

Assynt Resilience Group

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

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 18th June 2020 2:00pm held via Zoom

No	Item	Action
1	<p>Attendance: Willie Jack, Sarah Ann MacLeod, David Slator, Bill Wardley Smith CCA , Jane Young CA , Liam Taylor, ACC, Andy Summers Volunteer co-ordinator</p> <p>Observing: Adam Pellant, Ewen McLachlan ADT</p>	
2	<p>Any conflicts of interest? None</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Last meeting – all agreed that these were an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Income & expenditure report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) LT asked if the payments for mask makers was an amount paid per mask made; WJ replied that yes although the amount varied it was never more than £3.50 per mask b) JY asked if ARG could take forward ideas to the Sutherland CAO’s meeting for projects that could be useful in the recovery phase. WJ – the next CAO meeting is on 30th June c) JY said that she feels that Assynt youth is missing out on the opportunity to earn money over the summer, money that may be vital to carry them through the winter d) WWS asked if it could be better value to arrange a bulk delivery of coal and logs – the meeting agreed to look into this 	<p>All</p> <p>WWS</p>
5	<p>Food bank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AS advised that 27 food parcels were delivered to 57 people this week (5.6% of Assynt residents) with all the volunteers working well and now following HC guidelines b) WWS has reviewed all recipients of food aid by phone and questionnaire to ensure that the food parcels are relevant to the recipients’ needs. WJ advised that in Brora the Resilience Group were distributing food to 10% of their population c) There was a discussion on how to ensure that those who are missing out are identified and receive help that is needed. It was decided that the ARG should target certain groups within our community: for example Assynt Youth – WS works alongside Yvonne Boa from Ullapool – LT agreed to contact WS d) New venue for Food bank: sites possibly include Lochinver Preschool, Village Hall, Fire station. EM agreed to contact KS at ALC as sports venues may reopen from 29th June and this would mean an early move for the FB. SAM advised that the shelving would need to be returned to Achmelvich campsite by 1st July at the earliest. AS & WWS agreed to look into the possible venues for the next meeting. AS advised that he may have to come off furlough and return to work but that RS would be able to continue with the FB 	<p>WWS</p> <p>LT</p> <p>EM</p> <p>AS/ WWS</p>
6	<p>PPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ten new automatic hand sanitiser dispensers Where? All shops and public spaces Not where HC would or should put them Where people are going indoors to shop or use services ARG now have ten SS dispensers for use at shops and buildings that are currently open; these first ten dispensers need to be put up asap. b) ARG also agreed to buy another ten dispensers now for use as other shops and buildings open. 	

	<p>ARG agreed that we should buy and install the dispensers, fill them up with sanitiser, then pass on the responsibility for future refills to individual shops. (ARG may have to continue refilling those dispensers in public spaces but this can be decided later.)</p> <p>c) ARG agreed to give £500 to CCWT so they can buy dispensers and sanitiser for Culag Woods & Little Assynt as these are places widely used by residents and visitors. If CCWT need more funds we agreed to provide up to £200 if necessary</p> <p>d) EM was going to put together and submit an application to NHI for hand sanitiser for tourism providers</p>	
7	<p>Masks:</p> <p>a) LT advised that as of today 95% of all masks have been delivered but there are still some to be received at Torbreck, Richarn and Achmelvich and possibly Clachtoll</p> <p>b) More masks needed – possibly and WJ to follow up production of the las few</p>	<p>LT WJ</p>
8	<p>Other funding decisions</p> <p>a) Mindful Creations: WJ advised that he had discussed with Shaie MacDonald about MC providing boxes for Assynt children. The meeting agreed tom provide £500 of funding towards this. WJ will first contact AR & SC to discuss their ideas and see if their project might be a better one to fund.</p> <p>b) The meeting agreed to provide £500 of funding for supplies for Lochinver new Mums & babies</p>	<p>WJ WJ</p>
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) LT suggested that ARG might wish to fund purchases of eBooks; JY advised the meeting that this is available free through Highland Libraries, she agreed to disseminate the link</p> <p>b) New Start Highland – AP advised that we are waiting to hear more from them</p> <p>c) Scotland’s Towns Partnership have a £2M fund to aid recovery. EM and AP to look into whether Assynt could benefit</p>	<p>JY AP AP/ EM</p>
10	The meeting ended at 3:45pm	
11	Date of next meeting: Friday 26 th June 2020 2:00pm	