding matters**  
None
8. **Date of next meeting**  
To be agreed