

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
On Tuesday 18th August at 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall
Lucy Cummings
Russell Simpson
Roy Buckland
Mike Fogarty

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis
Tim O'Dell

Luke Fraser Community Led Housing
Davie Campbell Community Led Housing

Sue O'Dell Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Apologies

Frances Browne SIC, Cllr Robert Thomson, Cllr Duncan Anderson

1. Approvals

The minutes of the meeting held on July 21st were circulated and after some amendments were agreed they were proposed by Lucy, seconded by Russell signed and approved.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Ongoing Business

3.1 Community Led Housing

Luke Fraser and Davie Campbell joined the meeting via Teams. Luke gave an outline of what's been happening in Orkney. He is working with SIC on coming up in September and will be attending the Islands with Small Populations meeting in September. They will be visiting Shetland from 16th to 18th September.

There was a discussion on how housing and schools could draw more people into the island. Lucy had a discussion with Alastair Carmichael and Hannah Mary Goodlad about the possibility of another dedicated ferry crew living on Fetlar but this would need up to five properties to house another crew.

Luke will send information over and hopes to come up to Fetlar when he is in Shetland in September.

It was discussed about a feasibility study would have to take place.

We thanked both Luke and Davie for joining us

3.2 Fetlar Handyman

Discussion on how a number of residents did not have their cardboard collected including the shop at the last cardboard collection.

Peerie Tom has now got the job and we hope these issues will be resolved. Agreed to relook at the situation once Tom has started work which should be September.

Discussion on the public litter bin at the Hall which has been boarded up.

3.3 Fetlar School

We have a second family coming up with a three year old and a baby for a trial period and if it all works out then we will have three children on the island in two different families so SIC should be reopening the school.

A discussion took place about the possibility of the school being held in the Hall while the mothballed school is refurbished.

3.4 Dial A Ride.

Lee Jamieson has said he will continue to run the dial a ride until something else is in place. Russell has put it to SIC that he continue to drive on a self employed basis. However we need to find out the criteria of being a bus contractor and the current contract has to be a seven day week which Russell is not prepared to do. Russell suggested a rota with the possibility that the community take on part of the week.

The clerk will write to Transport to find out the criteria of being a bus contractor and write to Dial A Ride to advise them we have to cater to every ferry.

3.5 IT Connectivity

Hannah Mary Goodlad is meeting with Openreach next week and is going to ask about Fibre Optic Cable on Fetlar.

3.6 Community Development Funds

Leaving on the agenda until the clerk has more understanding

3.7 Fetlar Place Plan

Lucy will send an email round regarding things that have been discussed and how other councils deal with it.

3.8 Islands with Small Populations (Issues Log)

Mark Ratner will hold an in person event at the Islesburgh Community Centre on 18th September in Lerwick.

3.9 Ferries

James explained that the Bigga still has maintenance on Mondays which still affects the timetable for both Saturday and Monday. He also explained that the Geira is working harder it needs extra maintenance. James thinks the current timetable is better than what we used to have.

3.10 SIC Housing

There are currently two one bed houses and one two bed house available (SIC have the two bed in case there is a need for the ferries but they would be willing to give it up if necessary).

3.11 Brough Lodge

The clerk will write to planning thanking them for the extension and advise we are happy for the planning permission to go ahead.

Financial Update

4.1 The clerk will update the Council at the next meeting once she has met with previous clerks

AOCB

There is to be a meeting to request a moratorium on the Wind Turbines on 22nd August at 10.30am.

There is a bus to take patients from Gutcher to Mid Yell surgery on Tuesdays and Thursdays which must be booked the day before.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 15th of September at 7.45pm