

## **DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council**

**Monday 21st March 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing**

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

Apologies: Mr S Henderson, Mr J Nicholson, Ms K Hannay, 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.

### **3/22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

R Jamieson and Cllr R Thomson declared an interest in the item Energy Isles Wind Farm.

R Jamieson declared an interest in the Cullivoe Primary School's grant application and R G Jamieson's community hire application.

L Odie and J Lyth declared an interest in the Burravoe Hall grant application and community hire application.

### **3/22/2 MINUTES**

21st February 2022- The minutes for the February meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

### **3/22/3 POLICE REPORT**

Members would like to request the police report prior to each monthly meeting.

### **3/22/5 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 MAIN ISSUES REPORT PLANNING CONSULTATION**

L Odie fed into the consultation the following points raised by YCC members

1. Fixed Links should be included in the plan especially the land at each end be reserved. Fixed Links replacing ferries would reduce our carbon footprint, benefit business, and help retain island populations, improve social connectivity, and benefit Health and Social care.
2. The restrictions to housing development in villages with residential wind turbines be removed. Many villages in Shetland have been sterilized for new housing due to the increased noise levels from domestic wind turbines. New developers are aware of the noise when existing housing did not.
3. The 20minute rule for housing development should not be allowed to apply in Shetland as we are a rural crofting community.

#### **4.2 TRANSPORT- FERRIES**

**Meeting with Sellaness 22nd March-** L Odie, A Jamieson and R Jamieson will attend the meeting with other Community Councillors and Sellaness ferries representatives to discuss ferry issues. YCC members will present the issues log that has been compiled over recent months as well as new issues that have arisen. The meeting will also discuss the

implementation and consultation on version 2 of the summer timetable that is expected to be in place around June.

Members had not yet received an agenda for this meeting

Members discussed at length the need for a dedicated emergency timetable that would be effectively and clearly communicated to the public and allow for bookings to be taken, possible through the booking office. Members suggested a number of options that could be possible and they will include them for discussion at the forthcoming meeting.

**Issues with the Link Span, Uista-** Issues with the link span are likely to continue for a number of days causing severe difficulties to the public and businesses travelling on the ferries with long queues and many vehicles left behind.

**Delays in invoicing-** Cllr R Thomson informed members that the backlog of invoices had been cleared and that conversations were taking place to decide on a system moving forward that would be more convenient and allow for discounted tickets to be easily accessible for those who need them most.

**Unable to transit figures-** Members received the data outlining the number of vehicles unable to transit on the ferries up to November 2021. These numbers should significantly increase in the summer months, when the small vessel is covering breakdowns and refits and around meal breaks. Members requested a breakdown of the figures for the past week during the disruptions to be compiled before the meeting on 22nd March.

**Community Hires-** Cllr R Thomson confirmed the number of late ferry hires available from April 2022-March2023.

#### 4.3 ROADS

**Left behind cones-** Members were informed that cones left behind at Greenside and West Yell were still necessary but would be weighed down to avoid movement.

**White lines-** The white lines will be painted in the summer.

**Cats eyes-** A new method of glueing the cats eyes to the road surface has been used in Voe and will be implemented in other areas.

**Cullivoe to Gutcher road-** Cllr R Thomson will request an update from D Coupe, SIC regarding the current progress with the road. Members would like to see an updated version of the road plan.

#### 4.4 FIXED LINKS

Members raised the question of whether a public consultation regarding fixed links.

Members are clear that fixed links could affect all of Shetland, not just those living on the isles and as such all of Shetland may have a view and should be consulted.

#### 4.5 PICNIC BENCHES

The picnic benches from South Yell have been collected, pressure washed and stored. The same is planned for North Yell. L Odie advised that some repairs and sanding may need to be done before the painting can take place. L Odie will purchase paint and primer this week and the clerk will request for the Community Pay Back team to do the work.

#### 4.6 YELL BEACHES

**West Sandwick Keep Scotland Beautiful Beach Award Application-** The application will be submitted before the deadline and the next meeting of the community council following input from K Hannay.

**Notice for Breckon Beach-** A warning sign will be placed in the notice box at Breckon Beach advising that the beach is inaccessible following damage done in recent bad weather.

#### 4.7 NEW WEBSITE

Members were encouraged to view the new Community Council website in order to suggest any changes needed to the content included. [Yellcommunitycouncil.com](http://Yellcommunitycouncil.com)

#### 4.8 STATKRAFT ENERGY ISLES WIND FARM

The SIC Planning Committee voted in favour of the application which will now be presented before the Scottish Government for a decision.

#### 4.9 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The deadline for nominations for the Community Council elections will be 13th October. Members were asked to encourage others in the community to stand for election as word of mouth can be a very powerful tool in these areas. In previous years a leaflet was produced outlining the work done by Yell Community Council as a promotional tool which will be updated for this year's election. Members also suggested approaching the North Isles column in The Shetland Times to include some information about the elections.

#### 4.10 ULSTA POST BOX

A post box has been sited at the Ulsta ferry but is not yet operational

#### 4.11 ASCC

Feedback from the Association of Shetland Community Councils meeting on 8th March was distributed by email from Michael Duncan, SIC.

#### 4.12 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**Response from Michael Dickson, NHS Shetland-** Michael Dickson, Chief executive of NHS Shetland has advised YCC that NHS Shetland intend to advertise for a fully qualified Advanced Practitioner for the Yell Practice in addition to the permanent GP position. The hope is that the Advanced Practitioner could pick up some of the out of hours work which would reduce the need for the GP to be on call 24/7. YCC are of the view that this would be a considerable change to the current arrangements and are very reluctant to accept such a change. YCC believe that this would need to be clearly communicated to the patients of the practice and safeguards assured before any changes were implemented.

**New Ambulance-** A new ambulance vehicle has arrived in Yell. Members suggested approaching the Scottish Ambulance Service about seeking some publicity in the press on the matter.

### **3/22/5 NEW BUSINESS**

#### 5.1 THE SHETLAND WAY

Members are encouraged to view the consultation on The Shetland Way, a proposed cycle and footpath the length of Shetland. Members at the meeting felt it was a very ambitious project and had some thoughts to feedback about the route through Yell. Members will feedback their opinions to the clerk by the 25th March for submission into the consultation.

## **5.2 REMOVAL OF GRAVE TRIBUTES**

YCC received complaints from concerned residents that grave tributes had been removed and they requested clarity on the policy for doing so. YCC was informed that the policies are displayed on the gates of each graveyard. This is not the case in Mid Yell. YCC will publish the policy on their Facebook page and inform burial services of the omission in Mid Yell.

## **5.3 MSP FLY TIPPING CONSULTATION**

Members were asked to view the consultation to be discussed at the April meeting of Yell Community Council.

## **5.4 DA VOAR REDD UP 2022**

Da Voar Redd Up 2022 will take place between 23rd and 29th April 2022. Groups who have participated previously will be contacted to participate again. L Odie proposed allocating £500 of YCC's funds to sponsor these groups. The proposal was seconded by R Jamieson.

## **3/226 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ MARINE PLANNING**

**Application for variation of premises licence, The Hilltop Bar Ltd-** Members note the application.

## **3/22/7 FINANCE/GRANTS**

### **7.1 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND APPLICATION**

R Jamieson and L Odie proposed granting £812.50 to Ability Shetland to cover costs associated with running a Summer Holiday Club for children with Additional Support Needs.

### **7.2 CORE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

L Odie and A Jamieson moved applying for the core funds for YCC for 2022/2023

### **7.3 CDF APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

L Odie and A Jamieson moved applying for a CDF grant for YCC to distribute to community groups for 2022/2023

## **3/22/9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 SCOTTISH ISLAND BOND**

A Jamieson and possibly R Jamieson will attend the Scottish Island Bond Workshop on 22nd March. The scheme is proposed to address local responses to the depopulation of Scottish Islands.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.42 HRS**

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

**Monday 18th April 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.**

**The following items were discussed at a supplemental meeting of Yell Community Council held via Zoom Online Conferencing on Monday 28th March 7:30pm**

**Present-** Mr L Odie (Chairperson), Mrs A Jamieson (Vice Chair), Mrs K Hannay, Mr R Jamieson, Mrs J Lyth, Mr S Henderson, Mr J Nicholson

**Apologies:**

**Declarations of Interest**

L Odie and J Lyth- Burravoe Hall grant application and Yelloween ferry hire application  
R Jamieson- Cullivoe School grant application and RG Jamieson ferry hire application

**FINANCE/GRANTS**

**1. COMMUNITY FERRY HIRE APPLICATIONS**

S Henderson and K Hannay moved to approve the six community hire applications received for 2022/23. These included 3 for weddings, 1 for Yelloween, 1 for the folk festival concert and 1 for the RG Jamieson 100 year anniversary celebration.

**2. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Cullivoe Primary School- Outdoor and cold weather clothes- £700- proposed by K Hannay and S Henderson

Burravoe Hall- Building work to a retaining wall- £2100- R Jamieson and K Hannay

**3. ROAD GRANT**

Members approved the clerk actioning payment on Mrs H Nicholson's road grant assuming a satisfactory inspection by R Jamieson before the end of the month.

**Supplemental meeting ended 19:55**

**ACTION TRACKER**

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
L Odie	OB 4.5	Purchase paint and primer and ensure benches are in condition to be painted	
Clerk	OB 4.6	Clerk to finalise and submit application	/
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	OB 4.12	Contact Scottish	/

		<b>Ambulance regarding possible press coverage.</b>	
	<b>NB 5.1</b>	<b>Feed into Shetland Way consultation</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>NB 5.2</b>	<b>Inform Burial services of omissions at Mid Yell and publish policy on YCC facebook</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>F/G 7.1</b>	<b>Inform SCBF AGS of decision</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>F/G 7.2</b>	<b>Apply for core funds</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>F/G 7.3</b>	<b>Apply for CDF funds</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>F/G supplemental meeting</b>	<b>Inform successful applicants and submit ferry applications to Sellaness</b>	<b>/</b>
<b>All members</b>	<b>OB4.7</b>	<b>Submit comments on new YCC website</b>	
	<b>OB 4.9</b>	<b>Encourage local people to consider standing for community council elections</b>	
	<b>NB 5.1</b>	<b>Submit comments to clerk for Shetland Way consultation</b>	<b>/</b>
	<b>NB5.3</b>	<b>View MSP Fly Tipping consultation</b>	