

# Fetlar Community Council

## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL

(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)

**ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 AT 6.15 pm**  
**(WITH A TEAMS OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)**

### PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair  
Lucy Cummings  
James Smythe  
Mike Fogarty  
Julie Maguire.

### IN ATTENDANCE

Frances Browne, SIC Community Development  
Robert Thomson, SIC Elected Member  
Ryan Thompson SI Elected Member  
Carole Smith Police Shetland  
Drew Mayhew Scottish Ambulance Service  
Louise Robertson Community Safety Officer SIC  
Ian Taylor Resilience Advisor SIC  
Elizabeth Bailey NHS (resilience)  
Matt Mason Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

### Members of the Public

Peter Braithwaite

## 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

## 2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May were circulated and agreed. Proposed – James Rendall, Seconded – Mike Fogarty

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lucy Cummings Planning Application 2024/116/PPF Item 6

## 4. Health and Community Resilience

Matt began the discussion by saying that the visitors from the various services had attended today to explain issues related to resilience on islands with small populations and to begin dialogue with residents and the Community Council. The intention has been to listen and to take any issues back to the relevant decision-making forums. The meetings earlier today have already been helpful.

James R noted that he had been in the Fetlar fire service for 34 years with no house fires only traffic accidents.

Matt agreed that changes in lifestyles had been helpful. The fire service would continue to provide advice to homes on a regular basis as required.

Advice on Fraud could come from the police and there is the potential to provide CPR Training to all residents.

Drew outlined that there different First Responder Programmes. The paid role currently in place in Fetlar where the First Responders are on a rota and have more

training. The second is the Wildcat scheme which is voluntary. With the Wildcat scheme there is 3 hrs training and people can log their availability on an app and turn it off when they are not available.

It was noted that the current team of four has worked very well covering the rota.

There was a discussion about where the Defibrillators are and who maintains them.

It was agreed that the location should be well publicised with posters. Matt will share a poster used on Bressay.

Ian said there was concern about communications with the digital switch off although recent news had extended deadlines.

Matt shared that other communities were holding tabletop exercises to test resilience.

Matt noted that the changes to the Fire Service recruitment processes had not helped recruitment on the islands where firefighters were expected to be at the same level as full-timers elsewhere.

James R thanked the visitors for attending.

#### **4.1. Feedback from Lunchtime session with the health service.**

Lucy suggested that we register our unhappiness with the last-minute change of time for the meeting with less than 24 hrs given bringing it forward by four hours.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent.

Mike shared that the health service had provided statistics such as out of 36 GP visit slots only 11 were used. Out of 885 nurse visit slots only 107 were used.

There were no Social Care needs at present but that may change and the HCSW could undertake that role.

Concerns were expressed at the meeting about the time the HCSW spent off island and the drop-in not being available. The Health Staff agreed to take away and consider.

There are also continuing concerns about communication.

The NHS wants to extend the role of the HCSW with training.

The NHS is still exploring the use of post for repeat prescriptions.

The NHS is looking at ways to store some medication in a locked box in the surgery that could be administered on the direction of a doctor by someone on the island, perhaps a small paid role.

## **5. Community Council Scheme Review.**

Frances outlined that the Community Council Scheme Review had completed Phase 1 of the Consultation and had now moved on to Phase 2 that suggested changes to the way that Community Councils will work.

This includes proposed changes to;

- The funding system combining core costs with development costs.
- The funding system and the way it is proportionately allocated.
- Procedures for councillors who do not attend.
- The numbers of councillors for each council.
- The introduction of standing orders.

- Updating the code of conduct.
- A new youth membership category.
- Issues of conflict of interest with Shetland Councillor Roles.
- Introducing a maximum term for Chair's of Community Councils.

The Community Council will agree its response at the next meeting.

## **6. Planning Application 2024/116/PPF**

Lucy was asked to leave the meeting for this discussion.

All community Councillors contributed to the debate and agreed that the following be presented to the Planning Department.

1. Fetlar Community Council supports in principle the proposal to create 4 Camping Lodges. It believes that this would add to the range and quality of accommodation for visitors to Fetlar.
2. However, Fetlar Community Council does not support the location of the proposal for the following reasons.
  - a. The proposed site is open farmland and presumably croft land which would be permanently lost.
  - b. The proposed site is still subject to archaeological constraints that may create a risk to its development.
  - c. There is some ambiguity about the ownership of the land and the nature of a possible tenancy.
  - d. There is an existing 'campsite' owned by the proposers that could provide an alternative location and would benefit from some visual improvement.

## **7. Ongoing Business**

### **7.1 Islands with Small Populations**

It was noted that there was a meeting on the day of the Council meeting and a further event soon. Frances will share details. There will opportunity to present issues at the start.

There is also space for another representative.

### **7.2 Local Development Plan**

Lucy was not able to attend the last meeting.

### **7.3 SCBF Nomination for Director**

Graham Booth has put himself forward and the fund have been informed.

### **7.4 SCBF - Viking Community Fund**

No specific news.

### **7.5 Ferry timetable and concerns**

Chris informed that he had received an acknowledgement to the complaint letter.

Frances suggested that ferries management could attend the June Meeting.

It was not felt that this would not be helpful at this stage.

James R outlined the issues for the benefit of Robert Thompson

## **7.6 Healthcare Support Worker**

As discussed above.

## **7.7 Fetlar Contingency Plan**

Lucy has updated the plan based on responses and circulated.

## **7.8 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links**

No update.

## **7.9 Brough Lodge**

No response to communication.

## **7.10 Maintenance Issues**

No response to email about bowser

## **8. Finance and Administration**

### **8.1 Balance currently £978.25**

### **8.2 Invoices**

The invoices were approved for payment.

## **9. AOCB**

### **9.1 Dial a Ride**

It was noted that there was a problem with the Dial a Ride service with the driver not available.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 18th, 2024 7.45pm.