Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
On Wednesday the 10th of June at 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT	IN ATTENDANCE
James Rendall	Robert Thompson
Lucy Cummings	Juliet Bellis
Russell Simpson	
Roy Buckland	
	Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Apologies

Frances Browne SIC, Mike Foggarty, Sgt Patrick Allan

At the start of the meeting Lucy proposed that Roy Buckland be seconded into the vacant position on the Community Council. This was seconded by James and approved.

1. Approvals

The minutes of the meeting held on April 21st were circulated.

Proposed by Lucy, seconded by Russell signed and approved.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Ongoing Business

3.1. Shetland Partnership Plan

Juliet had attended the first meeting of the SPP on behalf of the Community Council and Community Association. She has previously circulated information from this meeting.

SIC have created 7 fictional children to provide a structure for future planning.

The current plan runs out in 2028 so SIC are preparing the next.

The next session is on the 25th of June and will focus on Inequalities.

It was agreed that information on this should be shared with the whole island.

3.2. Community Led Housing

Juliet informed that the ideas about Community Led Housing came from the IWSP meeting. A grant of £50,000 is available to communities wanting to develop community led housing.

Communities have been asked if they want to express interest.

Robert Thompson informed that there are additional funds are available the £50,000 is just the SIC contribution. Frances Brown has information on the additional funds.

It was agreed that the community does not have the capacity to undertake the work voluntarily and would need someone paid to do the development work.

Robert also informed that a group from Orkney were happy to provide free consultancy.

3.3. Pre Application Consultation Notification SSEN Energy Windfarm Yell

Information about this had been previously circulated.

Lucy suggested that we should support the application but express concerns about the potential for disruption to journeys through Yell to the ferry ports.

She noted that the development would apparently need accommodation for 200 people.

Robert informed that the accommodation concerns had been known for some time. And that part of the solution could be accommodation units.

Lucy had attended a Statkraft (windfarm) Meeting but there was no helpful information.

There is going to be further consultation about community benefit.

The development is now being put back to 2032.

3.4. NHS

Lucy and Russell had attended a meeting in Yell with senior NHS managers. The NHS were shocked by some of what they heard but also defensive.

Lucy has circulated a record of the event and a questionnaire for Fetlar Residents.

One of the outcomes is that medication is now being delivered by the HCSW.

Residents are happy with this but want it delivered to them not left in the porch.

This will soon be replaced by postal delivery.

Roy commented that a postal service will break the personal link.

There have been further significant NHS failures including at least one that was life threatening.

There is going to be a follow up meeting on Teams. It was agreed that Chris should circulate to all residents who might want to attend.

3.5. Community Council Clerk Replacement and Handover

Chris informed that there had been no applicants for the post.

Juliet commented that the Council should not be without a Clerk and if no one applied she would be happy to take on the role.

3.6. Community Development Funds procedure for decision and distribution of funds.

Chris informed that there had been one application for funding from the Friends of Fetlar Kirk.

Russell suggested that it would be more appropriate for this to be funded from the Viking Community Development fund.

After some discussion it was agreed that the bid should be rejected.

Chris will advise the Friends of Fetlar Kirk.

3.7. Fetlar Place Plan

Lucy informed on the results of the questionnaire to residents.

A significant minority don't want any developments at all.

Where residents want housing developments, they would like it to be north of Stakkafletts or around Hamarsa Ness.

3.8. Islands with Small Populations (Issues Log)

Juliet informed that there has been no update to the issues log.

3.9. Fetlar School

Chris informed that there had been no further communication from SIC.

Roy commented that the school was not in good condition.

Lucy suggested that there should be a meeting as soon as possible as the stockman's children are returning in August.

Robert will follow up with the Council and suggested options to contact.

3.10. Ferry Timetables

It was agreed that the ferry service had been dreadful since December.

The new timetable for Bluemull sound is very good but there doesn't seem to be any resilience in the event of staff absence.

3.11. Fetlar Handman.

There has not been an appointment to the Fetlar Handyman post.

Roy believed that tom Thomason had been offered the relief post and was a potential replacement.

It was also noted that the Hamars Ness toilets did not have water and were unusable.

Robert will take this up as Chair of the Ports and Harbours Committee.

It was also noted that some of the public bins weren't being emptied and that there was confusion as to what type of rubbish was being collected on the collection days.

It was agreed that Chris should invite Carl Symonds to the next meeting on Teams.

3.12. SIC Housing

It was noted that there are three empty properties.

One property is being used by a Ferry Crewman in training.

3.13. Brough Lodge

It was noted that there had been a presentation about the future of Brough Lodge.

4. Finance

4.1 There is currently £8,905 in the bank.

Chris advised that a sum of £3,600 for Community Development Fund would be possible as the grant was the same as last year and there will no need to purchase a laptop.

5. AOCB

Lucy suggested that future meetings should have a standing item on IT Connectivity given the bad news about Open Reach Fibre Broadband.

Robert commented that there is a new Funding Initiative and he will enquire about it.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 21st of July at 7.45.