

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 25th October 2021 via Zoom Online Conferencing

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Ms K Hannay, Mr R Jamieson, Mr S Henderson, Ms J Lyth, Mr J Saunders

Apologies: Mr J Nicholson,

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Development Worker), Cllr R Thomson (Elected Representative North Isles), Cllr A Priest (Elected Representative North Isles), Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative North Isles)

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

L Odie made a special welcome to Julia Lyth as the newest member of Yell Community Council.

10/21/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson, Mr S Henderson, Mr L Odie and Mr J Saunders declared an interest in the item on Energy Isles Wind Farm.

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the SCBF application.

10/21/2 MINUTES

20th September 2021- The minutes for the September meeting were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Odie.

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

10/21/3 COMMUNITY WORK

F Browne reported ongoing work with the Herra Hall. There was no update from Shetland Amenity Trust or Environmental Health regarding a promotional campaign around disposing of vehicles.

10/21/4 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

4.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Meeting with Sellaness- A remote meeting between North Isles Community Councils and Sellaness to discuss issues relating to the ferry service has been scheduled for 9th November 13:00. L Odie, R Jamieson, A Jamieson and S Henderson hope to attend on behalf of YCC.

Members are asked to submit ferry related items to L Odie in advance of the meeting to feedback to Sellaness.

ACTION: Members to inform L Odie of agenda items ASAP

ACTION: L Odie to respond to Ferries

4.2 ROADS

Maintenance- Planned maintenance on the roads in West Yell and Cullivoe has finished.

Road Scanner Data- Members noted the information received regarding the road conditions in Yell.

Cullivoe to Gutcher Road- Members would like to receive updated timescales and information about advancements with the land acquisition process regarding the proposed new Cullivoe to Gutcher road.

ACTION: Clerk to contact D Coupe, SIC

4.3 NHS ISSUES

GP vacancy- Members were informed that a potential GP candidate has been identified.

ACTION: Clerk to request a meeting

Feedback from meeting with M Dickson, NHS Shetland- L Odie, A Jamieson, K Hannay and J Saundersmet with Mr Michael Dickson, NHS Shetland on 27th September to discuss the issues relating to Yell. The meeting was very helpful and M Dickson will revert with his responses and proposed way forward in future. Extensive communication with residents will be key to exploring alternative models.

There are many areas of concern expressed by NHS Shetland and Yell CC relating to the health and social care provision in place currently. The unsustainable 24/7 GP on call cover, understaffing in social care, issues regarding ambulance provision and communication were all highlighted.

4.4 ENERGY ISLES- COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

L Odie gave feedback from the Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting in which the reduction in size and overall numbers of proposed turbines was discussed. The meeting also highlighted a reduction in the removal of peat from the area. However there were still two consultees who were requiring further information in order to provide a view to the planning process.

Members were in agreement that the six months between CLG meetings was too long.

The next CLG meeting will be in November.

4.7 PICNIC BENCHES

Clerk has been compiling a list of picnic benches to be painted. The list will be distributed to members for any other additions.

ACTION: Clerk to send list to members

4.8 ABANDONED VEHICLES

The abandoned vehicles previously reported to Environmental Health by YCC have either had notice of their removal posted or have already been removed.

No advancement has been made regarding the need for an advertising campaign or promotional drive. Public education is needed on the issue.

ACTION: F Browne to contact SAT and Environmental Health

4.9 SCBF DIRECTOR POSITION

Yell is still unrepresented on the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. Members to consider if they wish to take on the role.

ACTION: Clerk to send more information to K Hannay

Cllr R Thomson and Cllr A Priest joined the meeting 20:00

4.10 R100

Members are asked to feedback complete information regarding the properties which may be omitted by the R100 scheme in all of North Yell, Gutcher and North Sandwick to the clerk as soon as possible.

ACTION: Members to feedback to clerk

10/21/5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 ZETTRANS REGIONAL TRANSPORT SERVICES CONSULTATION

Members commented that the information requested in the survey made no reference towards fixed links. L Odie was concerned that to report satisfaction with the current ferry service might be detrimental for the consideration of fixed links.

5.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING PLANNING SURVEY

Members would like to see more innovative thinking regarding housing allocation in areas of low demand in Shetland ie Yell. Members wondered if houses could be allocated to NHS staff or priority made to facilitate people living and working on the islands.

5.3 SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY

K Hannay will attend the conference and feedback at the next meeting of YCC.

10/21/6 FINANCE/GRANTS

SCBF application- A Jamieson and R Jamieson proposed £500 towards the funding of the Shetland Cattle Herds Book Society's application to provide office based support by identifying and training a secretary, improving a website and providing administrative support to members.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to SCBF with decision

Members felt that there are difficulties with the way the SCBF currently operates the scheme and would like to feedback that a central fund for Shetland wide applications, rather than then being assessed by individual Community Councils might be helpful. Members would also prefer an application deadline date at the end of the financial year, rather than the first come first served system in place. YCC does not currently have a director nominee on SCBF from Yell. If they did this would allow discussion of issues raised.

ACTION: Clerk to advertise SCBF Advanced Grant Scheme locally.

10/21/7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COP26- Members were reminded to make a personal climate change pledge and track steps/mileage to submit, via the clerk, to Mid Yell Junior High School pupils. Personal pledges include recycling soft plastics, reducing meat consumption, considering electric vehicles and investigating changes in heating.

Scotland Islands Passport- Members were reminded about the Scotland Islands Passport initiative and encouraged to download the app or look at the resources. <https://islands.scot/> The programme is designed to encourage more people to visit more islands more often.

Ulsta Shop Closure- YCC was asked by a constituent to contact the proprietor regarding the closure of the shop. YCC have approached the proprietor and appreciate that it is a commercial decision. The shop closes on 7th November

Members were encouraged to think of proactive initiatives to help with the social isolation some residents might feel due to the shop's closure.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21:16 HRS

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

Monday 15th November 2021, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.