

Community Resilience Group Weekly Briefing - 14 23 April 2021

Re-opening Community Facilities Session – Monday 26 April

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As we begin to start the journey to get our communities functioning again, one area of particular interest to many is the re-opening of Community Facilities.

HTSI along with their local partners will host an online discussion around re-opening on Monday 26 April, 7pm to 8.30pm. At the meeting they will share the understanding of the current guidance, discuss Risk Assessment and attempt to answer your questions.

To enable HTSI to do that, could you please submit any questions you have to iain@highlandtsi.org.uk by Sunday 25th. At the meeting there will be a panel made up from The Local HTSI partners and Highland Council Environmental Health. If you would like to attend please register through the link below by Sunday 25th. The link to the meeting will be sent out on the morning of 26th.

HTSI are aware this is very short notice so will attempt to record the meeting and make it available to those unable to attend the meeting.

Click here to book your place [here](#).

Working Together To Restart Tourism

Following on from the briefing at the end of March from Malcolm MacLeod on the Council's Visitor Management Plan, the Council has also been working with its public sector partners such as Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue service and VisitScotland in advance of us welcoming visitors once again.

Of particular note is some of the work undertaken by VisitScotland in recent weeks which has seen a change of emphasis from more traditional marketing approach to promoting how to enjoy the Highlands responsibly and this message is also being emphasised by many tourism groups around the area. An excellent example of this is the *Scotland: Yours to enjoy* responsibly video which is being distributed and which is prominent on their website home page at www.visitscotland.com

VisitScotland also operate an industry website providing advice, guidance and downloadable resources for businesses including Coronavirus support & information and some of this may be useful to communities, for example for inclusion on websites or in social media <https://www.visitscotland.org/supporting-your-business/advice/coronavirus>

You may find this helpful to share across your networks and we will keep you updated on further messaging and information on visitor management in the week's ahead.

Covid-19 Vaccination Survey for Communities of Interest

NHS Highland is currently delivering the COVID-19 vaccination. While many people are benefiting from this, we know that some people experience barriers preventing them from taking up the offer of a vaccine.

As an organisation based in Highland representing communities of interest, we would like your help to better understand these barriers and what might be needed to help overcome them. We would be very grateful if you could complete this short survey and share your views.

The survey is open until 9th May.

Link to survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/cE0SMLTXAc>

Community Support Co-ordinators

As noted last week's briefing, the Council is just about to start recruiting to 10 Community Support Co-ordinators.

The posts will shortly be advertised on Tuesday via myjobscotland and can be viewed at the following link:

www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/highland-council/jobs?type=internal,external

Local adverts will also be available and we will circulate these to you for sharing across your networks.

Updated Covid Guidance

The Scottish Government has recently published updated COVID-19 guidance for workers and employers on returning to work safely during the coronavirus pandemic - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): creating and maintaining safer workplaces](#).

To support businesses to reopen for both staff and customers safely, the guidance includes links to [a series of resources that highlight the latest guidance and regulations](#) (April 2021) in Dropbox, together with where to find more information.

Updated COVID-19 guidance has also been published this week for [Close Contact Services](#) and also for [hospitality and tourism businesses](#).

Vaccination Update

The latest update from NHS on the vaccine can be accessed at the following link: www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine

Food Support for Groups

We know that a number of you continue to provide support to the most vulnerable in your communities and that most of you already have well defined routes for accessing food to provide this support or are supporting individuals to access their shopping or community fridges/food tables.

If you are struggling to access food to continue support to vulnerable people locally, please do contact us through the policy mailbox and we can look at ways that we can support your group going forward.

Contact: policy6@highland.gov.uk

Resilience Network Contacts

Should any group not already be involved with these networks, the contact details for each is below.

- Caithness – If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Alan Tait at Caithness Voluntary Groups allan@cvg.org.uk
- Sutherland – If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Karina Ross at Highland and Islands Enterprise karina.ross@hient.co.uk
- East Ross – Helen Ross, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Black Isle - If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Asia Cielecka at communities@black-isle.info

- Wester Ross and Dingwall – Dot Ferguson, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Skye and Raasay - If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Fiona Thomson at Skye Community Response Development Team fiona@portreeandbraes.org
- Lochaber – Emma Tayler, Assistant Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- B&S –If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Karen Derrick enquires@vabs.org.uk
- Inverness City – David Haas, City Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Inverness Rural – Charles Stephen, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Nairn – Willie Munro, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk

Helpful Links

Welfare Support Team - www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/102970/benefit_advice

Self Isolation Support Grant - www.highland.gov.uk/info/20016/coronavirus/940/self-isolation_support_grant

Fuel Support Fund

www.highland.gov.uk/fuelsupportfund

Energy Advice

energyadvisors@hi.homeenergyscotland.org

AbilityNet - IT advice or support AbilityNet
Helpline 0800 048 7642.

Business Support Grants -

www.highland.gov.uk/info/20016/coronavirus/945/strategic_framework_business_fund

Covid Resilience Grant Support -

www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/1422811/supporting_community_resilience/category/155/grants_for_community_groups

HTSI Community Group Helpline

Telephone Number 01349 808022

Winter Conditioning reports -

www.highland.gov.uk/news