

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service during the ongoing pandemic, however Minutes would be circulated to the group when available and staffing levels allow.

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(a) **Third Sector Interface**

The Group considered an update from the Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) which detailed their response to Covid-19 which included supporting charities, social enterprises, community groups and encouraging volunteering.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Samantha Stubbs – Strategic Development Manager, Third Sector Interface, dated October 2020, submitted)

(b) **Health and Social Care Partnership - Caring for People Covid-19 Community Response**

The Group gave consideration to an update from the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in relation to the community response work of the Caring for People Tactical Partnership and local Caring for People Teams.

Samantha Campbell outlined the information contained within the report, noting the effort from Community Groups, the NHS and the Council to keep people safe and supported over the first period of lockdown. Samantha provided details of the variety of support which was available through the Caring for People group and noted that 990 people had registered to volunteer with the TSI for the Caring for People community response. Samantha expressed her thanks to all involved who had helped and noted that she hoped that this support would be available in future if required. Samantha advised that the Caring for People Project had been nominated for a Scottish Health Award under the Peoples Choice Award category and noted that people could vote by going to: www.scottishhealthawards.com before voting closed on 6th November 2020.

Kirsty Moyes advised that the Council were continuing to provide support in relation to Test and Protect enquiries, working with community organisations and volunteers to fulfil requests for support. Kirsty highlighted that support was still available to those who required it through this service.

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Morevain Martin advised that Garelochhead Station Trust were holding a two day event on the 6th and 7th of November outside Gibson Hall where people could record their memories of loved ones and tie them to a memory tree. The tree would remain outside Gibson Hall until the 8th of November, when it would be moved to the Station for people to view.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group considered and noted the information provided.

(Reference: Report by Morevain Martin, Garelochhead Station Trust, submitted)

(d) **Opportunity for verbal updates from Area Community Planning Group Partners involved in resilience projects relating to the Covid-19 response**
Susan MacRae, Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

Susan MacRae introduced herself as the new Area Manager for Skills Development Scotland, having been in post since March and noted that she would be happy to provide an update on the work of SDS over this period. Susan advised that the primary focus of SDS is to provide advice and guidance to those who are undertaking career changes and noted that due to the Covid19 pandemic much of this support had been provided virtually or online. Susan noted that a lot of work had been carried out with the education and employability teams within the Council and work had been undertaken with young people leaving school to ensure that they were supported and aware of the options available to them. Susan advised that following the return of schools in August, some support had been delivered face to face where possible and in keeping with national guidance.

Susan noted that a national helpline had been launched and advised that she would encourage anyone who was unemployed or facing redundancy to phone this number. Susan provided further details around work carried out with DWP partners, the Scottish Government Training Transition Fund, virtual youth hubs, the 16-25 cohort and the focus on short sharp interventions for retraining.

Susan noted that help was available via the national helpline on 0800 917 800 or by using the My World of Work website at www.myworldofwork.co.uk.

Ruth Cairns, Argyll and Bute Council

Ruth Cairns provided an update in relation to Community Learning and noted that aside from moving much of the learning process online, a large amount of work has been carried out by the team in connection with the local Digital Connections and national Digital Inclusion projects. Ruth provided details of the projects and noted the requirement for devices for children who were undertaking home learning during the first period of lockdown and also for those who were isolated and required support with connectivity and learning how to use the devices which was provided via the Digital Inclusion project and support from Digital Champions.

Colin Crichton, Live Argyll

Colin Crichton advised that Live Argyll were in the process of following a phased reopening plan, noting that swimming lessons had recently been reintroduced and requests had been made for an enhanced fitness class programme. Colin noted that libraries continued to operate in phase 3 of the reopening plan, with people allowed to browse and use a click and collect service. Colin advised that Victoria Hall remained closed with no national guidelines around reopening at that time.

Colin noted that a new price list and accreditation scheme had been put in place for community groups which afforded any affiliated community group a 20% discount on Live Argyll prices. Colin provided details of a virtual event celebrating music in

tier 2. Inspector MacNeill noted that pubs had seen a lift in business, however there had been no police issues around this, although this would continue to be monitored.

Inspector MacNeill advised that Police would likely be returning to a presumption of non-attendance as Covid19 numbers continue to rise, noting that this meant that low level matters would be dealt with over the phone by a resolution team and would negate the need for officers to attend addresses unnecessarily and help avoid risk of infection or spreading same. Inspector MacNeill emphasised that anything requiring officer attendance would still receive it and PPE was available to allow officers to be within the address of Covid-positive people if required. Inspector MacNeill advised that during the strict lockdown, warrant activity had been curtailed, however this had now resumed with good results. Inspector MacNeill advised that Anti-Social Behaviour figures had risen this year because all calls for people reporting breaches of Covid guidance were recorded as public nuisance calls, however people were phoning for the correct reasons and there was little which could be done about this.

Inspector MacNeill advised that Community Council meetings had largely continued virtually and he had continued to e-mail reports monthly and take feedback from these meetings. Inspector MacNeill noted that the Police response had varied throughout the year as guidance and legislation was varied and amended to give them more powers, advising that this could change again during a prospective second full lockdown, however Police Scotland would continue to take guidance from Scottish Government and respond as required. Inspector MacNeill reiterated that the vast majority of people within the area had been complying with guidance and there had not been reports of a lot of house parties or large gatherings.

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(a) **Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Health Update**

The Group gave consideration to an annual report for 2019/20 which highlighted Health and Wellbeing in Argyll and Bute. Samantha Campbell outlined details within the report, particularly highlighting the launch of 61(d)-3(ed)-3(eG3(toos. Tf14org8(2

