

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL ON TUESDAY, 16th MAY 2023 AT 6.15 PM (WITH A WEBEX OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Mike Fogarty, Vice Chair
Julie Maguire
Lucy Cummings

IN ATTENDANCE

Frances Browne, SIC Development Officer
Juliet Bellis, IWSP Strategic Delivery Group
Neil Grant, Director of Development
John Simpson, deputising for John Smith –
Director of Infrastructure
D Ashling, IWSP Coordinator
Robert Thomson, North Isles Councillor (joined
remotely)
Dana Jamieson, Police
Roy Buckland, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from James Smythe and Michael Duncan.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on the 4th April 2023 had been circulated and were taken as read and adopted. Proposed – Lucy Cummings, seconded – Mike Fogarty.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4. ONGOING BUSINESS

4.1 Dave Sumner's Resignation

The resignation was accepted by Members and the Clerk will forward details to Michael Duncan. Members discussed the process for co-opting new members onto the Council and it was agreed that the Clerk will send out an email to all residents.

4.2 Islands with Small Populations (WSP)

- Fire Station and Crewing
It was agreed that this item needs to go onto the priorities list.
- Juliet Bellis was congratulated on her contribution and work with IWSP.
- Ferries
It was felt that further investigation into the amount of heavy traffic going over to Unst for road repairs and the knock-on effect of delays on ferries.

- Hall Roof
The possible availability of funding was discussed.
- Fetlar.org
It was noted that Fetlar.org is receiving good responses from people visiting the site.
- Housing
Housing was discussed with Councillor Robert Thomson who advised Members that this is a problem across the whole of Shetland. It seems that the most difficult was finding tradespeople who would be willing to come to Fetlar.
- Broadband
Members were informed that Ian Brown is still awaiting parts to arrive which will enable him to complete the job. To date, still not received payment from the Scottish Government.
- Nurse
Ongoing. The Clerk and Frances Browne to contact SNHS for an update (at the time of writing, this still has not been received).
- Remote and Rural Island Fund
Members discussed the possibility of setting up a community group to investigate the possibility to apply for funds from the Remote and Rural Island Fund.

4.3 Bowser

The Clerk to contact Carl Symons for an update. As far as is known, the Bowser is at Sellaness – it was also reported that the tow hitch on the trailer does not fit to the Island Maintenance van.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room for the next item.

4.4 DAR concerns

Following discussion, it was accepted that this was an owner issue and not one for the FCC to deal with. It was pointed out that if a person does have a complaint, contact should be made with SIC who have a complaints procedure in place.

4.5 Emergency Timetable for Blue Mull Sound

Frances Browne has been in discussion with Unst CC, and they wish to make a slight time change to one of the runs. All at the meeting were in agreement and Frances to implement the plan and send it to SIC for approval.

4.6 Fire Station

No update has been received. No-one at the meeting knew if the equipment was still at the Station now that the last Firefighter had retired. It was agreed that plans should be put in place to arrange for Community Fire Safety Officers to visit the island. This is to be further discussed.

4.7 Ferry Summer Timetable

FCC sent SIC an email expressing their disappointment that none of the recommendations put forward from FCC and UCC had been implemented and the Summer Timetable has stayed the same as before. Robert Thomson requested that all correspondence to be emailed to him and he would take it up with Andrew Inkster.

5. FINANCES

It was agreed that a notice should be sent to residents in connection with possible funding requests.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of concern had been received in connection with the future of the Fire Service on Fetlar.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Contingency Plan

Lucy is adjusting her original plan to follow SIC templates.

7.2 Links

It was agreed that a sign should be erected on the gate, asking people not to drive their vehicles onto the Links as they are becoming ecologically unstable.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 27th June 2023 at 7.45pm.

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