

# Fetlar Community Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL ON TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 AT 7.45PM (WITH A TEAMS OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

### PRESENT

Lucy Cummings  
Mike Fogarty  
James Rendall, Chair  
James Smythe

### IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis, IWSP Strategic Delivery Group  
Frances Browne, SIC Community Development  
Ryan Thomson, SIC Elected Member

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Robert Thomson, Michael Duncan, Dana Jamieson

## 2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> of May were circulated and were taken as read and adopted. Proposed – Lucy Cummings, Seconded –Mike Fogarty

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

## 4. ONGOING BUSINESS

### 4.1 Clerk's Resignation

Community Councillors agreed to send out advert and to advertise in Fetlar initially. A closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August was set. The group agreed to stick with £15.17 rate of pay, as in November, due to concerns about Community Council budget. The Councillors will ask Roy to send out to all islanders, will post on everything else Fetlar and put posters to shop and hall. Interested applicants can phone James.

FCC gave thanks to Roy for his hard work at Clerk.

### 4.2 Ferry Linkspan

FCC noted. Community Councillors asked Frances to get in touch with Sellaness to find out what the weather parameters are and how much notice will be received if the weather is too bad and the date of work needs to be shifted. It was also agreed to enquire about the safety parameters for passengers using the Hamarsness pier – especially getting from pier to car park. It was agreed to include SIC Elected members in email. Lucy Cummings will let ambulance control know about the proposed work also.

**Action:** Frances will email Sellaness to enquire about timescales for change and health and safety procedures.

### 4.3 NHS

Frances will email and see if they would like to reschedule proposed meeting due to Linkspan works and suggest the following Friday as an alternative if required. Group spoke about options for nursing.

**Action:** Frances will email NHS to set a date for meeting.

#### **4.4 NHS Dentist**

The letter sent by Antony Visocchi was noted.

#### **4.5 Shetland Community Directory**

Lucy Cummings will add Fetlar Community Council details to this.

#### **4.6 Confirmation of late ferry booking**

This has been done and is acknowledged.

#### **4.7 Ferry Summer Timetable**

The Councillors discussed the emergency timetable. Both Unst and Fetlar Community Councils agreed the proposed timetable which was sent to Sellaness. Frances Browne has followed this up with Sellaness but no response has been received so far. Frances to contact again and include elected members in her email.

Community Councillors decided to write to Sellaness and Elected Members about current issues with ferries including the increased difficulty with shared runs with Unst due to increased traffic from Unst. They would also like to highlight the impact of recent crewing issues on the Fetlar service whereby both Fetlar runs 4 o'clock and 5.25 were lost creating a long delay for Fetlar residents. Once the ferry returned to schedule, it was another hour until a run was scheduled for Fetlar residents making the wait even longer.

**Actions:** Frances to email Sellaness and Elected Members re Emergency Timetable.

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#### **4.8 Bowser**

The Bowser is in Fetlar and seems to be being utilised without issue, so this can be removed from Agenda

#### **4.9 Island Maintenance -**

The new Community Maintenance Postholder has availability to work more hours, so the post could carry out more tasks as originally envisaged. Community Councillors agreed to invite Carl to next meeting to discuss.

**Action:** Frances to invite Carl Symons to next meeting

#### **4.10 Fetlar Contingency Plan**

Lucy is working on the Fetlar Contingency Plan. It will be ready shortly

**Action:** Lucy to share Fetlar Contingency Plan with FCC when ready.

#### **4.1 IWSP**

Juliet let Community Councillors know that there was an IWSP in person event in June, islanders able to speak to elected members face to face. Juliet and Barbara attended. Some of the Elected

Members were shocked at what had been happening. David will be circulating feedback from the event.

Frances Browne shared that David is looking for some data information from Fetlar islanders. Roy has shared the survey with islanders. There is also more information that Juliet Bellis and Frances Browne will work on collating. Frances Browne asked Community Councillors to check they were happy with the kind of information being looked for.

**Actions:** David to send feedback on event to islands.  
Juliet and Frances to work on other data asked for.

## 5. FINANCES

Members agreed accounts were accurate and correct.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

The tunnel vision event notice has been circulated and was noted.

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**7.1 Rubbish at Tresta beach:** It was brought up that the Tresta Beach hasn't been cleaned this year and needs it. Fetlar Community Council will organise a Hairst Redd Up. Frances to contact the Shetland Amenity Trust to see if they might supply gloves and bags.

**7.2 Hamarsness Quarry, fly tipping.** Someone has been dumping goods at Hamarsness Quarry, it was reported that it looked like builders waste. Group agreed to contact environmental services, both as an issue and as SIC are the landowner for the quarry.

**7.3 Visit from Professor studying Health and Education.** Group agreed to send out note to all islanders to see if 4 people would be willing to participate in discussion with professor on health and education.

**Actions:** Frances to email Shetland Amenity Trust re equipment for Redd Up  
FCC to organise Redd Up  
Frances to email SIC Environmental Services re Fly tipping  
Frances to email Lewie Peterson, contact re Professors Visit, to say FCC will email out to all islanders and see who is interested in speaking to professor.

## 8. MEETING DATES

**The next meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of September.**

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