

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

**Monday 20th June 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing**

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

Apologies: Mr J Saunders, Mr R Jamieson, Ms K Hannay, Mr J Nicholson, Mr S Henderson, Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative), Cllr R Thomson (Elected Representative),

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Mr M Duncan (Community Council Liaison Officer, SIC)

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **6/22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Ms J Lyth declared an interest in the Mid Yell School CDF Application as the clerk of the Parent Council.

### **6/22/2 MINUTES**

16th May 2022- The minutes for the May meeting were approved by Mrs J Lyth and Mrs A Jamieson.

### **6/22/3 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 TRANSPORT FERRIES**

**Feedback from transport meeting with Moraig Lyall, Chair Environment and Transport Committee-** L Odie and A Jamieson reported that the meeting had been positive and felt that Ms Lyall, SIC Elected Representative, understood the situation and difficulties facing ferry transport in the isles. The meeting covered topics including; fixed links, ferries, environmental concerns, net zero initiatives, the Burravoe footpath, the Cullivoe road and external links to Shetland. Ms Lyall assured L Odie and A Jamieson that we could contact her regarding issues which were unresolved

**Suggested meeting with Ferry Services, Sellaness-** YCC members have been invited to attend a meeting with Andrew Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure, SIC) and Ferry Services staff to discuss the issues which are a concern to Yell Community Council members. Laurence was to liaise with Andrew for a suitable date.

**Disruption to ferry services-** Members note the increased difficulties facing the travelling public on the ferries currently due to staffing issues as a result of crew illness. Members will present examples of these issues at the meeting with ferry services.

**Bookings during single vessels-** Members note a correspondence informing the public that bookings can be made for ferry travel when attending a medical appointment through the booking office. This information has been shared on the YCC Facebook page. Members would like to see bookings available for all travellers during times of disruption.

#### **3.2 FIXED LINKS**

**Tunnel Vision Event August 17th-** L Odie encouraged members to encourage the public to attend the event in August as well as to fill in the questionnaire sent to all households in Yell. Members feel it is a good opportunity to get a feeling for the public opinion surrounding the issues of fixed links.

### 3.3 PICNIC BENCHES

The benches in South Yell have been painted and are now back out in situ. The benches in North Yell are awaiting minor repairs before being replaced.

### 3.4 ASCC

**Feedback from the ASCC meeting 14th June-** Members note the email from M Duncan, SIC, regarding the topic discussed at the meeting. One of the issues discussed was around communication between Shetland Community Benefit Fund Chair, Chris Bunyan, and North Isles Community Councils. C Bunyan has expressed interest in attending a future YCC meeting. Details of an online consultation event to be held on the 29th June have been shared with members who are encouraged to attend.

### 3.5 KSB BEACH AWARDS

YCC have been made aware that the preferred spelling of Westsandwick beach is as one word. This will be changed should a future application be made to the KSB beach awards.

### 3.6 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

M Duncan informed members of the set up of a small group of Community Council members from across Shetland and himself to develop ideas to publicise the upcoming Community Council elections. The ASCC has applied to the SIC Community Development Fund for funding to cover the costs associated with this.

YCC members were encouraged to be as proactive as possible regarding promoting the community council within Yell.

### 3.7 ROLE OF A DIRECTOR, SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Members received clarification that a director OF the SCBF who is also a Community Council would only have to declare an interest in an application if they were directly involved with the organisation making the application.

## **6/22/4 NEW BUSINESS**

### 4.1 YELL CARBON NEUTRAL SESSIONS 22nd AND 23rd JUNE

The scheduled sessions have been cancelled and will be rearranged for a future date. Members were reminded that it is important to be involved in the discussions on this issue and were encouraged to attend and promote the sessions once details are released.

### 4.2 CURIOUS PILGRIMS PROJECT PROPOSAL

Members note the information received regarding the project.

## **6/22/5 FINANCE/ GRANTS**

### 5.1 ROAD GRANTS

Westerleigh Burravoe, ZE2 9AY- A Jamieson and J Lyth proposed a grant of £423 towards the resurfacing of the road.

There are two unclaimed road grants from previous years that have now expired, the funds allocated to these grants will be redistributed. Individuals who previously applied can reapply in future.

#### **5.2 COMMUNITY FERRY HIRE**

A Jamieson and L Odie supported a community ferry hire application for August. The details of the application will be forwarded to Ferry Services for approval.

#### **5.3 CDF APPLICATION**

Due to a member declaring an interest in this application the meeting was not quorate, therefore unable to discuss the application. The application will be discussed next month.

Members were informed by M Duncan, SIC, that the CDF grants should be made to local community groups, not schools.

#### **5.4 SCBF AGS APPLICATION**

Members felt unable to make a decision on this application and a decision will be held over to the July meeting.

#### **6/22/6 COMMUNITY WORK**

F Browne updated members on the Lottery Fund events held last month. The event was attended by a number of Yell groups who received advice on funding applications.

F Browne encouraged L Odie to feed back to the Carbon Neutral events team his view that meetings on the issue should be held with the communities before officials of the SIC.

'Thrive' have reached out through the schools to parents regarding the issues with childcare in the North Isles and a meeting will take place before the end of the school term.

#### **6/22/7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **7.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT- TINGWALL AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE**

L Odie and A Jamieson were in favour of providing a letter of support for the Tingwall Agricultural Museum and Heritage Centre for their application for Heritage Lottery Funds for the housing of agricultural artefacts.

##### **7.2 EROSION MID YELL PIER**

There has been some erosion to the pier wall in Mid Yell, photographic evidence will be provided to Ports and Harbours to make them aware of the issue.

##### **7.3 BOTTLE BANKS**

Members are aware that the bottle banks are not emptied frequently enough in Yell, causing people to leave bottles alongside the bins. M Duncan reported that this is an issue in other areas of Shetland as well.

##### **7.4 LARGE BIN- GUTCHER**

Members note a new, larger litter bin in place at the Gutcher Ferry Terminal. It is hoped that this could reduce the amount of overflow experienced last year during the summer with high visitor numbers.

**7.5 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS**

L Odie was very disappointed by the lack of member attendance at the meeting. Members have previously been asked if a change to the date or time of the meeting would be beneficial and the consensus was to remain at the current day and time. L Odie will contact members to get clarification on the reasons for lack of attendance at meetings.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.50 HRS**

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

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>L Odie</b>	<b>OB 3.1</b>	<b>Arrange a meeting time and date with Ferry Services</b>	
	<b>AOB 7.5</b>	<b>Contact YCC members</b>	
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>F/G 5.1</b>	<b>Inform applicants of decisions</b>	
	<b>F/G 5.2</b>	<b>Send details to Ferry Services</b>	
	<b>AOB 7.1</b>	<b>Send letter of support</b>	
	<b>AOB 7.2</b>	<b>Contact Ports and Harbours</b>	