

Morvern Resilience Meeting Notes 23rd June 7pm

Present: Annie Tordoff, Kenny McLaughlin, Angus Robertson, Jane Stuart-Smith, Lilia Dobrokhodova, Alasdair Firth, Sarah Jones

1. Community Support helpline & updates - no updates. Small bottles of sanitiser available but none requested so far. SJ will promote to shop customers.
2. Hardship fund - Applecross example (previously circulated) discussed. Points raised around making sure that if we are to operate a scheme it reaches those who are not in receipt of any other COVID related grants/mortgage & rent relief schemes/universal credit. And that the money was used for essential food etc. Importance around reaching out to those most in need and ensuring strict confidentiality was noted. **Actions agreed** - AT to discuss with MCT to explore any joint working possibilities on a fund, AT to add to Applecross application form for consideration and approval by HIE. LD to ring Applecross to understand more about the scheme. KM to check with Sunart if any similar scheme is in operation. Communication to the community to be agreed once initial steps explored.
3. Shop - now able to purchase sanitiser. Drimnin deliveries on a Friday to be shared by local residents. Shop will maintain the status quo i.e. limited numbers for entry and waiting outside. All appreciated recent fish order - thank you to the shop for their ongoing support and service.
4. Morvern Medical Practice - no updates
5. Digital exclusion update - a small number of people have been identified who may benefit from a device for social inclusion. NT and KM to visit those residents. Sourcing of machines has been done and is likely to be circa £150 including 3 month use of SIM card. If residents wish to continue using machine, paying for ongoing access to WIFI would be users responsibility. All agreed that this scheme is worthwhile. Update is likely to be maximum of 3 or 4 people. It was noted that the Scottish Government Scheme has been oversubscribed.
6. Discussion held around opening of tourism planned for 15th July. It was felt, whilst acknowledging the need for local businesses to start operating, that a shared document for local best practice would be helpful. KM to circulate what has been prepared for Ardtornish which will be shared with all other local businesses in the area. It was thought that having a community supported best practice document on Morvern.org would be useful for visitors to understand what is expected given the efforts of local residents during the last few weeks and months.. Actions agreed - SJ to invite those who have self catering/B&B to next weeks resilience meeting which will seek consensus on the wording of the document. KM to share document with resilience group and to Sarah who will circulate to those attending next week
7. Tourism survey - see email below from West Highland Peninsulas - Action - to be promoted locally and results published.