

## MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

With the approaching pandemic Mull formed an Island representative Crisis Management group. The Community Council was an important part of the Mull Crisis Management group with four representatives directly involved and full reports given to the full Community Council at every meeting. This has continued to date. The first decision we all made was to quarantine the island. This was quickly followed by full support for this action from the Scottish government. During the first Lockdown by far the biggest task was to set-up an island wide shopping service. This has been continued for the vulnerable and a commercial delivery service for the whole Island is available. There is also a shopping service available for anyone having to self isolate. Regular reports on the Ferry services are received and people are encouraged to shop locally. Volunteers all over the Island continue to maintain contact with the elderly and vulnerable by telephone. A new initiative is to try and set up zoom coffee mornings with donated equipment.

Before the pandemic arrived a website was established called Mullhealth. The website is updated on a daily basis. To date it has had 120,000 page views from 120 countries around the world.

For the children over Christmas Santa visited the villages in "decked out" pickup trucks (I think we had 3 different Santa's!) and presents were received. We are now all working on competitions for over January, February and March.

Together with Hope Kitchen a Foodbank is running. About 30 families have benefitted but at this moment the number is increasing quite rapidly. A local business man donated 30 turkeys at Christmas.

In the first Lockdown Aldi's very kindly helped out by providing Nappies, for a nappy delivery service. They are difficult to get and expensive on the Island. This service is now being introduced again.

The Community Council are still working hard within the MCM group and have supported island wide initiatives with the full Council whenever required.