

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)

ON TUESDAY, 19th March 2024 AT 6.15 pm
(WITH A TEAMS OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Lucy Cummings
James Smythe
Mike Fogarty

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Members of the Public

Mike Holroyd

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Michael Duncan, Robert Thomson, SIC Elected Member, Julie Maguire. (Vaila Simpson and Anita James were not able to attend as the Fetlar ferry the Geira was called to assist another vessel that had run aground.)

2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February were circulated and agreed.
Proposed - Lucy Cummings, Seconded – Mike Fogarty

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. Housing Policy

Frances informed that Vaila and Anita were not able to attend because of the ferry incident as above. Vaila would not be available for April but could attend in May. Frances to confirm.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1. Ferry Timetable and Concerns

Chris had sent the summer timetable concerns and a further email about problems with the non-running of the 6.55 am ferry. He has only received an acknowledgement.

James Rendall attended a meeting where issues related to the timetable were discussed. There is a problem with crewing when Julie Maguire is finishing her training.

The Geira will then be based at Cullivoe.

Ferries Management at Sellaness mooted the idea of not running the first ferry at 6.55 am.

The Council was unanimous in its opposition to this proposal as it would affect all those that work off island. It is less of an issue if folk return late.

There was additional discussion about ferry management setting up different crewing and shift patterns. These seem to suggest that management would prefer if all ferry crew were based on Yell.

Frances has spoken to SIC Ferry Management and they could come to a meeting. She will pass on contact details to Chris.

Frances will also put ferries on the islands with small populations log.

5.2 Healthcare Support Worker

Chris informed that he had received an acknowledgement but no information on the Healthcare Support Worker role.

It was agreed that Chris would chase up.

Frances thinks there could be a meeting involving other SIC services in April.

5.3 Fetlar Contingency Plan

Lucy has prepared emails requesting permission to use personal contact information in the plan.

Chris has started sending out and has received some responses.

He does not have the email addressed of all those listed.

Lucy and Juliet will forward those that they are aware of.

5.4 Fly Tipping

The fly tipping has now been removed.

There is now a car that needs to be taken away.

5.5 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links

There is a further meeting in two weeks. Lucy or Juliet will attend online. There is still a need to emphasize the continuing use of ferries for the foreseeable future

5.6 Maintenance Issues

There has been no update on this.

Refuse is being picked up by someone from Yell.

There is no relief person in place.

There is a need for someone to fill up the water bowser at Hamars Ness in the summer.

Chris will chase up with Ports and Harbours.

And there is the issue of grass mowing at the Kirk. This is unlikely to be undertaken by a robot as suggested for other graveyards.

5.7 Brough Lodge

Chris suggested that the Council contact the new owners and request an update and consultation. Chris will email.

6. Co-options

No-one has come forward.

7. Finance and Administration

Chris now has access to the bank account and payment systems.

7.1 Microsoft 365 Business Basics

It was agreed that Chris should upgrade to enable organising Teams meetings.

7.2 Bank Statement

It was noted that there was over £5,000 in the bank account.
Chris will check with Michael Duncan what funds can be carried forward into the next financial year and what the funds can be used for.

7.3 Invoices

The invoices were approved for payment.

8. AOCB

8.1 Association of Community Councils

Lucy attended the Association for Community Councils meetings.
There was discussion about:

8.1.1 Creating Development Plans

It was agreed that Fetlar should create one.
Frances can assist.

8.1.2 The Shetland Walking and Hiking Path

This doesn't include Fetlar.

8.1.3 The telephone copper wire turn off.

Council Officers do not appear concerned.

8.1.4 Community Council Review

There is a Council meeting on the 27th of March to discuss the next stages.

8.2 Redup Beach Clean

Chris will send out information and contact amenity Trust.
James M will check what equipment is still stored.

8.3 Camping Bod

The Community Association will be running the camping bod this year subject to obtaining relevant documentation.

Additional equipment will be purchased.

Frances Hurley will still be employed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next will be Tuesday April 23rd, 2024.