

**STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**NOTE OF ZOOM MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS, CHURCH AND CORONA VIRUS GROUP  
HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Item		
<b>1</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT &amp; APOLOGIES</b>	
	<b>In attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	G Smith, R Freel, R Craig, Nicola Wood, Paige Easton, J Young. Note. Rev S cutler joined later in the meeting.	
	Chair George Smith welcomes all to the zoom virtual meeting and indicated that he had scheduled this meeting as the CC were going to seek funding to assist with Covid Pandemic and was seeking the views of the corona virus group and Church as they were fully involved in assisting vulnerable and those most in need as well as collecting for food banks. The Corona virus group would also be able to advise on any issues they were having in delivering support.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Overview of potential assistance</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Chairman George Smith indicated that the community council had discussed within the committee various ideas for assistance and wanted to obtain feedback from the Corona Virus Group on these ideas.</p> <p>Chair intimated that he was aware of the group going to cut grass for individuals shielding and asked if the group could obtain a petrol mower would this assist. The corona virus group advised they had four volunteers cutting grass at present. It was mentioned that a local member of the public had cut the cemetery grass. It was agreed that this would be useful and after the pandemic it could be used by various community groups.</p> <p>Activity packs for primary school children made up of a reading book, coloured pencils, colouring books or drawing pads as well as card games and possible jigsaws. Again this was thought to be a good idea and the school could be a mechanism to issue word to parents that these would be available and could be collected from the school before it closed for her summer.</p> <p>Food vouchers from the local shops could be distributed to those in need, however the mechanism for determining who would receive would have to be discussed further although the various senior citizens groups' membership could be used. Local Shops could be encouraged to donate as well.</p> <p>Petrol vouchers for the volunteers as also discussed.</p> <p>Access to PPE was also raised and the Corona virus had managed to get masks and the church group were manufacturing face coverings. Hand sanitizer was one item that they could use as they had around 60 volunteers.</p> <p>Mental health and potential support for /Trust jack foundation was also discussed; The community council would try and contract Helen Mitchell of the Trust Jack foundation. Rev. Cutler advised that the Hope café were trying to offer mental health sessions to assist but these were very expensive. Chair advised that he would speak to the Banks Group to find out if this was an area that could be funded.</p> <p>Provision of Afternoon teas and use of Christian Aid group to provide baking was also discussed.</p> <p>The actual volunteers providing the support should be recognised as well.</p> <p>Chair asked Paige if the group could provide any details on numbers and individual needs from the people assisted. Recognition of who the gift packs were from and who funded should also be considered.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	Agreed that the community council would put together an application to SLC for support using some of the items discussed above and would arrange another meeting to update.	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	To be agreed.	

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