

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In February when we heard about Covid19 a meeting was held in Tobermory and the Mull Crisis Management Group was set up . This consisted of a few people with medical experience, some with experience in handling endemic diseases, and other willing volunteers. Two members of the group were co-opted on to the C.C. And four members of the C.C. were included in the MCM group.

A website, Mullhealth, was put in place with information for shopping etc., but also with advice for businesses and frequent updates on Government policy and the situation.

A shopping and delivery service was set up for the whole Island to access the Co-op as slots for Tesco shopping were proving difficult. A prescription delivery service was also arranged. We liaised with the Ferry Committee about revised Ferry Timetables and tried to discourage islanders from shopping in Oban.

Funds were set up for 1. Petrol money for volunteers doing deliveries 2. Food bank.
3. Medical fund for the Hospital for PPE etc.

A group of volunteers set up regular telephone calls with any vulnerable or elderly people. In every area ie, Salen and Ulva Ferry, Craignure and Lochdon, Dervaig and Calgary, Tobermory and finally the Ross of Mull particular volunteers did local shopping and identified local needs.

A nappy supply service was set up as this was found to be a problem.

Funds were raised and a group of ladies got together to organise an activity box containing books, crayons etc, for every primary school child and under on the Island.

A telephone helpline for families, especially with young children, was also made available .

A Foodbank was set up with the help of Hope Kitchen in Oban.

Weekly meetings of the C.C. were held using zoom to identify any problems.

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