Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
On Tuesday 15th September at 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT	**IN ATTENDANCE**
James Rendall	
Lucy Cummings	Juliet Bellis
Russell Simpson	Tim O'Dell
Roy Buckland	
Mike Fogarty	

Francis Browne SIC Community Development (via TEAMS)

Sue O'Dell Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Apologies

Cllr Robert Thomson, Michael Duncan SIC External Funding Officer

1. Approvals

The minutes of the meeting held on August 18th were agreed, proposed by Mike and seconded by Roy.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on September 4th were agreed by Lucy and seconded by James. Both sets of minutes were signed and approved.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Ongoing Business

3.1 Fetlar Handyman

Peerie Tom has still not been given a start date for the job and we agreed that the clerk would email Carl Symons and ask for a definite date.

A discussion took place regarding the amount of scrap and abandoned vehicles both at Hammers Nes and on the island.

Russell advised there is a Polish man in Lerwick who collects scrap vehicles but he hasn't looked into it further.

Lucy will look into it and see if she can get any further. Also its possible that someone from Warwickshire could come up but it would be costly paying for ferries and fuel.

3.2 Fetlar School

Lucy spoke to Cameron Angus-Mackay at BBC Shetland regarding the school and having a child of school age on Fetlar. Lucy felt it as was not as productive as hoped.

We need a meeting with the Education department to discuss the school. We need hard and fast guidelines on how the school will be reopened.

We also need to know about transport to the school in Baltasound from Fetlar. The Education Department can't fob off the Community Council like they can individuals.

Frances will update Mark about the family on Fetlar and stress the urgency.

Mike mentioned the escort and how the SIC have a duty of care to the children.

A long discussion took place about the chaperone and the length of the day for both the child and the chaperone.

The clerk to write to Samantha Flaws again stressing we need a meeting with the Education Department. Juliet will try to talk to Neil Beattie on Friday.

3.3 Dial A Ride.

SIC has told Russell he would have to be on the procurement list but the Council think he would need to have his vehicle and licenses in place before the contracts were given out. This would mean a lot of financial outlay without a guarantee of him getting the contract.

SIC hasn't got back to Russell regarding the contract. They were going to ask Peerie Tom but he has not been approached to do the Dial A Ride.

A discussion about Peerie Tom not being able to do the Handyman job and the Dial A Ride at the same time plus the Dial A Ride was not part of the job when he interviewed for the Handyman position.

Frances suggested that someone comes up to Fetlar to discuss the issues with us. Frances will send the clerk the details.

SIC must subsidise Dial A Ride and if they are going to provide a vehicle then why can't Russell continue.

3.4 IT Connectivity

Hannah Mary Goodlad met with Openreach and her office is dealing with the issues.

3.5 Fetlar Place Plan

Lucy has circulated a draft of the local place plan to fellow councillors. She is waiting for input from the planning consultants on mapping and presentation and hopes to have a final draft for circulation in a week or two. Once the plan is circulated the 28 day consultation period will start at the end of which the plan will be submitted to SCI.

3.6 Islands with Small Populations (Issues Log)

Mark Ratner will hold an in-person event at the Islesburgh Community Centre on 18th September in Lerwick. An email has been sent round to all islanders at Frances's request asking for a couple of volunteers.

3.7 Ferries

|After the special meeting on September 4th, Sellaness have agreed not to introduce the changes to the winter timetable.

3.8 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).

3.9 Brough Lodge

The planning permission for Brough Lodge goes to the planning committee on 22nd September

Financial Update

4.1 Finance Report

We still have money in the account. There is currently £5263.75 in the account.

The clerk has not been paid yet but will pay July's bill this week and in October will pay

August and September so will then be up to date.

Clerk Invoice agreed

AOCB

StatKraft believe the wind farm will be operational from 2032. The three Northern Isles Community Councils – Yell, Unst and Fetlar – are working together to develop a community benefit company and looking at the possibility of community ownership. It is anticipated that annual income from the wind farm will be in the region of one million per annum for the benefit of the three Northern Isles once the wind farm is operational.

NHS – we need to set up another meeting with Tony Mcdavitt and the clerk needs to email him for the minutes and notes of the last meeting. Frances will let the clerk have his email details

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 20th of October at 7.45pm