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kept and used as space permits in future editions.

We are very pleased to be able to return to a printed edition of The Courier this time and we are very grateful to those of our distributors who have been willing to deliver this edition around the village. For those of you who decided you weren't yet ready to undertake this kind of activity, we do understand and just wish for you all to stay safe.

I'd also like to thank all our advertisers for their continued support. The Courier is a great resource to find local services and I would encourage you to support any you can so that they can survive and thrive as we begin to open up again.

Val Muir
Editor, Culter Courier

CULTER COMMUNITY COUNCIL: FROM THE CHAIR

The Community Council, along with all but the most essential of workers have been 'self-isolating' and 'social distancing' for the past three months.

During this period, we have learned to conduct business by ZOOM meetings and email and achieved a satisfactory level of control over community affairs. Sadly, we were unable to celebrate as normal with our tremendous Gala and associated events. The loss of funds to support local 'good causes' will be sorely missed. Gradual return to more familiar patterns of life will involve a variety of new conditions so continued restraint and tolerance will be essential as this evolves over many months.

Aberdeen City Council has advised on many changes to aspects of daily life in these circumstances and links to that advice and help may be accessed

via the CCC website and FaceBook page.

All but the most essential community services were closed down to focus on stopping the spread of the virus and enabling our NHS and essential services providers to meet unique challenges.

CCC, in concert with other community institutions, represented by Resilience Coordinator Neil Chalmers, contributed to a range of voluntary services and assistance for those in need in our community. We are part of a combined effort, led by Councillor Marie Boulton with the support of Councillors Malik and Bell, working with the Church and a wide range of community organisations in a combined effort to ensure that Culter takes care of and supports its most vulnerable residents in the most appropriate manner throughout this unique threat.

Now that infection rates are coming down and restrictions are beginning to ease we continue to support and obey rules for all sakes, not least our own.

Those in need of extra help and support are reminded that they should in the first instance contact the Aberdeen City Council helpline on 0800 0304 713.



Other notable matters occupying CCC over recent months include completion of the riverside walk core path refurbishment (Lovers Walk) by Culter Volunteers

David Wakefield, CCC Chair

Bin collections for recyclable and garden waste have resumed but on an extended schedule to help protect Council operatives. Waste recycling centres are now re-opened with some different rules in place. See the Aberdeen City Council web page for details:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydyul3mm>

Golf and local fishing have restarted

within tight local travel restrictions. Social life is starting to ease with modestly extended but appropriately socially distanced small groupings.

Normal service will be resumed gradually but this is unlikely to be a speedy transition so please continue to focus on basics and your own healthy protection, supporting