

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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NOTE OF ZOOM MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS HELD ON 20-01-2021

1 MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES		
	In Attendance	Apologies
	G Smith, R Freel, R Craig, N Wood, K Gallacher, S Montgomery	Y Gardiner
	<p>Chair George Smith wished everyone a happy new year and welcomed all to the zoom virtual meeting. He indicated that Wilma Weir ,Vocational Development Officer (Connect2 Renewables) from South Lanarkshire council would be dropping into the meeting to advise members on the connect 2 renewable project which was linked to Kypemuir community REF fund and would also be linked into the village community plan survey which is currently being carried out.</p> <p>Following introductions Wilma provided an overview of her work which was mainly based on the Middlemuir trust but since late last year she had been asked to provide support to Kypemuir. Community benefit monies were ring-fenced and the connect 2 team were engaged to provide employment support to communities, however at times this required signposting to other funds who were providing specific funding as community benefit could not be spent on areas where other funding existed . i.e. council upskill project.</p> <p>In Middlemuir project in order to bed the project within the communities Wilma spent one day a week in Coalburn one stop shop and also carried out a six week tour of local halls in the Middlemuir area where they spent time providing advice and detail on employment, training and apprentice schemes where 50% subsidy could be paid. Issues of getting to work and training were also covered in these sessions.</p> <p>Questions from members followed.</p> <p>Wilma was asked if self-employed were covered and indicated that currently they were not however the team would look at the issues raised and would come back to the trust to establish if there was a way that they could assist plus they would also signpost to other areas. Robert Craig asked about local employers and what assistance was being provided to them. Wilma advised that they had recently employed someone from the council to work on this however due to covid 19 they were re-deployed to assist in community meal delivery etc. They had been in contact with Federation of small business as well other council departments who deal with business support. They also had to ensure that there was an equality of opportunity for all companies. Some discussion on filling of vacancy and creating new jobs within companies and dilemma of either filling with local candidates or funding local companies.</p> <p>School leavers and those who don't obtain college courses were also discussed and how the use of bursaries in Middlemuir area worked.</p> <p>George thanked Wilma for attending.</p> <p>Members stated that this was a useful exercise as it provided an overview of employment opportunities and the Kypemuir funding.</p>	
	<u>Action</u>	
	Chair.	

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Covid 19 Vaccine.

Chair had issued a note to members regards the vaccine roll out following a discussion with NHS and the local GP Practice. The note stated the following:

“Covid – 19 Vaccination update for the first wave of over 80s.

The Community Council chair has had had a discussion with the local GP surgery regarding the vaccination program for those aged over 80 population in the village.

The GP surgery received an allocation of 100 vaccinations last week and immediately set up a clinic to begin the administration of the vaccines using the surgery in Larkhall as this was the largest of their premises and could maximize the number being vaccinated. The staff of the surgery phoned individuals to speed up the process.

The surgery is expecting a second delivery of the vaccinations week commencing 25 January – no date yet – and will immediately use this to complete the vaccination of the remainder of the senior population (over 80s). Again the surgery will contact everyone by telephone.

The population who are in this age bracket and are housebound will be vaccinated by the Community nursing team and the details of this population have already been given to them by the GP surgery.

If any of the housebound can be taken to the surgery by their relatives then they should telephone the surgery to arrange this before next week, otherwise wait on the Community Team visiting.

It is hoped that the second dose of the vaccination will be given in 12 weeks’ time (April 2021). More details will follow in due course.

The GPs have responded speedily to the delivery of the vaccine and are to be commended but the speed of the completion will be dependent on the deliveries of the vaccine.

As a final reminder – don’t contact the GP surgery – they will contact you.”

Discussion between members on this followed. Chair also advised that GP vaccinators had not been contacted to assist in the under 80 roll out from Lifestyles hub and that this will be conveyed back to NHS.

SLC Budget cuts

Some discussion was made on the budget cuts circulated by secretary.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
15th FEBRUARY 2021