

Hi Paddy

For your meeting:

Covid-19

Dornoch Frith Group's activities continue with the Food Support, operating from the West Church Hall where we are delivering to around 65 households each week. For the past few weeks the Doctor's Surgery have used the Hall to deliver the Covid Vaccines where our volunteers manned the doors and helped guide the patients in and out of the Vaccination Centre.

The use of the hall for vaccinations has disrupted the Tuesday food deliveries and we are now only delivering on a Thursday to everyone.

We still have plenty of supplies and receive donations from the Co-op's food waste scheme each week. We also receive a regular weekly donation from Harry Gow and local people donate items at the Chemist that are collected weekly.

This week we were awarded a £39000 grant from the Scottish Government's Community Recovery Fund. This is to provide the Food Support service until the end of May. Part of the funding is also for a project in partnership with Dornoch Cathedral to provide free internet access and specially modified tablets to people who cannot use computers to enable their families, friends and carers connect with video calls and messages with no input required by the end user. The aim of this is to tackle isolation and connect people who are isolated within our community, also to help build confidence with video calling and message systems.

We have plenty of volunteers to help with all the things we do and are very grateful to everyone in the community who work together with us to provide help for others.

Best wishes

Charles