Council

praises

Angus Council's COVID-19

Response, Recovery and

Renew plans were presented last week at Full

Council by Chief Execu-

tive Margo Williamson

who outlined the council's

response to the pandemic.

to staff for their hard

work, creativity and ded-

ication in continuing to

provide the everyday ser-

vices on which people rely

throughout the pandemic

that alongside the 'busi-

nessas usual' tasks such as

household bin collections

early years and schooling,

care services and register-

ing births and deaths, the

council was instrumenta

in working with third sec-

tor partners to provide

care and support for those

While the council is

well prepared for emer-

gencies and the unexpect-

ed, particularly in relation

to weather, it has never

been required to remain

on something of an emer-

gency footing for such an

en on different and ad-

ditional roles to deliver

way beyond regular council duties such as a cross-

Council team was required

to analyse, scrutinise and pay out 4,597 grants total-

the Environmental

and Consumer Protection

Many staff have tak-

extended period.

ling £42.5M;

shielding and isolating.

The report highlights

In presenting the report, she paid tribute

boss

staff

Focus on Montrose

Montrose REVIEW

Local hero keeps kids cool with free ices

By Deborah Welsh

A Montrose restaurateur who has been doing a grand job for the Angus community plans to continue with his good work in the area.

Rug Bug Benny's owner, Scott Learmonth is set to spread even more joy by giving out free ice cream and soft drinks to all local kids for the summer holidays. Local hero Scott had pre-

viously been dishing out free hot meals to children whose families were feeling the pinch and struggling to make ends meet.

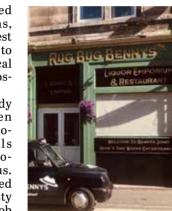
Scott and his team of volunteers wanted to make a small difference to the lives of local families in the area during lockdown



meals for families, then our free kids meals. In total, over 30,000 meals were donated to the local communities in Angus. "This time we have teamed up with my Mum at Roasty Toasty catering vans and Bob at Bonnie Montrose to offer something a bit more fun.

"Our free ice creams for the summer holidays is just something a little different to get rid of the doom and gloom as we start to return to nor-

"We will be in lots of areas and will update our page daily with locations."



Scott's restaurant on Hume Street.

He added: "We have met so many people and made so many friends over the last year and we can't wait to get out on the road and see them all again. Now the schools have finished up, we were keen to help with something new for the kids' holidays. Ice cream and drinks seemed a nice treat for the summer."

Scott was keen to point out that he wants as many children as possible to enjoy the

"There is no criteria, all school kids are welcome to come and see us."

To help ease some of the financial burden on parents during the school holidays, Scott's ice-cream van will be driving around the area serving up the free ice cream and soft drinks.

The 'free' days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only and will be in operation from Monday, July 5.

Regular updates will be posted on the Rug Bug Benny's Facebook page where you can track the locations of where Scott's van is going to be.



In brief

Shock figures on mental health

A survey of 1000 young Scots has found that two thirds think young people are dismissed by adults when they try to speak about their mental health. potentially leaving many with nowhere to turn. In North East Scotland including Angus, the figure

average at 66 per cent New research asked young people their opinions stigma and discrimination. It found that 72 per cent of Scotland's young people have struggled with their

Project will help Angus women

Rights Centre (SWRC) has announced the launch of a short pilot project which offers judgement-free legal and advocacy support for women who sell or exchange sex in Scotland who have been impacted by any form of abuse or

RISE @ SWRC will provide women with information about their rights as well as free and confidential legal and advocacy advice, and representation in civil justice processes. The SWRC plans to consult directly with women with

lived experience as well as

specialist organisations.

remote the classroom

The necessity of taking Cats Protection's children's education online because of covid has had an unexpected benefit as these talks are available, no matter how Education officers from the charity love going into schools and community

Cat charity taking Montrose bookings online groups to share their feline knowledge, so when the pandemic hit the charity had to quickly make changes. If you would like an online class in

Montrose that is still as engaging and

education.cats.org.uk/book-a-talk/

interactive as in-person ones, visit www.

Gill Financial staff-owned

Employees are expected

to become the owners

employee-owned in the

first financial services

business in Scotland to

past 12 months - the

of 30 more Scottish comed the announcement of a £10m investment fund companies this year double the number of to help tackle cancer waitdeals completed in 2020. ing times in Scotland. The forecast has been The money is being made as Employee provided to Health Boards Ownership Day across Scotland, including highlights the growing NHS Tayside, and will be contribution of staffdirected where it is most needed in each region, inowned companies to the cluding enhancing staff Montrose-based Gill skills, diagnostic tests Financial's 10 employees and supporting evening are just one such firm and weekend working so which has become more patients can be seen.

In December 2020, the Scottish Government outlined an investment of up to £114.5 million to support cancer patients across the country.

Cancer

charity

pleased

Bowel Cancer UK has wel-

Local produce in stores

A funding programme to promote the sale of local produce in convenience underway.

The Go Local initiative, funded by the Scottish Government, will see grants paid to convenience stores, allowing increased sales of fresh, healthy, locally sourced products to customers.

develop retail space in shops and the appointment of a specialist with extensive retail and sourcing experience to maximise consumer choice and

stores across Scotland is

The overall fund of

£190,000 will be used to available display space.

Team has been leading the enforcement of Tayside's public health in the face of evolving guidance; supporting children and fami lies at this time, as detailed in the Child Poverty Action Plan amongst other reports; working through their own personal health and caring responsibilities in a flexible, digital way in order to meet the council's KPIs and maintaining the high performance that the people of

Margo said, "I am huge y proud of what our staff have achieved and the dedication they have shown.

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