

## **Covid 19 Update Meeting 22.04.20**

**(Via Video Conference)**

**Present:** Andrena Duffin, Billy McClymont, Jim Corbett, Fiona Brown, Adrian Stephens, , Moira Westland, John Maughan, Susan Campbell, Pam McColl, Norman Hickson, Ian Campbell, , Joe Reade

**In Attendance:** Michelle Erskine, Moray Finch, Duncan Swinbanks, Mark Stephens, Jane Martin, Kirsty Renton, Seonaidh Mackenzie, Colin Morrison, Morvern Gibson

### **Michelle Erskine – Fundraising and expenses update**

- Volunteers raise invoices which are then processed and expenses are reimbursed.
- Graham Davis works out exact mileage based on routes taken.
- Community have been making donations and these are paid directly into the foundation bank account.
- Medical fund is kept completely separate.
- Money for food bank must also remain separate.
- A.D suggested that M.F and Michelle meet to ensure that all funds have been pigeon holed.
- Michelle keeping detailed spread sheet of all monies which she sent to Moray during meeting.
- Moray is already paying out for materials for medical equipment.
- Mikey has created a 'Football card' which has raised £1400 so far.
- £500 came from Highland Services.
- Aldi are developing a new scheme. Box of food. £10 per adult. £5 per child.
- All volunteers are covered under insurance for Mull Community Council.
- M-J.D reported that Chief Executive of A&B Council is using Mull to set an example to other areas for its fantastic community work and organisation during 'lockdown'.
- A.D invited Michelle to be a regular attendee at weekly meetings.

### **Duncan Swinbanks – Mull Crisis Management**

- Concern rose over long-term plans for Mull.
- Split views on whether Mull should be 'locked down' for a longer period than mainland Scotland.

- A.D suggested MCM hold meeting to discuss 'post-lockdown', and discuss feasible options on returning to normality.
- A&B Council are currently working on an area recovery plan.
- M-J.D to share anything pertinent to Mull.
- There will be short, medium and long-term plans put in place for the island.
- Islands Bill would allow for more protection.
- This may be the ideal time to lobby for islands bill.

#### **Concern raised over people visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> homes on the island**

- Community councillors were asked to report anyone they knew of visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> homes.
- J.R is receiving % figures of travel via Calmac.
- Fortunately the numbers are beginning to flat line.
- A.D asked anyone who has concern to call 101 and report to the police as they can then investigate.

#### **Mark Stephens – Police update.**

- M.S encouraged all members to take concerns directly to police.
- Police have system in place. Engage, explain, encourage enforce.
- Police are regularly attending second homes to investigate visitors.
- Some visitors have legitimate reasons for being there such as medical instructions, damage to 1<sup>st</sup> home which makes it uninhabitable.
- Police are currently patrolling the A82 and 83 to deter visiting traffic.
- Oban is very quiet though there has been a slight increase in visitors since the good weather began.

#### **Rubbish Collection**

- Rubbish now being collected once per fortnight. Recycling is being collected at same time but in same lorry.
- Concern raised that fly-tipping may become a problem.
- E-mail to be sent to A&B Council to find out long-term plan for rubbish.

