

Fetlar Community Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT FETLAR HALL
(subject to the approval of the next Fetlar Community Council Meeting)
ON TUESDAY, 16th July 2024 AT 7.45 pm
(WITH A TEAM'S OPTION TO JOIN REMOTELY)

PRESENT

James Rendall, Chair
Lucy Cummings
James Smythe
Julie Maguire.

IN ATTENDANCE

Juliet Bellis

Chris Bolton Clerk Fetlar Community Council

Members of the Public

Raymond Imrie
Barbara Herman
Peter Sawford

1. APOLOGIES

Mike Fogarty

2. MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd of May were circulated and agreed. Proposed – Lucy Cummings, Seconded – James Smythe

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lucy Cummings declared an interest if Planning Application 2024/116/PPF if discussed.

4. Ongoing Business

4.1. Islands with Small populations

There has been no meeting because of the general election.

Emma Roddick MSL will be holding a surgery in Fetlar on the 15th of August.

4.2 Local Development Plan

Lucy was not able to attend but will obtain the material from the session.

4.3 Ferry timetable and concerns

The timetable has changed as requested but there are continuing concerns related to the increased times when services are cancelled sometimes at short notice.

The council is now even having problems recruiting agency staff.

Lucy thinks that the Community Council should continue to campaign.

It was agreed that the Community Council should invite Ferries Management to a face-to-face meeting. Chris will liaise with Frances Browne.

It was also agreed that the serious problems with the ferries should be raised with Alistair Carmichael and Beatrice Wishart at the Tunnel Vision meeting due to be held on the 20th August

4.4 Healthcare Support Worker

It was noted that the HealthCare Support Worker was only available for part of the week as at other times he is off island.

It was also noted that that there were still no drop-ins or home visits.

It was agreed that Chris should follow up with NHS management.

4.5 Fetlar Contingency Plan

There is no news to report.

4.6 Tunnel Vision Fixed Links

It was noted that MSP Beatrice Wishart and MP Alistair Carmichael will be hosting another Tunnel Vision Public Meeting on the 20th August at 12.15 pm.

It was agreed that this would also be an opportunity to discuss the Ferry situation.

4.7 Brough Lodge

A response has been received but with no detail on what is being planned.

4.8 Maintenance Issues

No news Chris to chase up.

5. Finance and Administration

5.1 Statement

Chris provided a financial statement for April to June. It was noted that there has subsequently been an invoice for use of the hall. The main core funding has been delayed but will arrive soon.

5.2 Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund has arrived. Chris to promote grant opportunities.

5.3 Invoice

The invoice was approved for payment.

6. AOCB

6.1 Complaint about the Clerk

A complaint had been received as a consequence of personal information being shared by email. The clerk has already apologised personally.

It was agreed that a letter of apology should be sent to the complainant which should also make the complainant aware of the Community Council's Complaints Procedure.

In addition, Lucy was concerned that emails about recruitment to First Responder posts had apparently been sent selectively rather than to all on the clerk's list. The clerk explained that he had assumed that existing First Responders would already be aware of the information but agreed that he regretted not sending it globally.

It was agreed that in future emails should be sent to all on the mailing lists.

It was also agreed that Chris should prepare a flyer to be sent via the post requesting email addresses if residents were happy to share them to ensure that the list is up to date so that all islanders can be circulated by email (if they wish)

6.2 Planning Application 2024/116/PPF

There has been a response from the Planning Department to the concerns raised by the Community Council and also there are revised plans.

There was no change to the Community Council's concerns about the location of the proposals.

6.3 Welcome Packs

Raymond asked if the Welcome Packs for new island residents were still available.

Juliet informed that they could be downloaded from the fetlar.org website.

Lucy will update and see if printed versions can be made available for new residents.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 20th time to be agreed following consultation with SIC.