

**NOTE OF ZOOM MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS, CHURCH AND CORONA VIRUS GROUP
 HELD ON MONDAY 15th June 2020**

Item		
1	Members Present & Apologies	
	In attendance	Apologies
	G Smith, R Freel, R Craig, K Gallacher, Y Gardiner, S Montgomery	
	Chair George Smith welcomes all to the zoom virtual meeting and indicated that he had a few updates to provide as well as a few items to discuss.	
2	Community Notice Boards	Action
	Chair intimated that he had been contacted by Peter Ramsay regards the replacement of glass in the community noticeboards. Unfortunately the banks renewables fund could not fund this as the assets belonged to the council and the scheme for the grant prohibited spend on items that the local authority should maintain. Agreed that we seek a cost from peter and then we write to elected members to establish if they can fund, Failing this we would look at other sources.	Sect.
3	Covid 19 Applications	ACTION
	<p>Chair confirmed that a further sum had been received from Banks and that the purchase of a lawn Mower would be imminent.</p> <p>R Freel advised that following a number of questions from SLC renewable fund team he had amended the application , removing the lawnmower and food vouchers and added benches for sheltered housing / care homes and since doing this he had been advised that the application was successful and that he had now submitted a claim for payment. However only 50% of grant was payable in advance and that he had applied to SLC for 100% and raised a few points in his justification letter to SLC. Copy of the letter appended to minute. The application for payment was made on the 10th of June and no response had been received as yet. Secretary will seek timescales. Agreed to proceed on the assumption that monies will be paid and that timescales were short</p> <p>Chair sought details of the books and intimated that he had been in contact with bookseller to establish if books were in Stock.</p> <p>Coloured pencils could be obtained from Lyreco but stocks were low R Freel to check out. Drawing pads would be supplied from Lyreco.</p> <p>It was agreed that adult drawing books would not be required but a family card game be bought. Quantities for these would be 300. Paper bags for suppling items would be purchased from Lyreco at a cost of around £32 for 500.</p> <p>Chair advised that amazon fire tablets had been purchased however a number of the OAOP group members already had tablets, agreed that further identification of persons to receive these would be made and nominations could be accepted.</p> <p>Meals for OAP members were also explored with numbers being provided from all groups with a cross check to ensure no double or triple applications. These would be firmed up and participants would be asked to specify what they would like to receive.</p> <p>High tea, fish supper, butcher vouchers</p>	Sect.

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4	Zoom Meeting with GP	ACTION
	R Freel advised he had been contacted by the practice manager regards a zoom meeting with GP practice, date still to be agreed as practice manager would be on holiday until 18 th June. Once date had been set he would advise all.	
5	Strathaven, Glassford and Lesmahagow Community councils	ACTION
	Chair advised he had been in contact with the other community councils to establish what they had been doing. Strathaven had obtained money from the banks community fund and had passed it onto to a local church to support their work. Lesmahagow were doing something similar to Stonehouse however Glassford were thinking of passing money to Strathaven. Chair advised that there was a possibility that the Hope café could obtain funding to run mental health counselling and this would be explored further in discussions with church and Banks Group.	Chair
6	AOCB	ACTION
	Yvonne Gardiner conveyed best wishes to the council from former community councillor Molly Casey. Sharon currently working on accounts however this was the busy time on the farm and she would drop off the cheque book although the return of this was raised in the justification of advance payment letter. Work by BT open reach was discussed and R Freel advised that residents had received notification that drones would be used to examine poles in back gardens. Chair will contact David Noble at Axione for an update.	Chair
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	To be agreed.	

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Community and Development Fund

Corona virus support

Application Ref - 458

On behalf of Stonehouse Community Council I hereby accept the foregoing offer of grant.

Signature :

Name in block letters : Robert Freel.....

Designation Secretary.....

Date : .3rd June 2020.....

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APPLICATION FOR 100% PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Stonehouse community council wish to make application against the above application for 100% payment in advance as opposed to 50% offered.

JUSTIFICATION

Community councils have limited funding, being awarded a small operating grant each year by the local authority or obtaining a grant from other parties for specific projects. Thus the community council does not have sufficient funds to make the spend direct from its account.

The spend on this grant is also not a single company invoice but multiple companies.

The spend will therefore have to be made by individuals against individual debit or credit card accounts which has then to be claimed back via an expenses form with a cheque having to be raised and then countersigned twice before being handed over to the individual(s) as the community council do not have on line banking to enable a BACS payment. However this will require the monies to be available in the account to enable payment to be made back to individuals.

Another point to note is that our accounts are about to be submitted to SLC and part of this process requires that the cheque book is submitted which means that we can therefore not issue cheques to individuals who have paid for goods out of their own bank accounts and given that some of these purchases can be deemed substantial we would have to seek approval to hold onto the cheque book.

An alternative option would be for the community council to seek proforma invoices (if companies can provide these) and then submit these direct to the funding and development team for direct payment to the company. We can seek to try this if this is a viable alternative

We would welcome your thoughts on this matter.

Robert Freel
Stonehouse Community Council