

Notes of Resilience Planning

As far as the resilience work is going, a meeting of the resilience group was held on Thu 29th Sep. Key points that arose were that our involvement in providing community support is likely to be fluid and cannot be established in detail beforehand. Any response to an Emergency is led by emergency services to preserve life with the council providing care for people. Council accountability is shire-wide and therefore their ability to respond is dictated by the size of the problem with focus based on criticality. The specific circumstances will dictate what level of response the council are required to provide and enable them to determine what support they need (which is where we come in). The council will feed through to the community council how they can assist this most effectively.

I have undertaken to prepare a strawman high level plan to clarify the intention of resilience planning and how it is to be set up as this will set a bedrock of what we are trying to do and may be required by funding organisations. The others have agreed to review this critically in order that we can produce a single overarching plan that covers at the highest level what is required and how we can provide support.

We need to have a clear database of the volunteers that have stepped up so that we are clear on their capabilities and able to determine how they can be used best. We believe that this data exists, we just need to be clear on where it is so that we can access it.

We need to look carefully at what centres could be used to support people. Mackie is the only identified resilience centre at this stage due to it having the ability for emergency generation and the level of catering and washing facilities which other options do not have. However, we agreed to look at other locations, such as the church halls and discuss with their owners whether, if funds could be found, they would be happy to be considered for use, including pre-fitting with the capability to connect emergency generation as a contingency, recognising that such an installation needs to be carried out correctly and certified properly.

We discussed a leaflet for posting around Stonehaven to advise households what they need to consider doing themselves in advance of an issue arising. In addition to looking at the wording we considered how to get 5 - 6000 copies printed locally. This will need to be funded, expected to be no more than £100. It was felt that the Community Council could cover this cost and a motion and vote to this effect needs to be put to the Community Council on the 11th please. The running club had asked how they could help, and we saw posting leaflets through house doors as one opportunity of them to help.

We also looked at packages that could be issued to household to assist the more vulnerable to enhance their resilience. However, we had a number of questions on the how this would work and the true value of such packs. We agreed to look at everything that could be in such a pack and what the cost of those times would be. This would give us a starting point.

Finally, we discussed how Mearns FM could assist in providing communications to the community. The first question was their ability to continue to transmit if there was a loss of mains power. I have asked Ian Hunter to advise me on this.

Requirement for meeting 11th - Please propose the motion for funds for the leaflets as detailed above.

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