

**FORT AUGUSTUS AND GLENMORISTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Resilience meeting minutes

Date:	2nd March 2026	
Time:	14:00	
Location:	Glenmoriston Millennium Hall	
Present:	FAGMCC: Deirdre McKinnon- DM, Mike Anderson- MA, Clare Levings-CL, James Prince- JP. Fort Augustus Parish Church: Jane Patten- Jane P, Cathy Fraser- CF, Senior Citizens Association: Denise Paterson- DP, Sandra Attwood- SA. GMHCA: Lynne West- LW, Jackie Buckley- JB, Kelvin Hill- KH. The Hub: Jayne Malley- JM, Sue Reed- SR, James Shanks -JS	
Apologies:	None	
Declaration of interest:	Members were asked to express any declaration of interest, in particular any potential financial gain that could or would result from the Resilience Project. No persons expressed any conflict of interest no recognised concerns were made.	
Agenda items		Actions
3	Review of actions from previous meeting. No previous actions to report.	N/A
4	Approve minutes of previous meeting. No formal minutes to approve.	N/A
5	<p>Opening Statement, Purpose & Introductions</p> <p>DM opened the meeting with a brief overview of the FAGMCC's objectives in holding this meeting and the planned stakeholder meetings, recognised the recent storms that have occurred and the impact of these events on the community, expressed how information from this meeting will inform discussions with stakeholders next week, specifically: SSE, Scottish Water, 3 Glens Care, NHS.</p> <p>MA added that FAGMCC would tackle specific parts of the resilience plan, referenced a resilience Teams meeting with Lochaber area, 3 objectives, Halls, food and water drops, vulnerable people.</p> <p>October 26th completion. Baseline resilience offering equality in all areas within the community council boundary.</p> <p>JP summarised that the plan was to have 4 meetings with stakeholders (SSE, HC, SW, NHS etc.) these meetings are aimed at fulfilling community needs, additional as needed local community meetings to include all present groups to create a resilience plan that is suitable for the whole community and works when integrated into each groups tailor made plan.</p> <p>An open discussion was had on, communications, Starlink, water supplies, energy supplies, generators.</p> <p>LW in-line with initial agenda format, put forward her discussions with Trees for Life, suggested that they should be included in this group and invited to future meetings, it was agreed that this was a good idea, based on location and the possibility of extending the coverage of resilience hubs. Trees for Life have offered to be part of the solution, partners.</p>	DM/All

6	<p>Existing Assets and Established Plans Each organisation had the opportunity to discuss the assets, property, and equipment that they currently possess. It was recognised that no plans were already established and that while some organisations were making good progress, more work was to be done.</p>	All
7	<p>Undelivered Plans and Barriers The Hub highlighted its back-up generator run time (7hrs) and maintenance challenges. Previous problems with loss of water supply. Difficulty in finding directors/volunteers to support the work (currently 6 directors).</p> <p>All agreed water supply was a similar problem across the community, now reliant on electrical pumped pressure and not gravity fed*** Not being able to use toilets*** Scottish water emergency power supply/back-up generator run time for uninterrupted water supply is too short***</p> <p>Volunteers' availability to run a resilience centre is limited. Baseline resilience was discussed.</p> <p>JS on behalf of The Hub, was planning on personally visiting all residents in Dalchreichart, to ask 'one on one,' what individual needs and expectations were, in relation to what The Hub could be offering. Would like to have an agreed questionnaire to help identify these needs and make informed decision planning. GDPR was openly discussed and methods of storing this data. MA expressed further advantages of paper copies and their benefits or not needing electricity to access during an outage.</p> <p>LW also actioning a similar approach, added that questions regarding property "dual fuel" heating or solely reliant on electrical supply, that several properties now only have electric heating systems. ***</p> <p>DM Buddy Systems, Tick & Cross system were discussed, all agreed were effective but with some limitations on participation.</p> <p>DM asked the Senior Citizen Association for any work or progress in this area: DP stated that it was not known if they could/should do anything independently, but are happy to be a part of the project and support the work. That the Church Hall carpark was already made available for food van and water drops. That Senior Citizens Ass have divided the area into 10 districts, a useful start, also have a list of residents over 60's, but does not cover younger vulnerable people at risk.</p> <p>JS suggested pre planning approaches rather than post planning, to be monitoring known weather events. Possibility of having portable toilets and showers delivered in advance, triggered by an amber or red weather warning. Designated helicopter landing sites to be identified and included in plans*** MA expressed higher level emergency management plans, that were not within the remit of local resilience plans. However, some information from this could be obtained in supporting local plans and awareness.</p> <p>JB Raised the issue of food trucks being used by passing visitors, it was agreed among the group that visitors within the care of the community (rather than passing coaches/Traffic) should have access to emergency food supplies, however tour company's "stopping for lunch" are an issue. Potentially changing the location of the food trucks could help mitigate misuse from passing traffic***</p> <p>CL opened discussion on personal/home resilience, a home emergency kit/checklist. Identifying several items that would be important to own. It was agreed that although this information is available in various formats, a printed or fridge magnet version could be useful. ***</p> <p>LW Presented an NHS home resilience flyer, that included items CL had raised. It was agreed that some form of guidance would be provided to residents to promote self-help resilience.</p> <p>Informing people on any plans should be done through multiple channels, post, soup and sandwich clubs, word of mouth, social media etc. a "no one left behind" approach.</p>	All

	<p>Personal responsibility should be encouraged so resources can be best used on vulnerable at risk and badly affected individuals.</p> <p>It was noted that council houses are more often fully reliant on electric and freezing in event of power outages. ***</p> <p>JM water supply to the Hub during storm Amy, difficulties in obtaining and distribution to households. ***</p> <p>DM informed that this will be central to our ongoing discussions with Scottish Water, location of water drops, as well as at what point (elapsed time without supply) and quantities.</p> <p>Trees for Life was mentioned as a good location to include water drops. ***</p> <p>MA asked group if they had seen community council website In regards to a condensed version of home resilience guidelines, taken from the gov website. Also, the posted information sent to all households in December.</p> <p>JB goal creating a baseline plan, can use existing works and alter to specific needs relevant to our situation. Share the information.</p> <p>JP document should be built from the bottom up not top down, meeting the needs as closely as possible.</p> <p>MA risk of overreaching and under providing, must be sure what we offer is sustainable and what we can't offer is covered by self-resilience to best individual ability.</p> <p>JP summarised that the groups agreed to work towards 3 resilience hubs, The Hub, Millennium Hall, Fort Augustus Church Hall, and that Trees for Life could be considered as an outpost facility pending further involvement from their organisation.</p> <p>DP questioned whether one location in FA was sufficient, it was noted that remote areas such as Auchteraw should be given proper consideration, that initial plans should focus on one functioning central point, but provisions should be made for outlying residents.</p> <p>MA timeframe for being self-resilient, a person should have sufficient provision for first 24/48 hrs of an event***</p> <p>Energy systems were discussed, Solar, Battery, Generators, service plans and maintenance. Cost of battery or solar power versus generator power were discussed. As each Hub has different energy needs not one solution fits and a feasibility study should match each location needs as they see best.</p> <p>Items shown with *** designation are for informed discussion during stakeholder meetings.</p>	
8	<p>Strategic Intentions & best outcomes</p> <p>CF & Jane P - are happy to support, need to discuss with the Board 11-March, to confirm. FAGMCC are happy to assist in technical aspects and any way that they can.</p> <p>Funding potential was discussed, various funding challenges and opportunities were mentioned as well as barriers to funding for certain organisations that could potentially be overcome.</p> <p>Limitations on our reach as a community council were discussed with regards to telecommunications. Starlink was highlighted as a best-case solution. While other providers are available, they are cost prohibitive.</p> <p>All agreed benefits of working together, supporting inter community, meeting again, creating a system, sharing knowledge and expertise. That this approach would hopefully lead to less duplication of work, overlap, reduce workload on an already limited group of individuals.</p> <p>Each group expressed continued work on their plans, that those plans will not be delayed by any work done by other groups.</p>	All
9	<p>Any other business</p>	

10	Time, date and location of next meeting 14:00 Millennium Hall Invermoriston.		
Notes:	Not all persons present have been credited correctly for discussion input, due to the informal nature of some discussions. Items shown with *** designation are for informed discussion during stakeholder meetings.		
Signed:		Date:	