

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 20th September 2021 via Zoom Online Conferencing

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Ms K Hannay, Mr R Jamieson, Mr S Henderson, Cllr R Thomson (Elected Representative North Isles), Cllr A Priest (Elected Representative North Isles), Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative North Isles),

Apologies: Mr M Duncan, Mr A Ross, Mr J Nicholson

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Development Worker), Mr M Smith (Project Manager, Shetland Telecom), Ms J Lyth (member of the public)

A Jamieson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

9/21/1 VISITOR- MR M SMITH- R100 SCHEME

Mr M Smith, Shetland Telecom, updated members on the Scottish Government's R100 scheme. Details of the scheme and affected premises have now been released and the majority of Yell will be included. It is believed that this will mean fibre connection to the premises of all included buildings, both commercial and residential. Due to this, most residences are now no longer eligible for the £5000 voucher but might still be eligible for the £400 voucher on offer. There is a website to check whether your address will be included in the upgrade that can be accessed at <https://scotlandsuperfast.com/the-r100-programme/check-my-address/>.

Mr M Smith believed that a number of the not included properties are omitted in error due to an out of date database used to compile the list as they are largely new build properties. The hope is that in discussion with the Scottish Government they will be able to be included. Properties that are genuinely out of the remit of the new network may be included through Shetland Broadband but this remains to be outlined.

The introduction of the fibre network will be a complete replacement of the existing copper network and will be capable of providing speeds of 1GBps.

Households included in the scheme, at present, do not need to take any action. The network will be installed and it is then up to the residents to utilise the facility or not, it is believed the residents will be able to choose the provider they wish to use.

Those who are not included are encouraged to contact Mr Smith but he is confident that most omissions are in error. Members were encouraged to review the list and detail omissions to the clerk.

ACTION: Clerk to assign areas to members to review and submit their feedback to M Smith

L Odie joined the meeting 19:45

The project has a projected timescale of next year, (probably the end of 2022) for Yell and the following year for Unst. Due to this it seems unnecessary to pursue any temporary or alternative community schemes for Yell.

Mr M Smith left the meeting 20:05

9/21/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson, Mr S Henderson and Cllr R Thomson declared an interest in the Energy Isles Wind Farm.

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the SSEN switching station.

9/21/3 MINUTES

16th August 2021- The minutes for the August meeting were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Ms K Hannay.

ACTION: clerk to forward to CC Liaison, NI Dvp Worker, Police, SIC Elected Representatives and post on the website

9/21/4 POLICE REPORT

No new report received.

9/21/5 COMMUNITY WORK

Childcare- F Browne updated members on the childcare situation in Yell, confirming the information received last month from Ms B Wishart, MSP. The Mid Yell nursery has extended opening hours and can now take vulnerable two year olds. A new graduate has been employed by the SIC to look into non statutory child care with Yell as a focus.

Abandoned Cars- F Browne contacted the Shetland Amenity Trust and Environmental Health who may be willing to have a promotional drive to explain the process of scrapping vehicles.

9/21/6 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

6.1 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Mr L Odie welcomed Ms Julia Lyth. Mrs Myth will be confirmed as a new member of Yell Community Council in due course.

6.2 TRANSPORT: FERRIES

Repairing Ulsta Car Park Lane Lines- No update on the request to repaint the lines at the Ulsta Car waiting area

ACTION: Clerk to contact ferries

Winter timetable- Members are frustrated at the lack of consultation on the introduction of the winter timetable. It is felt that a virtual meeting or email could have been provided to North Isles Community Councils before the introduction of the winter time table.

5 day full service- Cllr R Thomson reported that with the introduction of the Summer timetable 2022 which should include a 5 day two ferry service, with maintenance and training being undertaken on Saturday or Sunday. There will also be an increase in the allotted community runs from four per financial year to eight.

Meeting with Sellaness- YCC members and Cllr Thomson are very keen to set up a regular meeting, approximately every two months, with management in Sellaness, representatives

from North Isles Community Councils and elected representatives. Members feel that the needs of those who use the ferries are not taken into account when changes are implemented currently. With the proposed changes to the timetable coming next financial year, members would like the opportunity to feed into the process to provide a service for the North Isles that is fit for purpose.

ACTION: Cllr Thomson to arrange meeting

Unable to transit figures- No new unable to transit figures have been provided. Members report high vehicle numbers over the summer months and long waits particularly for tourist visitors. Tourism is economically important to the north isles and the inadequacies in the ferry service impact on this.

Additional Notice Board, Toft- Members have previously requested an additional information sign to be placed at Toft, further up the road. This has not yet been provided but members would like to request it again.

ACTION: Clerk to contact ferries

6.3 ROADS

Cullivoe Road- Members and residents in North Yell would like clarification from Mr D Coupe, SIC, about the current restrictions to planning in North Yell due to weight limits on the road. Planning applications have been limited in North Yell due to the condition of the Cullivoe road. The recent roadworks in Cullivoe has meant the SIC have been transporting many lorry loads of tar along the road for the scheduled improvements. Members were told that planning restrictions would be lifted for North Yell once a plan was made for the new road but this has not yet happened. Members would like to know if and when planning restrictions can be lifted for residents.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr D Coupe

The current scheduled road works in Cullivoe will result in the road being closed for all traffic with no alternate route provided. Residents in Cullivoe who receive care in the community from the Care Centre have not been informed how their carers will be able to reach them.

ACTION: Clerk to contact roads and Care Centre

Burravoe Footpath- It seems unlikely, at present, that the solution posed by L Odie will be taken into effect.

Sign at the head of Mid Yell Voe- No update.

ACTION: Clerk to contact roads

Trees and Road Markings, Stonganess- 'SLOW' signs have been painted on the road at the corner. Members would still like to see a line of sight through the trees on the bend as it poses a significant safety risk.

ACTION: Clerk to contact D Coupe, SIC

Water of the road, Burnside- action has been taken to rectify the problem.

Thistles on the road side- Members were encouraged to report the areas with significant problems.

ACTION: Clerk to feedback to roads

K Hannay left the meeting 21:05

6.4 NHS ISSUES

An additional meeting will be set up with YCC members who wish to attend to discuss the preparations for the meeting with Mr M Dickson, NHS Shetland, on 27th September.

6.5 SSEN SWITCHING STATION

The consultation occurred at the Burravoe Hall.

6.6 KSB BEACH AWARDS

Members are disappointed that negative feedback in the beach report is a recurring issue. Members will consider, if applying again, that the areas surrounding the beaches need to be in good condition before the application is made.

6.7 SKIP DAY

There was large demand for skips in Cullivoe, but smaller demand in Mid Yell and Burravoe. A future skip day will be discussed at another meeting as funding has already been allocated for this.

6.8 BINS

Breckon Beach- A replacement bin for the car park at Breckon Beach has been requested as part of the Beach award improvements.

Dog Waste signs- No update

ACTION: Clerk to request an update

6.9 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT

Mr John Simpson, SIC, attended the recent ASCC meeting to discuss EV charging points. Post that meeting Mrs A Jamieson contacted him to discuss whether an EV charge point could be installed in Mid Yell. It seems likely that a charging point will be placed in Mid Yell next financial year, the location has not yet been decided but it may be placed at the Care Centre, the SIC Workmen's Shed or the Leisure Centre Car Park. This is dependent on whether SIC fleet vehicles can also use that charge point.

Mr Simpson also advised grants could be available to businesses for installing charging points.

It is believed that in future there may be a fee for using council charging points to ensure that business EV points are viable.

6.10 PICNIC BENCHES

Members will feedback to the Clerk benches in their area that will need to be painted, this will include the Breckon Beach notice board.

Members agreed to commit £250 for the purchase of paint.

ACTION: Members to feedback to Clerk the location of picnic benches in their area

6.11 ABANDONED VEHICLES

The issue of the abandoned vehicles was discussed at the recent ASCC meeting, Mr M Duncan, SIC will provide more information to community councils. It was largely considered to be an isle's problem and Unst would like to align on an awareness campaign with Yell.

Seven abandoned vehicles have been identified in Yell.

ACTION: Clerk to feedback to SAT and Environmental Health

6.12 SCBF DIRECTOR

Yell is still unrepresented at the Shetland Community Benefit Fund.

6.13 ASCC MEETING

A Jamieson gave feedback about issues discussed at the ASCC, minutes from the meeting to follow. Items discussed included fuel poverty, net zero route maps and zero waste Shetland plans, and the Activate Shetland Project to encourage people to become more active.

YCCs feedback regarding the grant form has now been submitted to Mr M Duncan, SIC.

Training dates for Community Councillors and Clerks will be available.

The concerns and benefits of high visitor numbers in motorhomes visiting Unst were raised along with the request that the SIC could empty beach and ferry terminal bins weekly during the summer months.

6.14 GUTCHER PHONE BOX

A resident at Gutcher contacted YCC regarding the phone box at Gutcher believing that it was to be decommissioned and a defibrillator put in its place. YCC was not aware of such a plan and informed the resident.

9/21/7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION

Mr A Ross has resigned from the Yell Community Council as of 20th September. Mr L Odie thanked Mr Ross for his contribution to the community council.

7.2 RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS

Members discussed a possible future return to in person meetings but felt that COVID is still a prevalent issue in Yell and as such YCC will continue with Zoom meetings.

The possibilities of, in the future, operating a hybrid meeting to make it easier for elected representatives and visitors to attend will be considered at that time.

7.3 SECTORAL MARINE PLAN FOR OFFSHORE WIND FOR INNOVATION AND TARGETED OIL AND GAS DECARBONISATION

Members note the correspondence.

7.4 ISLANDS BOND CONSULTATION

Members will feed into this consultation at the additional meeting next week.

7.5 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ULSTA SHOP

Members note that the possible closure of the Ulsta Shop in November will be a big loss not only to Ulsta, South Yell and West Yell but to those travelling through Yell.

7.6 MID YELL SCHOOL COP 26 REQUEST

Members agreed to cumulatively commit to walking 400 miles by the COP 26 summit on 1st November. Members will report their walking distances to the clerk forwarded to MYJHS.

Members are also requested to pledge to reduce the global rise in temperatures

ACTION: Members to track steps/distance and report to clerk along with their individual climate change pledge

9/21/7 FINANCE AND GRANTS

7.1 20-21 ACCOUNTS

L Odie and A Jamieson approved the accounts subject to no objections by members by 5pm Friday 24th September.

7.2 CDF APPLICATIONS

The Cullivoe Primary School and Mid Yell Festive Celebrations Committee accepted the terms of their grants. Payment can now be made with vouching to follow later.

7.3 ROAD GRANTS

Grant Extension- A Skinner requested an extension to the road grant offer in order to have tarring carried out early next year. Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson approved carrying over the grant offer to next financial year.

Mrs H Nicholson- Fernbank, Camb- Major resurfacing- £315

Moved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

7.4 COMMUNITY HIRE APPLICATION

Laura Guthrie- 6th March 2022- wedding.

Approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr R Jamieson.

7.5 SCBF APPLICATION WITHDRAWAL

Application was withdrawn due to funding being secured from alternative sources.

9/21/8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 SEALEAF CAPITAL - Hascosay Sound Seaweed Farm Documents

Members would like more information from Sealeaf Capital on the use of the seaweed harvested from the farm.

ACTION: Clerk to request information

8.2 DRAFT WATER SAFETY POLICY

To be discussed at October meeting

8.3 STATKRAFT, ENERGY ISLES WIND FARM UPDATE

Members note the information provided on the consultation sessions and will post on the Yell Community Council Facebook page. The information provided includes details on the reduction in number and size of the turbines and a significant reduction in peat disturbance.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 22:00 HRS

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on

Monday 25th October 2021 via Zoom Online Conferencing.