

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 21st February 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing

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

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

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

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2/22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson, Mr J Saunders and Cllr R Thomson all declared an interest in the Energy Isles Wind Farm item.

Ms K Hannay and Mr L Odie declared an interest in the SCBF Advance Grant Scheme Application.

Ms K Hannay declared an interest on the nomination of a new director for the SCBF

2/22/2 MINUTES

17th January 2022- The minutes for the January meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

2/22/3 POLICE REPORT

Members note the police report for this month. Members feel it would be beneficial to have police representation at future meetings.

2/22/4 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

4.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Meeting with Sellaness- Members were informed that the next meeting between Sellaness and representatives from North Isles Community Councils will be held in early March.

Fetlar CC email- Members discussed Fetlar Community Council's email raising concerns about the delays in the maintenance schedule that has left Fetlar disadvantaged in terms of ferry provision. YCC supports Fetlar Community Council's views.

Issues to be logged- Members would like to submit the following points via the Issues Log provided after the previous meeting with Sellaness.

- Further details request about the nature of the maintenance work being done on the vessels and reasons for the delays.
- Further information requested on the recent changes to account card payment methods. Previously photographs or photocopies of account cards were suitable

substitutes for the account cards but this is no longer accepted. Members would like to know the reasoning for the changes and for that to be clearly stated.

- Billing discrepancies and delays in invoicing are causing issues for the public and businesses who use the ferries frequently. Members would like to see these issues resolved or at least an explanation for the delays.
- Further information or confirmation about the recent changes that may have come into effect allowing bookings to be made when running a Single Vessel. If this is a permanent change, members would like to know how and when this will be communicated to the public.
- The number of community hire runs available to Community Councils for allocation for the financial year 22-23 has not yet been confirmed by Sellaness and it makes YCC's allocation of runs difficult due to the short time frame. Members would like Sellaness to inform Community Council's of their allocation in January of the year to enable applications to be considered.

Community Hires- In advance of being informed of the number of Community Hire runs available YCC will publicly advertise for applications from people requesting ferry hire. The individuals who have already requested runs will be provided with application forms, the deadline for applications for consideration for 2022-23 will be the March meeting of YCC 21st March.

4.2 ROADS

YCC have submitted two road items to the ASCC meeting to be held in March- line painting and cats eyes.

Cones left behind- Members have reported a number of cones left behind at Greenside and West Yell following road works in those areas. In the recent bad weather the cones have caused road obstructions and members would like to know when the cones will be removed.

Abandoned Vehicles- Members have received further reports of abandoned vehicles at Gutcher Pier, clerk will report to relevant authorities.

4.3 'TUNNEL VISION' EVENT FEEDBACK

Members who attended the online 'Tunnel Vision' event on 5th February agreed that it had been an interesting and informative session which put forward a good case for the importance of fixed links to island communities. The video of the session is still available and has been shared with members and on Yell Community Council's Facebook page to encourage those unable to attend to watch it.

The session made it clear that UK or Scottish government support would be vital in order to pursue fixed links for Shetland. Options such as setting up limited companies as Faroe did were discussed, as well as the options for paying tolls on the crossings.

K Hannay was concerned that the implementation of fixed links could have impacts on services provided to the islands.

Members feel to get an accurate representation of what the general public's views are on the social and economic effects fixed links would have on our community. Members would like to work with the North Yell Development Council on a questionnaire YCC have been informed they are planning.

4.4 PICNIC BENCHES

YCC have allocated £250 for the purchase of paint for the new benches in Yell. L Odie and R Jamieson are to ensure the benches are stored and dried and L Odie will purchase the paint. The Community Payback Team is scheduled to paint the benches in April.

4.5 ULSTA POST BOX

Members would like an update from Mr A Carmichael and Ms B Wishart about the plans to site a post box at Ulsta following the closure of the post office there.

4.6. SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Members proposed resubmitting Ms K Hannay as a director representing Yell on the Shetland Community Benefit Fund to represent Yell. Proposed by A Jamieson and seconded by R Jamieson.

Members would like K Hannay to feedback YCCs views, previously expressed, regarding the allocation of funds for Shetland wide projects as an ongoing issue.

4.7 ENERGY ISLES STATKRAFT- FEEDBACK FROM CLG

L Odie and A Jamieson, who attended the Community Liaison Group meeting provided an update on the current position of the project. The planning application is progressing and they are hoping to submit it to the SIC on the 21st March. Reports in the press confirmed that Nature Scot withdrew their objection to the project.

Discussion was had about how best to administer the Community Benefit Fund that would result from the wind farm. Some members feel that the benefit should remain in the control of the North Isles, another option is that it could be administered by the Shetland Community Benefit Fund.

L Odie and A Jamieson feel that the CLG is not always a feedback of local views and tends to be more of a feedback meeting from the developers. Members of YCC who are not compromised by a financial interest in the project may want to consider joining the next meeting in March.

4.8 KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL BEACH AWARDS

Damage to access at Breckon- Due to recent extreme weather the beach access to Breckon has been seriously damaged and is no longer in the condition stated in the application. Although SIC have stated they intend to remedy the situation. Yell Community Council will inform KSB of the changes.

2022 applications- Due to the damage at Breckon Beach YCC will not be pursuing the 2022 award for Breckon. YCC will still make an application for West Sandwick beach.

CIlr R Thomson joined the meeting 20:30

4.9 MID YELL PIER FENDERING

Members were informed that fendering works were underway at the pier.

Members noted reports in the press about small piers possibly being put up for sale, the old Gutcher Pier being included in that list.

4.10 AMBULANCE UPDATE

YCC were informed that a new ambulance vehicle is expected in Yell in the next month. Members were also informed that new volunteers had been trained and there were additional volunteers waiting for training.

4.11 ACTIVE TRAVEL AUDIT- BURRAVOE

Members were pleased to know that the path between Burravoe and the Brough has been approved and will be actioned within the next year. Plans are for a 1.5m wide pathway. Members are disappointed that the project wasn't taken further and that options discussed in the audit meeting seem not to be going to be implemented at this time.

Members feel that it would be useful to see slides from that meeting and L Odie will liaise with Robina Barton, SIC Transport.

4.12 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

YCC advertised for public opinions regarding celebrations for Yell.

4.13 MID YELL BEACH

New bin- A new, covered bin has been requested for the beach area

Dog waste Signage- Signage has been requested for the beach area both in the form of boards and road paintings.

2/22/5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FROM NI MEETING

Members who attended the meeting expressed the importance of attendance at such events.

Members noted a letter from David Polson

Points raised from the meeting included:

- Considerations to be made in the long term plan for the entry and exit points for fixed links that could be up to half a mile inland.
- 'Sterilised' areas where planning permission for houses is not granted due to the positioning of domestic wind turbines disadvantages some areas in Yell for other developments eg housing.
- The importance of 20 minute neighbourhoods in terms of planning around community hubs
- Development in the isles will be given a priority.
- Large focus on Scottish Government's Planning legislation and Net Zero targets

L Odie and A Jamieson will feedback YCC's views into the consultation and welcome views from other members over the next week.

5.2 STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PROJECT REVIEW 2 (STPR2) FORMAL CONSULTATION

Members were encouraged to feed into the consultation with personal comments. YCC will give feedback after the March meeting of YCC.

F Browne joined the meeting 21:15

5.3 ADVOCACY SHETLAND EMAIL

Advocacy Shetland requested assistance in raising the profile of their work and target users and volunteers. YCC will respond by suggesting contacting K Hannay at Stepping Out.

5.4 TALL SHIPS RACES 2023

Members received a correspondence gauging interest in an event in Yell. Members felt the public would welcome an event in Yell the previous similar event had been well received. L Odie will discuss with marinas in Yell to gauge interest in hosting an event and will contact Barry Nisbit who was involved with the previous event.

2/22/6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Ref: 2022/001/MAR Change of use of an existing consented salmon farm to a mussel farm comprising 9 x 270m twin-headline longlines, Basta Voe North Basta Voe Yell - Some members expressed concern about overproduction in the voe, it was decided to make no response.

Planning Ref: 2022/037/PPF Erect dwellinghouse with air source heat pump Site Of Former North Isles Motel, Sellafirth, Yell, Shetland ZE2 9DG- YCC supports this application

2/22/7 FINANCE/GRANTS

SCBF Application- R Jamieson and J Saunders proposed approving the Shetland Care Attendants Scheme's application for £1000 to continue with and further develop it's service providing respite, part time and casual carers in Shetland as well as the purchase of necessary PPE. Members will request that the money awarded be ring fenced to directly benefit the Yell Community.

2/22/8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 ASCC MEETING- L Odie and A Jamieson will attend the ASCC meeting on 8th March.

8.2 FERRIES CONTINUED- SUMMER TIMETABLE

Members were informed that the first version of the summer timetable will be the same as last year's and will come into effect in April. A second, enhanced version will be in effect in June. Members asked to have the opportunity to review the second version in advance of the March meeting with Sellaness.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.55 HRS

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

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

ACTION TRACKER

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
Clerk	OB 4.1	Submit issues via	

		issues log	
	OB 4.1	Respond to SIC in support of Fetlar CC	
	OB 4.1	Advertise Community Hires	
	OB 4.2	Contact Roads department regarding cone removal	
	OB 4.2	Submit vehicle details	
	OB 4.3	Request information from NYDC regarding questionnaire	
	OB 4.5	Request and update regarding Post Box	
	OB 4.6	Notify SCBF of decision	
	OB 4.8	Notify KSB	
	OB 4.8	Prepare application for West Sandwick Beach	
	NB 5.4	Respond to Advocacy Shetland	
	PLANNING	Submit comments	
	FINANCE	Submit decision	
L Odie	OB 4.4	Purchase paint and store benches	
	OB 4.11	Request slides from the meeting and liaise with Robina Barton	
	NB 5.4	Discuss with marinas and Barry Nisbet	

