

Fetlar Community Council

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

ON TUESDAY, April 23rd 2024 AT 7.45 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

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Members of the Public

Raymond Imrie

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Michael Duncan SIC, Robert Thomson, SIC Elected Member

2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March were circulated and agreed.

Proposed - Mike Fogarty, Seconded –Lucy Cummings

The minutes of the additional meeting held on 28th March were circulated and agreed.

Proposed – Lucy Cummings, Seconded James Smyth

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. Ongoing Business

4.1 Local Development Plan

Lucy has signed up to participate in the local development plan process.

James R thinks we already have one.

Frances informed that the local place plan is a new process to enable communities to participate in the planning process. Scalloway have piloted the process and now have a plan in place.

More information will come available and there is a web page on the SIC website <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/planning-building/local-place-plans>

4.2 Shetland Community Benefit Fund Nomination for Director

James R didn't think it was worth participating in and that meeting in Lerwick were difficult to attend.

Lucy didn't think we would be a big recipient of it.

Frances said Yell had a representative who wasn't a Community Councillor.

It was agreed that Chris would circulate to Fetlar Residents.

4.3 Shetland Community Benefit Viking Community Fund

It was noted as previously that the Community Council would not. Need to administer the funds.

Frances informed that the Council would need to sign a new agreement.

Further information will be available once the draft is agreed.

4.4 Ferry Timetable and Concerns

Chris has received no response from the email sent. The summer timetable has been published.

James R thinks that we need to do something drastic. He has attended a meeting to address previous concerns with no response.

Frances has also contacted Ferry Management with no response.

Lucy suggested that James send a letter to all relevant parties including politicians.

A formal complaint was sent previously.

Frances suggested using a new process to establish dialogue and would share with members after the meeting.

<https://www.scdc.org.uk/participation-requests>

Lucy suggested that the letter as above should be a complaint.

James R thinks Sellaness (ferry management) are trying to make things difficult.

Mike shared that there is now a problem with the May docking timetable also creating difficulties for Fetlar and Unst residents.

It was agreed that James would send a letter including MP's and MSP's

4.5 Healthcare Support Worker

Information about the role has now been circulated to all Fetlar residents.

There are limitations to what a Band 3 worker can do.

Juliet doesn't think that the HCSW role is what was promised. For example, there are no drop-in sessions and a lot of the HCSW's role is spent on other islands.

There are still problems with communication with the information on the surgeries for the HCSW and Band 6 Nurse arriving late.

A lot of the consultation meeting made comparisons with the equivalent role on the Skerries but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Mike noted that the Fairisle nurse is a Band 6.

Frances informed that preparations were being made for Health Service and SIC Management to come for a drop in on the afternoon on the date of the Community Council May meeting that is May 21st. And then attend the Council Meeting.

4.6 Fetlar Contingency Plan

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

Chris has now sent them all out and received most responses.

4.7 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links

Juliet attended a meeting where there was concern about the Consultancy firm that has been appointed as they had previously prepared a negative report about fixed links. There was also a protocol for not communicating with the media.

4.8 Cattle Grids and Snow

Chris has received a response that was circulated.
Lucy felt that this is just saying that we should accept what we are getting.
James R believes that the amount of snow clearing equipment has been reduced and that the last two years have been particularly bad.
Frances informed that the large amounts of snow in January caused blockages in Unst too but as they have local contractors to call on, there are more options.
Chris informed that there are now plans to address the issues with the Cattle Grids.

4.9 Brough Lodge

Chris informed that he had not contacted Brough Lodge but will do this month.

5. Finance and Administration

5.1 Core Grant Allocation

Chris has applied for the Core Grant

5.2 Community Development Fund

Chris has applied for the Community Development Fund

5.3 Bank Account

The current balance is £984.13 and was below £1,000 at the end of March.

5.4 Bank Account

James R has had problems with his bank account app and has deleted it.
Lucy offered to become a signatory.
Chris will arrange.

6. AOCB

6.1 Maintenance Post

James commented that the post hadn't been advertised.
Frances informed that Emma Perring met with Carl Symons and HR about redeveloping the post.
Members believe that the post has been lost.
Chris to contact Ports and Harbours about the water at Hamars Ness.

6.2 Reddup Beach Clean

Tresta beach is two thirds complete. Other beaches in progress.
6.2.1 James R to request key to Tresta Notice Board from Bridgette.

6.3 Car Scrappage

Frances informed that the Amenity Trust are scrapping, scrapping. And will no longer pick up cars.

6.4 Loch of Funzie Car Park

Mike informed that Australian Tourists had complained that the Car Park was a mess. Mike investigated and found that the surface had been cut up and was a mess.

It was noted that this was farmland.

6.5 Community Council Review

Chris circulated consultation papers and will put on the May Agenda.

6.6 SIC Housing

SIC Housing intend to attend the meeting in June.

6.7 Community Fund

Frances advised that there is a £1,000 fund that the Community Council can undertake projects itself. She will advise when it is available.

6.8 Access to Tresta Beach and Refuse Bin

Raymond commented that there is a large pothole on the access to Tresta Beach.

It was noted that this is Kirk land.

It was suggested that Raymond prepare a quote to repair.

It was also suggested that SIC should be approached to provide a larger bin at Tresta.

This would help with ongoing beach cleaning.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next will be Tuesday May 21st, 2024, 6.30pm

This will follow on from the afternoon SIC drop-ins from 4.15pm to 6.15 pm.