

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
ON TUESDAY, 17th September 2024 AT 6.15 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Lucy Cummings
Julie Maguire
Peter Braithwaite

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis
Robert Thompson
Emma Perring SIC
Frances Browne SIC

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

1. Apologies

Mike Fogarty
James Smyth
Michael Duncan

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th August were circulated and approved Proposed – Lucy Cummings, Seconded – James Rendall

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Community Maintenance Post

James welcomed Emma to the meeting.

Emma reminded the meeting that the Fetlar Maintenance Post came about from Carl Symons radical thinking. It has recognised that making it work has been challenging and there have been real difficulties.

However, the council remains committed to the post and indeed is looking at similar posts in other locations.

The Job Description is being looked at and there will be a meeting on the 24th of September. The hope is that the post will not require a Job Evaluation as that would slow things down.

Emma then asked if there were new tasks that could be added to the role?

It was felt that all the options had been outlined previously.

Lucy was concerned that the previous post holder could only do things that they had training for even if they were simple tasks.

Julie pointed out that they also only had very basic equipment.

There was some discussion about the post being based on Fetlar even if it served other island.

There was agreement that Fetlar still needed the post.
Emma commented that that there needed to be culture change at the council.
James thanked Emma for attending.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1. Community Development Fund

The Committee supported the three proposals received.

It was agreed that as the amounts requested exceeded the £3000 allocation £32 should be deducted from each bid.

5.2. Islands with Small Populations

Juliet attended a meeting in August and will write up a report for circulation to the Council.

While at the meeting Juliet was able to speak with Brian Chiddick of the NHS and raise continuing concerns about medication on Fetlar.

Namely an alternative way of residents receiving their prescriptions either by post or at the surgery. And that the surgery should have a stock of urgent medication that could be given out by the HCSW.

She also discussed the potential for the HCSW undertaking "Living Well" visits on the island.

It was also noted at the meeting that the school could be re-opened for just one child.

Chris will write to the NHS to reinforce these concerns.

Emma informed that there will be further opportunities for islanders to attend meetings.

5.3 Local Development Plan

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

There are three main areas for Community Planning.

- Housing where could it be built?
- Tunnels where would it arrive on Fetlar if built.
- And windfarms.

There was some discussion about tidal power. Although Robert Thompson suggested that the current models were not viable.

Graham Booth had also attended the meeting and had suggested that a joint meeting with the Council and Community Association would be useful.

5.4 Ferry timetable and concerns

Frances has requested attendance at the November meeting. Not everyone can attend. But it was agreed that if the key decision makers are available it should continue.

Lucy asked if would be helpful to have a pre-meeting.

It was agreed that the main concern was the continuous use of the Saturday timetable whenever there was a problem.

5.5 Healthcare Support Worker

This had already been covered in earlier discussion.

It was noted that there had been no feedback about Drop-in attendance.

5.7 Fetlar Contingency Plan

No change

5.6 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links

No news

5.8 Brough Lodge

No news.

6. Finance and Administration

6.1 Finance Report

Chris presented draft finance report for 2023/2024 to send to be checked.

6.2 Invoice

The invoice was approved for payment.

7. AOCB

7.1 Speeding on Fetlar Roads

Peter raised concerns about the speed of traffic on Fetlar roads. This was partly reported by visitors to Fetlar.

It was agreed that this was a legitimate concern and that Chris should contact SIC Roads to report and request a response.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 22nd time to be agreed following consultation with SIC.