

# **Fetlar Community Council**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL**  
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)  
**ON TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 AT 7.45 pm**  
**(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)**

## **PRESENT**

James Rendall, Chair  
Lucy Cummings  
James Smyth

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Juliet Bellis  
Robert Thompson

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

## **1. Apologies**

Frances Browne SIC  
Michael Duncan SIC  
Mike Fogarty  
Peter Braithwaite

## **2. Minutes of the previous meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November were circulated.  
Lucy proposed James R seconded, the minutes were approved.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

None

## **4. Community Council Review Consultation**

The committee discussed the proposals and supported all the changes as set out.  
Chris will complete and send the form.

## **5. Council Tax Consultation Survey**

The committee discussed the proposals and agreed that for each question the most generous option was relevant to the situation on Fetlar.

Chris will complete and send the form.

There was some discussion about the unfairness of council decisions related to uninhabitable properties. It was felt that it was not right that owners should be charged for them when they were not at fault for the state of the property.

Robert Thompson will provide details on the appeal process that can be used.

## **6. Ongoing Business**

### **6.1 Dial A Ride**

There is now a relief driver Bea Griffith.

### **6.2. Consultation Letter Minister for Climate Action.**

Lucy has now sent the letter and received an acknowledgement.

It was agreed that our response could be made public.

### **6.3 Local Development Plan**

There have been no further training sessions.  
Lucy is waiting for a template to work from.

### **6.4 Healthcare Support Worker**

There has been no progress with requested changes.

Juliet has responded to communication related to the HCSW schedule and that the December schedule was not received. The January schedule was shared and then withdrawn.

It was then made clear that the Drop-In sessions for the HCSW had ceased due to a lack of take up over an eight-week period. Although some of that time would have been when there was no rota available.

Juliet also questioned the NHS promise of.

- Five days of HCSW (or cover)
- Drop-ins
- Medication
- Home visits.

James R felt that Fetlar had gone from a second-class service to third class. And it was like the maintenance post.

It was agreed that Chris would liaise with Frances to arrange a face to face meeting with the NHS in the New Year,

### **6.5 Maintenance Post**

There has been no progress.

The Stakkafletts pavements maintenance has been completed.

### **6.6 Roads Speeds**

There has been no news.

Chris will follow up and copy in Robert Thompson,

### **6.7 Inter islands Connectivity**

The consultation process about the use of ferries is available online and will be available as paper copies at the shop.

## **6. Finance and Administration**

### **6.2 Finance Report**

The current balance was noted £21327.30

Chris will ensure it is below £1000 by the end of the financial year.

### **6.3 Invoices**

The Clerks Salary of £313.40 was approved.

## **7. AOCB**

### **7.1 Blocked Ditches**

There was some discussion about blocked ditches causing flooding.

It was agreed that it wouldn't be helpful for council contractors to damage the side of the roads with heavy machinery. Rather there should be selective manual clearing to enable water flow.

### **7.2 Cattle Grid**

James R informed that one of the cattle grids was now completely full of grit.

### **7.3 Scrap Cars**

James S informed that there was a scrap car parked in the estate car park.

### **7.4 Unhelpful parking**

James S also informed that there had been examples of passing places unhelpfully blocked by parked vehicles.

### **7.5 Creating safe paths for walking. (Active Travel Fetlar)**

Robert Thompson offered to provide information on how the Community Council could secure fund's to support this.

### **7.6 Community Resilience Grant (£500)**

It was agreed that Chris would request details with a view to making an application.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> January time to be agreed.