

# Fetlar Community Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL ON TUESDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.45PM (WITH A WEBEX OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

### PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair  
Mike Fogarty, Vice Chair  
Julie McGuire  
Lucy Cummings  
James Smythe  
Dave Sumner

### IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis, IWSP Strategic Delivery Group  
Frances Browne, SIC Community Development  
Carl Symons, Executive Manager Environment & Estates  
Billy Mycock, SIC Anti-Social Behaviour Co-Ordinator  
Roy Buckland, Clerk  
2 Members of the Public

### 1. APOLOGIES

No Apologies

### 2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

James Rendall, nominated by James Smythe and seconded by Mike Fogarty. James accepted the role and is now Chairperson.  
James took over the meeting.

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Mike Fogarty, nominated by James Rendall and seconded by Dave Sumner. Mike accepted the role and is now the Vice Chairperson.

### 4. APPROVAL OF FCC MINUTES – 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 18th October 2022 had been circulated and were taken as read and adopted. Proposed – James Rendall, seconded – Roy Buckland.

### 5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Dave Sumner declared an interest in Item 7.1 Community Maintenance Post.

### 6. VISITOR – BILLY MYCOCK, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CO-ORDINATOR, SIC – SHETLAND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

Mr Mycock introduced himself and explained the purpose of his visit. He stated that he was visiting all Community Councils to explain the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy (ASB). He is looking for input into how they respond to or even better, prevent antisocial type behaviours across Shetland. He explained that the SIC had a new ASB strategy until 2028 that focused very much on drilling down into areas that are problematic, and looking at how they can prevent them in the first place or better still, to deal with them if they still happen. The Committee thanked Mr Mycock for his visit and agreed that a future visit would be opened to the residents sometime in the New Year. More information on this strategy can be found on the SIC website.

### 7.1/2 VISITOR – CARL SYMONS, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, ENVIRONMENT AND ESTATE OPERATIONS – COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE POST (attended virtually).

Mr Symons stated that the Handyman post had been advertised and there has been three applicants. HR are in the process of creating a shortlist for interviews and he hopes to be able to appoint a replacement shortly but there is a current time delay due to HR workloads which may delay the appointment for up to 6-8 weeks. He will be looking into this matter and trying to resolve the time delay. He stated that he was happy with the job specifications and was not looking to change them at this current time so it still stayed at 20 hours per week. Mr Symons emphasised that he wishes the post to remain a success. Dave Sumner asked if the gritting was going to be incorporated into the maintenance post. Mr Symons responded that this was a Roads contract but he would be happy for the maintenance person to take over the gritting if it becomes available and agreed by the Roads Department and that the new maintenance person is qualified to operate the machinery. He will come back to the Committee with his findings.

## **7. MATTERS ARISING**

### **7.1 Islands with Small Population (IWSP)**

Juliet Bellis stated that the IWSP meeting due in November had been postponed and rebooked for January 2023. The Community Council discussed the work of the IWSP and the general feeling was that the IWSP was losing some of its focus and drive. They all agreed in the recent past that there have been some good results including the new broadband issues, nursing and the handyman position. Juliet reported that issues like the ferry seem to not be dealt with much urgency. Frances Browne agreed to feed back the concerns to her Line Manager. It was discussed if there would be better response if the North Isles Councillors were invited to attend meetings to discuss the ongoing ferry issues. Frances reported that she will be seeking a new representative for the vacant role left with Murray resigning and she will email all residents to look for a volunteer.

#### **7.1/1 SIC Ferries**

The Committee discussed the possibilities of inviting North Isles Councillors to a future meeting for them to listen to the issues being raised over the ferry service to Fetlar and Unst. Frances Browne agreed to email SIC ferries and to invite management to a meeting. The Committee was informed that the Geira was booked onto the slip for maintenance but Fivla was booked to cover for this.

- Water Supplies at the toilets at Hamars Ness. SIC have informed the FCC that they have purchased a new bowser for the toilets. This, at the moment, is at Sella Ness. Dave Sumner informed the Committee that there is an issue with the towing linkage. It was also stated that at this time of year, there is no urgent need for the bowser as all the rain water tanks are full due to (1) rain and (2) low number of visitors using the toilets. The bowser is scheduled to arrive on Fetlar sometime in March. It was also noted that the role of operating the bowser and filling the toilet tanks will be taken up by the handyman. All agreed that the water bowser should be placed on the February agenda in readiness for its arrival.

### **7.3 Brough Lodge Retreat Project**

Mike Fogarty reported back following the meeting he attended. The Lodge is on the market priced at £30,000 with Harper McLeod and the Brough Lodge Trust are looking for buyers to invest £12m into the project. The plan is to turn it into a retreat open for 6 months of the year (April to September) with future plans for 25 rooms. There are future plans to build staff accommodation on the old ferry port site and with electric vehicles to transport staff and visitors around the island. The plans for the Lodge have been well received by Historic Shetland and the Press but as of today's date, there is no knowledge of any buyers. A Member of the Public asked what the benefits to Fetlar would be? The Committee discussed this and agreed that it would bring visitors and jobs to the island.

At 21:20 Ms Browne and Mr Mycock departed the meeting to catch a Ferry.

### **7.4 Cattle Grid**

The cattle grid has been replaced and this item can now be removed from future agendas.

### **7.5 Bus Service**

It was agreed for Roy to email Lee to catch up with any developments of a bus service to Cullivoe or Aywick.

### **7.6 Welcome Pack for Fetlar**

It was agreed that an email will be sent out to all residents to see if any would like their crafts included in the pack and for contacts if they have any suggestions for the welcome pack.

### **7.7 Bulky Waste Uplifts and Skips**

This has been put back until the Handyman post is filled when we will then promote the services to the residents. Hendersons to be contacted for a quote to supply skips to Fetlar.

### **7.8 Abandoned Vehicles**

It was reported that there were two vehicles left to be picked up from Hamars Ness. It has been mentioned that there is a caravan in poor condition that also needs to be collected from the same location.

**Actions:** Roy to contact the amenities trust to ask what they will and will not pick up.

## **8. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Committee agreed to purchase a printer, paper and ink for the Clerk. They also agreed for the shortfall of the grant application to the Interpretive Centre to be paid.

### **8.1 Agreed to defer co-opting any new members until the New Year.**

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Members of the Public asked if there were any grant applications put in for the hall. None are known of.
- Lucy Cummings asked about the Net Zero Carbon Meeting that had been discussed at the previous meeting. It was agreed to arrange a public meeting to see if the community has any interest in going green and it was suggested that it would be a good idea for the FCC to hold the meeting and invite qualified specialists in to talk about benefits and costs etc. This is to be deferred until the New Year.

## **10. MEETING DATES**

**Tuesday, 10th January, 2023.**

The Chair thanked everyone for joining the meeting and since there was no further business, the Meeting was brought to a close.