

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
ON TUESDAY, 20th August 2024 AT 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Lucy Cummings
James Smythe
Mike Fogarty

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis
Elaine Park SIC
Cherelynn Wiseman SIC

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Members of the Public

Raymond Imrie
Barbara Herman
Peter Braithwaite

1. APOLOGIES

Julie Maguire
Robert Thompson

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd of May were circulated and corrected. Proposed – Lucy Cummings, Seconded – James Smythe

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Bus Service Contract Consultation

James R welcomed Elaine Parke to the meeting.

Elaine outlined the background to the consultation and the need to review possible changes to the business case for bus services leading to changes to bus contracts.

The consultation is trying to get the views of users of the services and those that don't. Fetlar has a Dial a Ride Service that links residents to the ferry service and onwards to other bus services.

The number of people using buses has increased. The increase in young people has been dramatic since the introduction of bus passes. And for that consultation the service will use Youth Services.

As well as the consultation visits there is a survey available online and paper copies are available.

Mike commented that he regularly uses the 'shopper bus' to Lerwick which is excellent but there is no link to Mid Yell to visit the surgery.

Elaine replied that the contract for the Yell Dial a Ride (Service no 71) will be reviewed. The service is only available on Monday and Thursdays but Jameson's who have the

contract can be flexible and are being paid for more journeys. But people are not aware of the flexibilities.

James S suggested that the Fetlar Dial a Ride could take people to Mid Yell.

It was noted that the Mid Yell Surgery also provides dental services.

Lucy expressed concern that when there was a problem with the ferries the bus service timetables are not adjusted to match.

Juliet also commented that people are not always informed when the 'shopper bus' timetable is changed because of the ferries and people have been marooned at Tesco in Lerwick.

Elaine informed that bus timetables are regulated and they can be fined if they are not maintained.

Frances also informed that people miss connections when the Yell ferry service goes to single vessel in winter.

James R commented that there is a problem with the airport bus that often leaves Sumburgh before the last plane arrives rather than waiting.

Lucy informed that there are now more people without a car on Fetlar.

Mike commented that with the UHI Campus moving to Scalloway students could not arrive in time for a 9 am start.

Chris informed that the Tesco shopper bus pick up location can be confusing. Elaine will liaise with Tesco.

Elaine said that she would come back for more discussion as the consultation progressed.

James R thanked Elaine and her colleague for their contribution.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1. Islands with Small populations

The annual meeting in person is on the 30th of August. Juliet and Barbara Herman will attend.

Frances informed that other folk could be funded to attend.

Frances then introduced the options for inviting SIC Departments to future meetings.

It was agreed that:

Emma Perring to speak about Community Maintenance Post in September.

Childrens services and Housing (if housing agree) for an autumn visit in October which will be with drop in first similar to May.

Ferries, inc Moraig Lyall, Michael Craigie, John Smith, Andrew Inkster and Elected Members for a special meeting date tbc.

Frances will contact the various departments.

5.2 Local Development Plan

Lucy will attend a meeting on the 4th of September in Yell.

5.3 Ferry timetable and concerns

Issues with the Ferry Service and emergency timetables were raised at the Tunnel Vision event.

Chris will resend concerns to politicians.

Frances will send info from Unst.

5.4 Healthcare Support Worker

The reply from the NHS was noted.

Drop ins for the HCSW have started on a trial basis.

It was noted that the HCSW is only in Fetlar 3 days per week.

It was also noted that the HCSW does not have a Social Care role.

5.5 Fetlar Contingency Plan

No change

5.6 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links

No news

5.7 Brough Lodge

It was noted that Brough Lodge is deteriorating.

5.8 Maintenance Issues

The post is still being re-evaluated.

Concern was raised about the condition of the Stakafletts pathways that will become dangerous as the weather changes.

Chris to contact the maintenance department.

5.9 Complaint about the Clerk

There has been no response to the letter offering the Complaints procedure.

The complaint is now closed.

5.10 Community Development Fund

There has been one request for an application form.

It was noted that although there was a deadline the funds would be available for the rest of the year.

5.11 Co-options

It was agreed that Peter Braithwaite should be co-opted onto the Community Council.

6. Finance and Administration

6.1 Bank Balance

The current balance is £7252.41

6.2 Invoice

The invoice was approved for payment.

6. AOCB

It was agreed that SSEN should be invited to the November meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 17th time to be agreed following consultation with SIC.