

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 18th April 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing

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

Apologies: Ms K Hannay, Mr J Saunders, Mr Michael Duncan (SIC), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker)

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Mr R Thomson, PC Dana Jamieson (Police Scotland)

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4/22/1 MINUTES

21st March 2022- The minutes for the March meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson with an amendment.

4/22/2 POLICE REPORT

Members note receiving the police report. PC Jamieson informed YCC that increased drink driving patrols are likely to occur in the coming months as drink driving has been an issue on other islands.

4/22/3 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

3.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Members in attendance at the meeting on 22nd March between SIC ferry operations staff and community councils expressed concern at the apparent changes to the allocations of community hires.

Members voiced their dissatisfaction about the handling of delays and changes to the service on the Yell Sound during periods of single vessel operation. When running a single vessel service the changes to the timetables and booking system have not been sufficiently or effectively communicated to the travelling public. Members expressed a desire for an emergency timetable that would run in the event of a single vessel service regardless of public holidays or the day the disruption occurs. Members feel that this would eliminate confusion for those using the service.

Members have not yet received minutes from the March meeting with SIC Ferry staff representatives.

3.2 ROADS

Members reviewed the plans for the new Cullivoe to Gutcher road. The Chair had consulted with Ian Leask, SIC. YCC feel that the plans are acceptable and are pleased to hear that the land purchase process is progressing.

Members note tar patching work taking place around Yell.

3.3 PICNIC BENCHES

Work is expected to be undertaken by the Community Payback Team early in May if not before.

3.4 ULSTA POST BOX

The new post box at Ulsta appears to be operational but does not have an information plaque attached. A Jamieson will inquire as to its operational status.

3.5 ASCC AGENDA ITEMS

Members have no items to add to the ASCC meeting agenda at this time.

3.6 MSP FLY TIPPING CONSULTATION

After reviewing the consultation members were supportive of a large part of the content. Members discussed the difficulties ensuring that the correct individuals are targeted when assigning fault. It is felt that it would be unfair to place the onus on the landowners, the consultation suggests that manufacturers may be held responsible.

PC Jamieson informed members that fly tipping is not frequently reported to the police on Yell. In instances of abandoned vehicles, a common problem for Yell, the process of removing the vehicles is established by SIC and the Shetland Amenity Trust.

3.7 CEMETERIES

Historical monuments in the Mid Yell and Cullivoe cemeteries have been scheduled for netting to ensure their safety until repairs can be undertaken.

3.8 SKIP DAY FEEDBACK

The Community Skip Day on March 26th took in £120 with both the Cullivoe and Burravoe skips at around 80% capacity. Comments on the YCC Facebook page reflect that the members of the public are unwilling to pay for a skip service and feel it should be provided by the council.

YCC have run a two year trial skip programme supported by an SIC grant. Income from the skips for the 2021/2022 financial year was £320. YCC members feel that the skip programme was unsustainable in Yell and therefore are unlikely to run community skips again for 2022/23. The SIC offer a Bulky Uplift service to collect larger domestic items for a small fee with discounts available for those in receipt of certain benefits. The standard charge for 6 items is £38. <https://www.shetland.gov.uk/recycling-rubbish/book-bulky-uplift>

4/22/4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 ZETRANS RTS DRAFT CASE FOR CHANGE CONSULTATION

Members discussed the environmental positives and negatives for a fixed link replacement to ferry provision and whether the potential for increased cars travelling to and from the isles would be offset by the reduction in emissions caused by not running ferries.

Members feel strongly that in the Draft Case for Change the wording should reflect that the ferries serve all of Shetland, not just the islands. The data received from SIC Ferry Operations regarding vehicles left behind shows that the busiest runs are those leaving Toft.

YCC strongly supports each of Zetrans' objectives and will feed comments into the consultation. Members are encouraged to feed into the consultation as individuals.

4.2 ISLAND BOND WORKSHOP FEEDBACK

R Jamieson and A Jamieson attended the workshop on behalf of YCC and provided feedback to members. The scheme is centred around promoting and encouraging people to move to islands and to support island populations. Suggestions were made about investing in infrastructure and services for islands to make them more desirable places to live. The lack of childcare was identified as an issue for Yell as well as the need for different employment routes such as apprenticeships to ensure trades are maintained in the islands and employment is available in more sectors.

4.3 CONSULTATION ON ULSTA POST OFFICE CLOSURE

YCC note the consultation.

4.4 CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION

L Odie attended the climate change workshop on behalf of YCC.

4.5 SSEN DRAFT ANNUAL ENGAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION 2022/23

YCCnote the consultation.

4.6 YCC MEETINGS

Members discussed the possibility of changing the time and day of YCC meetings, but it was felt that it would be prudent for the new Community Council to make that decision in November.

Members also discussed the possible return to in person meetings, again a decision will be made by the new Community Council.

4/22/5 FINANCE/GRANTS

5.1 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND- AGS

Shetland Family History Society- A Jamieson and J Nicholson approved £250 to part fund the application for funds towards the creation of a website and database of memorials in Shetland.

Shetland Junior Netball Development Group- J Lyth and R Jamieson approved £200 to fund travel expenses associated with the Shetland Junior Netball Team.

5.2 CORE FUNDING, CDF AND SPECIAL PROJECT

YCC have applied for the core funding and a CDF grant to provide grants to local groups. Members were encouraged to think of possible projects to apply for a special project grant following the May meeting.

5.3 ROAD GRANTS

YCC will advertise for road grant applications and issue reminders to outstanding grants.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.10 HRS

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

Monday 16th May 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
Clerk	OB 3.1	Submit an issues log regarding community hires and emergency time table	
	OB 3.6	Submit responses to the consultation	/
	NB 4.1	Submit views to the consultation	/
A Jamieson	OB 3.4	Inquire about status of Post box	