

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL ON TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.45PM (WITH A WEBEX OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

Mike Fogarty, Acting Chair
Lucy Cummings
Dave Sumner
James Smythe

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis, IWSP Strategic Delivery Group
Frances Browne, SIC Development
Carl Symons, Environment and Estate Operations (Webex)
Roy Buckland, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from James Rendall and Julie Maguire.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 10th January 2023 had been circulated and were taken as read and approved. Proposed – Dave Sumner, seconded – Lucy Cummings.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Clerk declared an interest in item 4.1.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

4.1 Visitor – Carl Symons, Executive Manager, Environment and Estate Operations

- Community Maintenance Post
Interviews are to take place at Yell Community Centre on 2nd March 2023.
- Maintaining Generator (Contingency Plan)
Carl stated that this would come under the remit of the Handyman role as long as they have the appropriate skills to maintain the generator, owners are happy for this to go ahead, the appropriate insurance is in place and a risk assessment has been carried out.
- Bulky Waste Removal
Carl discussed bulky waste removal on Fetlar. This will come under the Handyman role for removal of waste, and he advised that this must be booked. The cost is 6 items - £30, 12 items - £70+. Removal of waste must be a two-person operation due to manual handling regulations.

4.1/1 IWSP (Islands with Small Populations)

- Juliet discussed the Emergency Contingency Plan from SSEN which has a fund and Juliet hopes to apply for this to pay for a generator which will be located at the Hall for emergency use. The generator will be the responsibility of the Community Association.
- Ongoing ferry – still awaiting a date for the meeting with Andrew Inkster.
- Water Bowser – Dave informed the members that the bowser is still at Sellaness. This will be looked at again when the new Handyman is in place.
- Frances Browne informed the group that one more representative is required to replace Murray who had resigned from the group. Frances is organising a drop-in meeting at the Hall – time and date to be confirmed.

4.2 Emergency Timetable for Blue Mull Sound

Frances Browne reported back to the meeting. The last meeting regarding the Blue Mull Sound Emergency Timetable had to be cancelled. Unst FCC have agreed that a joint meeting with Fetlar and Yell FCCs would be a good idea to discuss all the concerns regarding the timetable.

Action - Frances Browne to arrange dates for a meeting and the meeting will take place on Fetlar. Clerk to write to SIC for confirmation of proposed Yell Sound timetable (this has since been released by SIC).

4.3 Fixed Links

Lucy raised the topic regarding fixed links. It was agreed by all that it may be possible for Fetlar to join in with the Unst and Yell action group.

4.4 Net Zero

Lucy Cummings informed members that this was the only area where grants are abundantly available for renewable. Lucy volunteered to investigate the way forward with Net Zero for the island. Frances offered to pass on grant contacts to Lucy.

4.5 Contingency Plan

Lucy's plan was discussed by the members, and all agreed that it was a good plan and that Lucy should investigate further for future discussions.

4.6 Grant Applications

The application for the Hall has been deferred to the next meeting so that clarification can be sought before voting.

5. FINANCES

Copies of the Finances were sent to all members before the meeting – no issues were raised.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence and associated attachments had been sent to members prior to the meeting, as follows:

- Letter from Police Scotland
- Roads report
- Letter of thanks for grant
- Letter from Avelina regarding Bees - Members discussed the issues raised in the letter/attachment and decided that the letter should be placed on file.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Scottish Water requested that Residents switch off all hosepipes due to an ongoing leak on the island.

A member of the Public had contacted a Council member to state their concern over the smashed-up caravan at Hamars Ness. This will be looked at in more detail when the New Maintenance person is in post.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

The Chair thanked everyone for joining the Meeting and since there was no further business, the Meeting ended at 21:45.