

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
ON TUESDAY, 22nd July 2025 AT 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Lucy Cummings
James Smyth
Mike Fogarty

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis
Roy Buckand

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

N.B No internet connection could be made so that no-one could attend remotely.

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th of June were circulated.
Proposed by James seconded by Mike and approved.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Ongoing Business

4.1 Fetlar Handyman post.

Carl Symonds could not attend because there was no Teams connection.

James welcomed Roy to the meeting and asked how things were going.

Roy thought it was going ok with the role being broadly the same as last time except that the minimum hours were 22 hrs and the hope that more would be made available.

Roy said that Carl had mentioned the possibility of doing private handyman work for residents as 'unskilled'.

Members felt that this would be very welcome.

Roy wasn't clear how this would be paid but it would be managed through Carl.

Members suggested other Council jobs that could be undertaken such as grass cutting and cleaning pavements at Stakafletts. And cutting back some kerbsides.

Roy said that there had been some discussion at interview about Social Care but none since.

Juliet commented that at another meeting she had been informed that Social Care workers had to be appropriately qualified.

Roy commented that he would like an open mesh sided bin lorry as used by the previous post holder as the van he uses stinks.

Roy informed that any jobs off island will be extra hours.

It was agreed that Chris should contact Carl and request clarification on the private work and range of jobs to promote.

4.2 SIC Housing

Chris had emailed the SIC housing department with no response.

James S has seen people working in one of the vacant properties.

It was agreed that Chris should chase up a response from SIC

4.3 Ferry Timetables

There has been no formal news on the Ferry Situation.

Juliet informed that there is a rumour that the additional crew has been recruited.

James R believes the Council is trying to match the bus services to ferry timetables.

4.4 NHS

Chris had informed the Fetlar Surgery and Nursing Management about the problems with 4G on the island and received a helpful reply.

It was agreed that Chris should recirculate the Emergency plan as it includes residents with landlines.

4.5 Inter Island Transport Connectivity

Juliet attended an online meeting on the 11th of July to discuss the Fetlar Issues Log. James R and Chris were unable to attend because of the powercut affecting broadband and 4G.

Juliet informed that there was a lot of discussion about the new timetable.

There was also discussion about Social Care where Juliet was informed that the Health Care Support Worker cannot undertake Social Care tasks as they don't have the training.

4.6 Brough Lodge

It was agreed that Chris should email the new owners again.

4.7 Roads Speeds

Chris has received a response from SIC roads and they will undertake formal consultation on the suggested 30mph speed limit in due course.

5. Community Council Documentation to be Approved

The Code of Conduct and Standing Orders were approved and signed

6. Finance and Administration

6.1 Finance Report

Chris shared the draft annual accounts to be sent to VAS

Chris shared the quarterly accounts.

He informed that since the report was prepared he had purchased a laptop and put £4000 into a savings account

6.2 Clerk Invoice

The clerk's salary invoice was approved.

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7. AOCB

7.1 Community Development

There have been no bids to date.

7.2 Wheelie Bins

Roy noted the discussion at the previous meeting about wheelie bins.

He was concerned that he wouldn't be able to lift them.

James R confirmed that there were no plans to use them on Fetlar.

Chris would email Carl seeking clarification.

7.3 Camper Rubbish

Roy commented that a lot of rubbish is being left by the beach.

7.4 Fire Station Online Meeting

Lucy had attended the online consultation about closing the Fire Station.

She felt that the decision had already been made and that there was no other possible outcome.

They won't accept basic training.

There was no discussion about the use of the building.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 20th of August time to be agreed.

Please note this a change of date.