

# Fetlar Community Council

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL**  
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)  
**ON TUESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 AT 7.45 pm**  
**(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)**

## **PRESENT**

James Rendall, Chair  
Lucy Cummings  
James Smyth

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Frances Browne SIC  
Robert Thompson  
Juliet Bellis

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

## **1. Apologies**

Mike Fogarty  
Michael Duncan SIC

It was noted that Peter Braithwaite had resigned from the Community Council.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 were circulated.  
Amendments were proposed and will be presented to the next meeting.

## **3. Declarations of interest**

None

## **4. Meeting with SIC Ferries Management**

There was some discussion about the ongoing situation.

James R noted that the ferry crews had now sped up with the process of lashing heavy vehicles to reduce delays. The crews had made the observation that rather than changing the timetable vehicles should be advised to arrive earlier to enable earlier boarding and lashing.

## **5. Ongoing Business**

### **5.3 Local Development Plan**

Lucy has obtained templates and will start work on them when Graham Booth from Fetlar Community Association returns from holiday.

### **5.4 Healthcare Support Worker**

It was agreed that Frances and Chris should contact NHS management to arrange a meeting.

It was noted that there needs to be clarification as to what services are available when they are needed that are urgent but not an emergency.

It wasn't clear how nursing support was provided when Fetlar residents are registered with the Yell Practice, but the Nurses come from Unst.

### **5.5 Maintenance Post**

The post has been discussed at SIC management. There is a preference for a multiskilled mobile worker. It isn't clear where this is in the decision-making process.

### **5.6 Roads Speeds**

The cattle grid has been cleared.

There has been no reply to the query about road speeds.

### **5.7 Inter islands Connectivity**

The consultation event has now been moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> of March between 16.00 and 19.00. As well as the consultants SIC management will be present.

Refreshments will be provided.

## **6. Finance and Administration**

### **6.1 Finance Report**

#### **6.2 Invoices**

The Clerks Salary of £313.40 was approved.

The Room Hire Invoice of £122.50 for room hire was approved.

## **7. AOCB**

### **7.1 Scrap Car Removal**

It was noted that there had been a problem with the lorry coming onto Fetlar not being allowed onto the boat.

James informed that this was because it didn't have the required lashing points.

### **7.2 Clerk Resignation**

It was agreed that the post would be advertised when the new funding regime had been agreed by SIC.

### **7.3 UHI**

It was agreed to invite UHI to the March Community Council meeting.

### **7.4 Stakkafletts Vacancies and Repair**

Lucy expressed concern that the vacant properties at Stakkafletts were not being listed as available on the SIC website. She was aware of two potential residents who could be discouraged.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact SIC.

Lucy was also concerned about the way that the Stakkafletts residents affected by the roof repair failures have been treated with respect to compensation.

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

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March time to be agreed.