

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

**Monday 18th July 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing**

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

Apologies: Mr J Saunders, Mr J Nicholson, Mr S Henderson, Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Mr M Duncan (Community Council Liaison Officer, SIC)

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Ms Fiona Taylor (Shetland Community Connections Team)

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **7/22/1 VISITORS- SHETLAND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TEAM**

Ms Karen Hannay and Ms Fiona Taylor from the Shetland Community Connections Team informed members about the varied remit of their work in Yell. A key area of interest for the team is in making connections between isolated and vulnerable people and the community. They achieve this by offering practical assistance and access to services to many people, from all demographics. Typically a team member will work with an individual or family for around 6- 12 weeks, if further assistance is required after that the provisions and access to services are facilitated.

Stepping Out is a vital part of the work the Shetland Community Connections Team do as it provides a place for people to meet and socialise with access to food and activities. Members were informed that attendance at Stepping Out has been gradually increasing since the easing of Covid restrictions. They are hopeful that this trend will continue, members suggested advertising Stepping Out more within Yell, potentially at the Yell Show.

The Shetland Community Connections Team informed members of plans to utilise more volunteers in a mutually beneficial way, potentially as drivers to take people to appointments amongst other things. The team also plans to initiate regular Health Walks of around 30 minutes to coincide with Stepping Out.

Members expressed an interest in the work undertaken by the team and recognised its importance, especially following lockdown and the social isolation that it caused for many. Members will help to spread the word about the team and could offer some referrals.

F Taylor left the meeting 19.50

### **7/22/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Beaw Field Wind Farm Planning Application, as a tenant crofter in the area. Mr L Odie also declared an interest in the Burravoe Hall AGS application as a member of the hall committee.

Ms J Lyth declared an interest in the Mid Yell School CDF Application as the clerk of the Parent Council and the Burravoe Hall AGS application as a member of the hall committee.

### **7/22/3 MINUTES**

20th June 2022- The minutes for the June meeting were approved by Mrs J Lyth and Mr L Odie.

## **7/22/4 POLICE REPORT**

Members note the Police Report received on 25th June.

## **7/22/5 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

### **5.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES**

**Community Ferry Hire-** L Odie was pleased to report that after input from YCC a community hire application that was previously rejected by Ferry Services has since been approved and allocated.

**Emergency timetable, Yell Sound-** L Odie had complained to Ferry Services regarding the implementation of an emergency timetable on Yell Sound for two days in June which did not factor in ferry connections to ongoing bus services making travel difficult for users, particularly those commuting.

**Lack of response from Ferry Services-** Members are disappointed to have still not received minutes from a meeting between community councils and ferry services representatives that took place in March 2022. Members have also had no response from ferry services in relation to the Ferry Issues Logs submitted by YCC.

Last month a meeting was proposed by Andrew Inkster, SIC Ferry Services, but no date has been proposed by A Inkster for this meeting. Members are keen that a productive meeting between Yell Community Council, Andrew Inkster (SIC) and Michael Craigie (SIC) take place as soon as possible as there are a number of extremely important and pressing issues to discuss.

**Withdrawal of Multi Use tickets-** Members note the withdrawal of the use of Multi Use tickets to pay invoices. The Multi Use tickets can still be used as payment on the vessels. Members would have liked to be consulted on this decision before implementation.

**Ferry usage figures-** Members would like to request the more recent ferry usage figures.

### **5.2 BURRAVOE FOOTPATH**

L Odie has been consulted regarding the width and proposed usage of the footpath requested to the Burravoe School. L Odie felt that as the road is suitable for cyclists that the path should be for pedestrians only. This could allow for the path to be narrower, more cost effective and longer than if it were a combined foot and cycle path.

### **5.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

YCC have been collating a list of the Community Council achievements for inclusion in a leaflet, the intent of which is to attract prospective candidates.

Yell Community Council will include such achievements as: influencing practical modifications to ferry timetables, distribution of Covid recovery grants, beach awards, new picnic benches, allocations of funds to community groups, consultation on the repairs to the Mid Yell Pier, input into the planning of the new Cullivoe Road, the ability to propose a director on the Shetland Community Benefit Fund, the opportunity for the Chair to speak at a Scottish Government Parliamentary Inquiry regarding ferry provision, the moving of the War Memorials and the grass cutting service at the Westsandwick Graveyard.

Members suggested that YCC be represented at the Yell Show to pass out the leaflets and encourage new prospective members through word of mouth.

## **7/22/6 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO FERRY PROVISION**

Members are encouraged to submit responses to the inquiry as individuals and to encourage the public to do so as well. L Odie will email a template from Yell Community Council for the inquiry to all members, if members have suggestions for input they are encouraged to complete and respond to the clerk by the end of the week. This is an extremely important opportunity to bring concerns to the Scottish Government

L Odie had the opportunity to speak at the inquiry where he expressed the need for a solution to local ferry provision which could include fixed links.

## **7/22/7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ MARINE PLANNING**

L Odie left the meeting while the item was discussed.

**The Beaw Field Wind Farm Variation Application-** Members had no objection to the application. The Variation Application was to allow work to commence 2 years later than originally proposed and to increase the life of the project from 25 years to 40 years.

## **7/22/8 FINANCE/GRANTS**

### **8.1 CDF APPLICATION- MID YELL SCHOOL**

J Lyth left the meeting while the item was discussed.

Members were informed last month that CDF grants can not be made to schools. R Jamieson and K Hannay proposed providing a grant of £470 to the Mid Yell School from the Yell Community Council core funding. The grant is to enable school trips to help the pupil's wellbeing in response to covid and lockdowns. Members proposed supporting the applications due to the exceptional circumstances experienced by pupils in recent years.

### **8.2 AGS APPLICATIONS**

L Odie and J Lyth left the meeting during discussion of the Burravoe Hall application.

**Shetland Amenity Trust-** R Jamieson and K Hannay proposed £500 of grant assistance to develop the tree planting nursery at Staney Hill.

**Burravoe Hall-** R Jamieson and K Hannay proposed £5000 of grant assistance towards costs associated with repairs to the retaining wall.

**Shetland Recreational Trust-** R Jamieson and K Hannay proposed £300 of grant assistance towards a pilot programme to encourage health habits in the leisure centres.

## **7/22/9**

### **ANY**

### **OTHER**

### **BUSINESS**

### **9.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITIZENS ADVICE**

Members will provide a letter of support for Citizen's Advice for their application to the Coastal Communities Fund to enable an outreach programme providing help and assistance to people in Shetland.

### **9.2 LETTER OF INTEREST FOR SHETLAND TABLE TENNIS REGENERATION PROJECT**

YCC will provide a letter of interest to support the Shetland Table Tennis Regeneration Projects application for funding.

### **9.3 REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS AT POLLING STATIONS**

Members are encouraged to suggest polling staff to cover the polling station for the North Isles by-election 4th August, or consider applying themselves. Anne Cogle, Team Leader-Administration [anne.cogle@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:anne.cogle@shetland.gov.uk)

#### 9.4 SSEN NEWSLETTER

Members note the information received from SSEN in their newsletter regarding coastal protection and flooding guidance, net zero progress and funding for decarbonising buildings.

#### 9.5 BOTTLE BANKS

Members complained that the bottle banks in Yell have been full and overflowing for weeks and requested that SIC empty them as soon as possible.

#### 9.6 DOG WASTE SIGNAGE- MID YELL

Members would like an update on when the signage and bin will be in place.

#### 9.7 TUNNEL VISION EVENT

Members are reminded to attend the Tunnel Vision event at the Cullivoe Hall 17th August at 18.15.

#### 9.8 YCC MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

L Odie to contact members regarding barriers to their attendance at meetings.

#### **THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.25 HRS**

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

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

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
L Odie	OB 5.1	Arrange meeting with Ferry Services	
	AOB 9.9	Contact members	
Clerk	OB 5.1	Request usage figures	
	FG 8.1	Inform applicant	
	FG 8.2	Inform SCBF of decisions	
	AOB 9.1	Send letter	
	AOB 9.2	Send letter	
	AOB 9.6	Report bottle banks to SIC	
	AOB 9.7	Request update	