

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 15th November 2021 via Zoom Online Conferencing

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mr R Jamieson, Mr J Nicholson,

Apologies: Mr S Henderson, Ms J Lyth, Mr J Saunders, Ms K Hannay,

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

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11/21/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

11/21/2 MINUTES

25th October 2021- The minutes for the October meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

F Browne joined the meeting 19:35

11/21/3 COMMUNITY WORK

F Browne reported that the Whalefirth Men's Shed is now looking to move from the Herra Hall and the Herra Hall Committee are exploring alternative options through community consultation.

11/21/4 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

4.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Feedback from meeting with Sellaness- North Isles Community Council members met virtually with representatives from Ferry Operations in Sellaness, Head of Transport Michael Craigie, Infrastructure Director John Smith and Councillor Ryan Thomson to discuss ferry issues raised by North Isles Communities.

Laurence Odie expressed his disappointment and the frustration he felt regarding the outcome of the meeting. He felt that the only positive outcome was John Smith's commitment to have a look at improving all communications. Laurence was also concerned about Michael Craigie's statement that we need not expect anything to be done regarding any of our requests for at least 12 months.

Annette Jamieson shared his concerns.

Ryan Thomson gave a more positive report from the meeting. Members were grateful for him organising the meeting and for everyone who took part.

The official notes from the meeting will follow.

Members appreciate that the department has considerable staffing issues exacerbated by Covid but feel that it is important that requests_or suggestions are consulted on and discussed with the relevant Community Councils before implementation.

Unable to transit figures- YCC received the latest Unable to Transit Figures.

4.2 ROADS

Members would like to thank the SIC roads department for the work done to the road in Aywick and WestYell and remind drivers that in icy weather the new surface may be slippery.

Some of the landowners in North Yell affected by the new road layout between Gutcher and Cullivoe met with SIC officials last week. Members reported a generally positive response from the landowners present.

4.3 BEACH BINS

Brydon Gray, SIC, informed YCC that a replacement bin for Breckon Beach and dog waste signs on other bins on Yell hope to be placed later this month.

4.4 PICNIC BENCHES

A full list of benches that need to be painted has been compiled. The benches will need to be brought inside, power washed and dried out before they can be painted.

R Jamieson offered a space in the old Moarfield garage. J Nicholson offered to wash and store the benches at Breckon.

Members would like the new benches to be moved to the high traffic areas such as the beaches whilst the older benches are stored and painted.

4.5 R100 LIST OF OMITTED PROPERTIES

The list of properties currently thought to be omitted from the R100 scheme has been submitted to Mr Marvin Smith, SIC. It is thought that most properties have been omitted as they were new builds, and Mr M Smith can highlight them for inclusion.

Clerk to contact M Smith for information about the expected roll out of R100 after reports in the press that it will be delayed.

4.5 NHS ISSUES

There has been no further communication from NHS Shetland after the meeting with Mr Michael Dickson, NHS or in relation to the potential GP candidate.

11/21/5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Members note receiving the Boundary Commission report. No changes will affect Shetland.

5.2 COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Members were informed of training offered to Community Councillors and Clerks. Should they wish to attend they can contact Mr M Duncan, SIC or the clerk.

5.3 NEW POLICE OFFICER

Members welcome the news from Police Scotland that a new Police Officer will be taking up the role on 1st December. Members would like to invite the Officer to the December meeting of YCC.

5.4 AVIATION STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Aviation Strategy Consultation was sent to all Community Councils at the request of Dunrossness Community Council. Members are encouraged to read it and fill it out as individuals if they are inclined.

11/21/6 FINANCE/GRANTS

Shetland Community Benefit Fund- Ms K Hannay has been appointed as a director to represent Yell on the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. Members request that she take forward YCCs views regarding the application approval process. Members discussed at the last meeting that they felt it would be beneficial to have a closing date for applications for the year in order to allow members to allocate funds more fairly and that Shetland wide projects be considered in a different way..

11/21/7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

December meeting date- Members are reminded that the December meeting will be held of the earlier date of 13th December.

Ambulance update- Members would like an update on the Ambulance Service training and the new ambulance vehicle for the next meeting.

Climate Officer- Members would like to invite the SIC Climate Officer, Ms Claire Ferguson, to the next meeting.

Return to in person meetings- Members discussed the possibility and challenges of returning to having in person meetings. Some Community Councils have resumed meeting in person in areas where virtual meetings have been challenging.

Some of the points discussed were

- Location- Members of the public are currently not permitted in schools
- Technology for hybrid meetings- laptops, screens, microphones
- Covid safe protocols for meetings
- Possible sources of financing for equipment needed- SIC, Project Grant, SCBF

Members felt that this decision could be held over to next year as Covid is still a cause for concern.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 20:35 HRS

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

Monday 13th December 2021, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.