



19th January 2021

Report to MAKI Community Planning Meeting 3rd February 2021

Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust Response to covid-19 pandemic

Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust received £23,607 from The Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund for the period 16th March – 30th September to support the work of the Team Tarbert volunteer group.

Additional funds were donated from Force 9, Fern Community Benefit Fund, STV Appeal

Though effective partnership working with Team Tarbert TSCT have financially assisted:

- Coordination of food delivery in the Tarbert and Skipness area
- Provision of food/fuel vouchers for individuals and families
- Payment of volunteers out of pocket expenses
- Provision of online and digital content to combat isolation and loneliness
- Funding and delivery of activity packages for all primary school children and mindfulness packs for vulnerable adults
- Supply of PPE to volunteers
- Provision of 10 laptop computers to Tarbert Academy/Primary School

At the end of the funding a balance of £15,976 was left in the Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund and this has been repurposed to deliver the following

- Hardship fund to continue until end of March 2021
- Extension of After School Care to provide holiday provision once they are able to do this
- Construction of a socially distanced meeting venue for older people
- Continuation of online and digital support
- Provision of PPE to support public venues when they are able to re-open

Throughout all this time the Trust could not have delivered any support without the valuable work done by Team Tarbert our own pop-up group of organisers and volunteers who were able to use the funding available to the Trust to take help to where it was/is needed

Jane Cowen, Secretary