

**Notes of a meeting of the Covid Response Working Group
held on Microsoft Teams**

Monday 30th November 2020 – 6pm

Present

Cllr Andy Foulsham (Chair)
Cllr Gabby Barody (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Alex Greenaway
Cllr Lorraine Oates

In attendance

Louise Brown Communications, Marketing and Events Officer (CME Officer)
Nigel Warner Town Clerk

1. Apologies

Ex-officio members Cllr Charlie Birks (Mayor) and Samantha Bowring (Chair F and GP/ Leader). **Noted.**

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Notes

The Committee received and considered the notes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting of the Covid Response working group held on 23rd November 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Update on news from County Council and District Council

Cllr Gabby Barody provided an update on the Coronavirus support from the County Council; confirming she had spoken to Cllr Emily Smith who had confirmed the funding would be through them but that there was still no update regarding the details of this. Cllr Smith had advised Cllr Barody that Cllr Helen Pighills was the lead on this and would update Cllr Barody as and when news came in.

Cllr Andy Foulsham confirmed he had spoken to the senior officer at The Vale of White Horse District Council, Adrianna Partridge, and she had confirmed that there was still no update from last week.

Cllr Foulsham suggested inviting Adrianna Partridge and Cllr Helen Pighills to speak at a future Covid Response Working Group meeting when an update was available.

5. Update from Abingdon Coronavirus Response group & AbiMeds

Cllr Alex Greenaway provided members with an update on the Abingdon Coronavirus response group; confirming that things were still quiet in terms of requests at the moment and was likely to stay this way until further communications (Such as the Town Crier) was delivered.

Members noted there had been some good publicity regarding the group on the Abingdon Blog lately.

6. Feedback from contact with local businesses / organisations.

The Communications, Marketing and Events officer confirmed that no new responses had been received from organisations and businesses.

Cllr Andy Foulsham confirmed that he, Cllr Gabby Barody and The Town Clerk had met with Mr and Mrs Wiper from the Abbey Cinema regarding their offer of help with the free school meals project.

Cllr Andy Foulsham updated the committee on the outcome of this meeting; confirming that the cinema felt able to provide 100 meals a day. They were already set up with Track and Trace and had the space and staff to accommodate this.

A discussion followed regarding the logistics of this and it was agreed that contact would be made with the Wipers to confirm the details around this.

Cllr Gabby Barody updated the committee on her conversations with the local supermarkets regarding Vouchers and confirmed that she had spoken to Tesco and Waitrose and both supermarkets were keen to be involved. She would follow this up and update the Committee at a later meeting.

7. AOB

As agreed at the last meeting Cllr Lorraine Oates was continuing to try and find details of the local service offering vulnerable people transport to hospital appointments.

Cllr Lorraine Oates confirmed she had not yet managed to confirm this but would continue to pursue this and update the committee at the next meeting.

8. Next meeting

Monday 7th December– 6pm
(Group will meet every week at 6pm on a Monday).

The meeting rose at 7.10 pm.