

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 13th December 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing

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

Apologies: Mr S Henderson, Mr J Saunders, Mr J Nicholson, Cllr A Priest (Elected Representative North Isles, PC Dana Jamieson (Police Scotland), Mr Michael Duncan,

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Cllr R Thomson (Elected Representative North Isles), Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative North Isles), Ms Claire Ferguson (SIC Team Leader – Climate Change Strategy), Ms Elizabeth Clarke (SIC Graduate Climate Change Officer), Mr Steven MacLean (SIC Climate Change Officer).

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1/22/1 VISITORS- SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE

Ms Claire Ferguson from the Climate Change Strategy team shared a presentation outlining the work her team is doing, and the goals of SIC and the Scottish Government in reaching NetZero and tackling the climate crisis. SIC acknowledged a climate emergency in January 2020 and formed the Climate Change Strategy programme.

Ms Ferguson outlined the 'Shetland Adapts' programme to take early action to increase the resilience of Shetland in light of present climate change. The team aims to promote alignment and collaboration across all teams and departments within the SIC by the implementation of 'Climate Champions' within each team.

Ms Ferguson explained the Climate Conversation project aimed at raising awareness of climate change and the route map to NetZero. This took the form of a public survey which yielded a high response rate and some useful data. This data will be used to create a digital platform and, in collaboration with Keep Scotland Beautiful, a training course. Which will be offered to SIC employees initially and then distributed to ASCC members and the public and other groups.

Ms Ferguson explained the NetZero route map which is currently in the planning phase to establish the current levels of carbon emissions within Shetland. The draft for this should be available by May 2022 with consultation and liaison with community groups and workshops running alongside this.

Members were informed that the digital platform would provide Shetland specific information, resources and advice to allow people to make small changes that will contribute towards Shetland's climate goals.

Fuel poverty was acknowledged and a large issue with above average levels experienced in Shetland. The Climate Change Strategy Team are working with advisory groups to gauge opinions about the public support and services and to put together a proposal for

improvements. The Future Energy Team are in the process of campaigning and lobbying for changes to energy costs for Shetland which are very high.

50% of SIC emissions are associated with the ferries and fixed links are felt, by members, to be a vital component of reaching the climate goals.

C Ferguson, E Clarke and S McLean left the meeting 20:05

1/22/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson, Cllr R Thomson declared an interest in the Energy Isles Wind Farm item.
Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Marine Planning Application 2021/026/WL.

1/22/3 MINUTES

13th December 2021- The minutes for the December meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

1/22/4 POLICE REPORT

Members note the police report submitted by PC Jamieson.

1/22/5 COMMUNITY WORK

F Browne had nothing to update.

1/22/6 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

6.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Minutes from the meeting, Sellaness 9.11.21- Members note having received the minutes from the meeting with Sellaness and felt they reflected positively on the meeting.

Follow up meeting- Sellaness- A follow up meeting is to be arranged in early/mid March by Cllr R Thomson.

Issues Log- One outcome from the meeting is the creation of an issues log to allow YCC to provide clear details about issues they identify for follow up and action by the ferries department.

COVID resilience- Members have been concerned about the resilience of the ferry service as Bressay and Yell Sound have both had disruptions due to crew isolations causing the ferries to reduce to a single vessel service. When this occurs, the reduction to a single vessel causes particular difficulties due to the suspension of bookings. Members were informed by Cllr R Thomson that this issue is currently being resolved and members should expect to see, in the next few days, a change to this system. The changes should allow existing bookings for the vessel that is running to stand and additional bookings to be made for that vessel. The Operational Note provided by the ferries department should explain these changes and Cllr R Thomson acknowledges the importance of clear communication on this issue.

Unable to transit figures- Members note, on reviewing the figures, that the highest levels of vehicles left behind occurs in April/May during the scheduled docking. Those most affected were trucks.

Docking Schedule- Members note receipt of the docking schedule.

Blumell Sound Service- Normal service is expected to resume of Blumell Sound on Friday 21st Jan.

Invoicing times- Members raised concerns about the length of time it takes for SIC to issue invoices for journeys using the ferry card. Cllr R Thomson will look into this issue.

6.2 ROADS

Cullivoe to Gutcher Road- There have been no updates on the road but members were assured that the project is not under any threat of being cut as it has been deemed a priority due to its condition and its impact on the Cullivoe economy.

6.3 PICNIC BENCHES

The benches will be collected this month for storage. L Odie suggested redistributing some of the newer benches to high traffic areas such as West Sandwick Beach.

6.4 ULSTA POST BOX

There is currently no post box located at Ulsta, the nearest alternatives being West Yell and Hamnavoe. Ulsta residents and YCC members feel strongly that there needs to be a post box somewhere in Ulsta, possibly at the ferry.

6.5 FEEDBACK SCBF (SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND)

Feedback from the SCBF indicated that Ms K Hannay, as a member of YCC and a director on the SCBF, does not necessarily have a conflict of interest when considering applications. Ms Hannay is able to consider applications providing there are no other conflicts presented.

YCC members were encouraged to speak to community groups and individuals in their areas about making applications. Ms F Browne offered to email Yell groups with information about the fund, this will also be sent to the Isles View column.

6.6 ENERGY ISLES STATKRAFT

YCC received details of the progress of the Community Liason Group. The CLG have reached an agreement with SEEPA but are still receiving objections from Nature Scotland that they hope will be resolved before the next CLG meeting.

6.7 ASCC AGENDA ITEMS

The next ASCC meeting is on 8th March. Members would like the ASCC to consider more cat eyes on the roads throughout Shetland and will submit the item for the agenda.

6.8 KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL BEACH AWARDS

Applications for the Keep Scotland Beautiful Beach Awards are now open. Members considered the positives and negatives of reapplying. The costs for applications and the effort needed to submit and comply with the criteria are quite high. Although the costs could be covered through a SCBF application members are unsure of the community benefits Yell receives from having the awards for Breckon and West Sandwick beaches.

Members are interested to hear from other Shetland beaches who have previously been awarded but have since opted out.

A decision about applying will be held over to the next meeting.

6.9 MID YELL PIER FENDERING

YCC was informed the contractors were due to start work. Pier users have been notified for possible disruption.

1/22/7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 ACTIVE TRAVEL AUDITS

Mr L Odie and Ms A Jamieson will attend the Active Travel Audit meeting on 18th January along with a representative from Burravoe Development Group as the Burravoe School footpath is to be discussed. L Odie felt it would be beneficial for himself and A Jamieson to review the Burravoe Primary School's Active Travel Plan before the meeting.

7.2 LETTER REGARDING JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take place in the first week of June. Members have suggested asking residents, through a Facebook post, if they have any suggestions for a celebration.

7.3 DOGS AGAINST DRUGS DEMONSTRATION

Members were invited to the Dogs Against Drugs Demonstration on 29th January at the North Link Ferry Terminal due to their support of the organisation through the SCBF.

7.4 NEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

Voluntary Action Shetland are providing YCC with a new website with a custom URL to replace the existing site. The clerk is receiving training in how to maintain the site which should be live on 1st February.

7.5 NORTH HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS CLIMATE ACTION HUB

Members note the correspondence.

7.6 GRITTING SCHEDULE

Members requested the SIC Gritting Schedule after a complaint from a resident about dangerous conditions of certain roads. Many of the roads in Shetland are designated Priority 3, meaning that they will only be treated in severe conditions. This is a change to the previous service, when priority 3 roads would be gritted after Priority 1 and 2 were completed providing time and facilities allowed. YCC are particularly concerned as there are a large number of Priority 3 roads in Yell where a number of school aged children, key workers and those receiving Car in the Community live. Members will submit this as an ASCC agenda item.

7.7 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Communtiy Council Election nominations deadline is 13th October. Members are asked to encourage residents to stand.

1/22/8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/025/WL To install a subsea telecommunications cable associated with the R100 Scottish Isles Fibre-optic project (Shetland Region) Gutcher, Yell To Belmont, Unst (Route 2.1)- YCC supports this application

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1/22/9 FINANCE/GRANTS

9.1 ROAD GRANT EXTENSION APPLICATION

Members approved an extension to Ms H Nicholson's road grant. The new deadline for grant vouching is 11th July 2022

1/22/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Bins and Dog Waste, Mid Yell Beach- Members have received complaints about a dog waste problem at Mid Yell Beach. It is felt that the placement of a covered bin at the beach alongside intervention from SIC in the form of signs and notices might help with the issue.

10.2 House numbers- Ms K Hannay was approached as a West Sandwick resident to provide clarification on house numbers that don't align with the SIC databases. This is evidently an issue in Yell but YCC are unsure if they are the correct body to take any action. More information is needed about the request before YCC involvement.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.15 HRS

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

Monday 21st February 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.

ACTION TRACKER

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
Clerk	OB 6.4	Contact A Carmichael and B Wishart regarding Ulsta Post Box	/
Clerk	OB 6.5	Draft wording for FB and Isles View	
Clerk	OB 6.7	Submit agenda items- cats eyes and gritting schedule	/
Clerk	OB 6.8	Contact other CCs about KSB applications	/
Clerk	NB 7.2	Facebook Post regarding Jubilee	

Clerk	PLANNING	Submit views	/
Clerk	AOB 10.1	Contact B Gray, SIC about placement of bin and dog waste signs.	/