

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB GROUP UPDATE Nov 2024

The Group has met several times over the last few months. The following is a summary of actions carried progressed.

Ann Yarnold has:

- Written up the notes of the Sub Committee meetings and has made significant updates to the draft Emergency and Resilience Plan.
- Begun collating the information required for a public information leaflet and created a first draft.
- Met with the Lowther Arms to clarify the role they may play and under what circumstances. It is recognised that the pub is not a substitute for the Hub at the village hall.
- Met with a local parishioner who has an expertise in IT and setting up internet connections. They have agreed to provide assistance in an emergency situation.

Deb Muscat has met with the Chair of Culterham Hall who confirmed that the hall will be available in an emergency to act as the response Hub.

- It would be helpful if there is a written agreement to confirm between the hall and the PC. There may be a considerable time between events and people will have left the Committee and/or the PC. This ensures that expectations on both sides are consistent.
- The village hall has confirmed that an emergency event will be covered by their insurance (currently no additional cost).
- Further clarification is needed with regards to providing electricity at the hall in a power cut, ie what type of generator will be required.
- In the event of an emergency the member of the village hall committee closest to the hall at the time will open up the hall.
- The Chair of Culterham Hall, or other committee member will be the part of the communications tree.
- The village hall met last week and the above was discussed.

Deb has been contacting the caravan and holiday businesses in the area.

LARGE SITES

- Manor House – has an emergency plan for its residents. It has a generator that allows it to keep the bar/restaurant open. They have offered support should we need it and a place of safety for residents in Edderside and Old Kiln if they are not able to stay at home or get to the Hub.
- The North Lakes Country Park (Tarns) – has an emergency plan for the site. They have a large workshop that can be used to shelter their residents if the weather means staying in a caravan/lodge becomes unsafe. They have offered support to anyone living locally that is not able to get the Hub. In addition, they may be able to offer temporary accommodation to a family/person that is not able to return home. They have a digger, telehandler and operator should they be required.

These sites that have been contacted have agreed to be part of the Communications Tree.

SMALLER SITES

- Mayfair Caravan Park at Beckfoot , Rowan Bank, Aikshaw Camping and Caravan Site and Old Kiln have been identified, some of which have been contacted. Nothing firm agreed.
- The steering group have also been speaking to the Church and the School to discuss how they may be able to help and to add contact details to the Communications Tree.

PERSONAL DETAILS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The group agreed that the public facing documents, websites, etc would not include personal details of volunteers or information about the offers that local businesses have suggested they could provide. This information will be kept by the Parish Council and be included in the plan to shared with the Local Resilience Forum.

This is partly due to General Data Protection Regulations but also that over time volunteers details will change. It is anticipated that each year the sub committee will review the contact lists for the parish council, village hall, community link volunteers and local businesses to pick up gaps left if people leave the parish or are no longer able to provide the support promised. Community Link volunteers will not be required to hold private information about the people in their area /vulnerable households until there is a likelihood of an emergency, at which point they will need to confirm personal details and confirm how the information will be shared and used.

DRAFT PLAN AND ACT SUPPORT

A draft of the plan has been sent to ACT to check that we have everything covered and are progressing in the right direction.

We have also asked for details of how and when we link up with the local resilience forum to receive Warnings and information in Emergencies. In addition, we have asked for some guidance with regards to emergency power generation for village halls, ie what is on offer from NW Electric, how long does it take to get one what are the risks of using a local generator in the short term.

The email was sent a week ago and we have not received a response by Monday 18th. Deb will chase them.

NEXT STEP

The draft plan needs a little more attention before it can be shared with the public for their thoughts and comments. However, it is felt that the group has spoken to enough people and businesses that we would be able to respond in a timely and appropriate manner should and emergency occur in the near future.

Currently no funding needs have been identified, although this may change when we find out more when we have spoken to the Local Resilience Forum and confirmed what they offer.