

WEEKLY BULLETIN 25

Lochaber Rotary Wednesday 09 September 2020

Welcome to the 25th edition of our club bulletin - designed to keep our members in touch with one another during the extended period of restrictions aimed at beating the coronavirus and getting us back to normality. While Club Council discussed prospects of a return to the Alex on 16 September, sadly, the latest virus infection statistics - 208 positive cases in Scotland yesterday (Monday) - were the worst in 17 weeks, and this looks increasingly unlikely.

It may therefore be some time before the Scottish Government sanctions the move to Phase 4 on its Route Map - and we can recommence our formal lunch meetings in the Alex.

Our meeting today will start at 1pm. The invitation and joining code is in Secretary John's email earlier today. Hope to see you there.

Last week's Evening Meeting, which included the monthly Club Council was attended by 14 members. Topics discussed included:

- Duncan Gillies is happy to accept Honorary Membership of our Club. We can now look forward to welcoming him at our meetings as and when he can manage along
- Crannog Cruises: Finlay repeated his offer to Club Members and their families to enjoy a cruise on Loch Linnhe - courtesy of Crannog Cruises.
- Hon Member Charlie Moore: John H reported he is back in the Care Home and doing well.
- Kirriemuir Rotary: Sheana reported a visit from ex-president of Kirriemuir Rotary.
- Mike MacGruer had a spell in hospital with a sepsis infection but we're pleased to report he has recovered and is back at work and at Rotary.
- District 1230: Richard has been attending several lengthy District meetings on Zoom. One lasted over 2 hours!
- Return to the Alex could be reviewed and it is conceivable that we could be back by 16 September (next week)

- Susan Carstairs' Talk on Hydro Scheme: excellent article by John Hu in last week's Lochaber Times. If any members would like to buy shares in this community project they should contact Susan direct.
- Knitivity Project: Explanatory Leaflet publicising the project and seeking donations now prepared.
- Christmas Festival: Reluctantly agreed that this will be cancelled due to the virus. Sheana will liaise with Press & Publicity Convenor John Hutchison and advise stallholders, Pipe Band, Fergusons Transport, Cairngorm Reindeer Company, Ben Nevis Cheerleaders etc of our decision to cancel for one year only.
- Sundial Garden: Mike confirmed it has been weeded and tidied.
- Youth Activities Programme: Mike reported he had contacted all secondary schools.

