

# Fetlar Community Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 AT 7.45PM (WITH A TEAMS OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

### PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair  
Lucy Cummings  
James Smythe

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mike Fogarty, Dana Jamieson.

## 2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th of September were circulated and were amended and adopted. Proposed - Lucy Cummings, Seconded – James Smythe

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Juliet has no voting rights but also declared an interest in item 7.4 Fetlar Community Association

## 4. ONGOING BUSINESS

### 4.1 Clerk Appointment Update

Chris Bolton Appointed

### 4.2.1 Islands with Small populations -Locality Plan

Meeting held in September. 13 people attended. Ideas are being added to the profile. Ideas are being taken to the Management Team of Shetland Partnership. Chris will share when new profile is available.

Juliet also attended a planning meeting discussing housing. It is felt that there is housing availability at Stakafletts and that there should be an option to advertise vacancies and have a local lettings policy.

There was discussion about the length and complication of the process of letting vacant properties.

### 4.2.2 Community Maintenance Post

There has been no communication received since the last meeting.

There is no relief person in place.

It was agreed that Carl Simmons should be invited to the next meeting.

**Action.** Chris to email

### 4.2.3 Nursing Post

Frances has emailed. Interviews have been held with several applicants awaiting the outcome.

### **4.3 SIC Ferries**

#### **4.3.1 Emergency Timetable for Bluemull Sound**

Frances Browne has followed up. Andrew Inkster has agreed to set up a meeting.

#### **4.3.2 Hamarsness Linkspan**

Some work undertaken but major works deferred probably until the spring.

#### **4.3.3 Festive Ferry Timetable**

Enclosed and noted H was added to Fetlar runs.

### **4.4 Shetland Community Directory**

The Community Council information is now in the Directory.

### **4.5 Fetlar Contingency Plan**

The Contingency Plan has been sent for consultation to email contacts and Facebook. There have been no responses or comments.

There is the continuing issue of communicating when the power goes off as all the current systems go off line.

Robert informed that there had been no news on the resilience of the networks.

Community Halls on Yell are requesting funds for generators and VHF radios.

It was agreed that communication should be made with the MP, MEP's and the CEO at SIC.

Further action to develop the plan to be dealt with via the de facto emergency response committee.

### **4.6 Fly Tipping**

The issue of Flytipping at Hammers Ness was communicated. The council should now be asked to clear it up.

## **5. Tunnel Vision Event and Fixed Links**

The Tunnel Action group report is available on their website.

<http://shetlandtunnels.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Subsea-Tunnels-Are-We-Crazy-Report.pdf>

There is a new group the Inter-island Transport Connectivity-Community Stakeholder/User Group. With a first meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that Fetlar should have representation. Robert will request.

## **6. Community Councils Review Consultation**

Information has been sent out via email and Facebook and paper copies at the shop.

There is a planned drop-in event at Yell on the 20<sup>th</sup> November and online via Teams on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

It was agreed that the Community Council would set up a Teams Meeting at the hall on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chris to share with Fetlar Residents.

## **7. Finance and Administration**

### **7.1 Financial Update, Core Funding & Administration**

Last years accounts are being checked at VAS but seem to have been delayed.

Chris to check and press for their submission.

Chris has only just received the finance information so there is no update.

## **7.2 Association of Shetland Community Councils**

There is a meeting arranged for the 7th December.

It was agreed that Lucy should attend.

## **7.3 Shetland Community Benefit Fund - Viking Community Fund AGS Summary for year**

There was no discussion.

## **7.4 SIC – Community Development Fund – Grant Applications**

There was an application for funding towards repair of the hall roof from Fetlar Community Association. This was approved.

Chris to complete and send form.

## **7.5 FCC Members – Vacancy for Co-opted member**

It was agreed that the vacancies should be advertised.

Chris to advertise on Facebook and via Email.

## **8. Correspondence**

### **8.1 Resident query re nursing: Information to residents and Defibrillator query 29.08.23**

This issue is believed to have been dealt with. Chris to check correspondence.

### **8.2 Update on Crofting Application process 25.08.23**

To note

### **8.3 Brough Lodge News 15.08.23**

It was agreed that Chris write to Pierre Cambillard requesting that FCC be kept informed of developments regarding Brough Lodge as they occur.

### **8.4 Police report 13.08.23**

To note

## **9. AOCB**

Frances raised the provision of wrap around care for school age children for which there is funding for the Northern Isles. In view of the mothballing of the Fetlar school it was felt this was not something in which FCC need to actively participate at this stage.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023