

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

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, 5pm Mid Yell School**

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mr R Jamieson, Ms Helen Hart, Mrs Susan Williamson, Mr Adrian Brockless.

Apologies: Ms J Lyth, Michael Duncan (Community Council Liaison Officer), Cllr Ryan Thomson (Elected representative), Mr A Mayhew (Scottish Ambulance Service),

In Attendance: Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Ms Dana Jamieson (North Isles Police)

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **01/23/1 COOPTION OF MEMBERS**

Three candidates had shown interest in becoming co-opted members of Yell Community Council and were present at the meeting.

Helen Hart - proposed by Robert Jamieson and seconded by Annette Jamieson, Helen Hart agreed to become a co-opted member of Yell Community Council.

Adrian Brockless - proposed by Laurence Odie and seconded by Robert Jamieson, Adrian Brockless agreed to become a co-opted member of Yell Community Council.

Susan Williamson proposed by Annette Jamieson and seconded by Robert Jamieson, Susan Williamson agreed to become a co-opted member of Yell Community Council.

Co-option forms were completed and Clerk to return them to returning officer.

### **01/23/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs A Jamieson declared interest as a trustee of Yell for Cancer Support, on planning application for Catering trailer at Gutcher.

Mr L Odie declared interest in Yell Show funding application.

### **01/23/3 MINUTES**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – The minutes of the December meeting were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr R Jamieson.

### **01/23/4 POLICE REPORT**

Reports are now received bi-monthly. Drink & drive campaign had not taken place due to the bad weather in mid-December. Road policing team were up at present through the windfarm. A team are coming up to police the Lerwick Up Helly Aa.

5.20pm F Browne joined meeting

### **01/23/5 COMMUNITY WORK**

F Browne has been working with Unst and Fetlar community councils regarding an emergency timetable for Bluemull sound as there had been 8 weeks during last year that it had been a single vessel and asked if representatives of YCC wished to attend a future meeting.

### **01/23/6 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **9.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES**

##### **Emergency Timetable**

Emergency timetables on Bluemull Sound and Yell Sound were discussed, it was thought to leave Bluemull sound to Unst & Fetlar Community Council but support them in any decisions. Yell Sound emergency timetable needs to be 25 minute turnaround running through break periods, especially when two crews are available.

##### **Festive Timetable**

YCC were concerned to note that a single vessel timetable was in operation on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December, despite not having been intimated during consultation on the Festive timetable . Ferry Ops had found it necessary to run a shuttle service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December to clear traffic indicating that demand was high at this time.

### **Docking Schedule**

Following publication of docking schedule, there are two ferries docked together in March and as there is only one relief ferry for use, so one sound will have to run a single vessel. (Post meeting a timetable has been published for this period and YCC will take up the matter with Sellaness).

### **Ferries**

A meeting is to requested with Sellaness to discuss Festive timetable, 25 minute turnaround timetable with bookings, request minutes of meeting in September 22, Reinstate next ferry departs notification on display board, discounted crossings. Liaise with Councillors and Unst and Fetlar Community councils regarding points raised.

## 9.2 ROADS

### **West Sandwick Beach Road/Graveyard Road**

Clerk reported road flooded to Yvonne Scott (Burial Services Officer), reply received that they appreciated the photo of the flooded road and will attend and make improvements, which have not yet been carried out.

An additional complaint has been received about the poor state of the road with pot holes and that the road is used on a daily basis. It is understood that there is a review of graveyard roads taken place with results to be available soon.

Clerk to contact Yvonne Scott and organise a site meeting to discuss the state of road.

### **Cullivoe Road**

No further update, Clerk to request an update.

### **Burravoe Footpath**

An update has been requested and due by Wednesday.

### **Road at Andersville corner**

Surface water on road corner at Andersville has been noted and to be reported to Roads department.

## 9.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

There is a meeting tomorrow night which members will attend.

They are to be conducting a household survey soon.

6.20pm D Jamieson left meeting

## 9.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

Yell TAG met with Unst TAG recently, SIC were to conduct a desktop survey which is not taking place now. TAG groups are looking for pledges from businesses to carry this out, which some have already pledged. A mission statement has been drawn up for both groups and a survey will be out soon to all residents for their pledges of support.

## 9.5 BRECKON BEACH

Following the site meeting in November, reinstatement of walkway funding options were discussed. F Browne to help with sourcing funding along with members and Liam Drosso, SIC Outdoor Access Officer.

## 9.6 ABANDONED VEHICLE

Vehicle at Ulsta has been reported and to be looked into with Environmental Health. Another vehicle was abandoned in Ulsta, details to be got and clerk to pass on to EH.

## 9.7 YCC LAPTOP

Options for laptop were discussed, F Browne to investigate options.

6.45

#### **MEETING WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE DIRECTORATE**

Brian Chittick (Director of Community Health and Social Care)

Ruth MacMillan (Executive Manager Adult Social Work)

Jaine Best (Executive Manager Community Care Resources)

Duncan Johnson (Team Leader – Nordalea and Isleshavn Care Services)

Jayne Stopher-Walker (Clinical Team Leader)

Donna Johnson (District Nurse and also manages the Yell community nursing team)

Tony McDavitt (Director of Pharmacy)

Lyn Thornton (Community Nurse – Yell)

5 members of the public attended

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting to discuss YCC's concerns re Isleshavn, Primary Care and Care in the Community.

Primary Care - Community nurse and GP

NHS Shetland have been unsuccessful to recruit a GP for Yell and Fetlar despite different methods of advertising including 'Rediscover the Joy' initiative. GP provision continues to be provided by locums. It is a very busy practice. One options being pursued is the provision of funding to recruiting advanced nurse practitioner (ANP) to supplement the team. This recruitment too has proved unsuccessful. There was discussion around a holistic approach, patients could contact e.g. a physiotherapist or community pharmacy within going through the GP. In future the model may not be 24 hours on call by the GP, there may be other means of support during out of hours such as Ask my GP or NHS24. There had been conversation in non-doctor islands about future nursing provision and that had provided successful outcomes. This could be subject to future conversations

It was advised that community nursing is fully staffed and that some members of the groups have been upgraded and future career paths were being developed.

Social Care – Residential Isleshavn

The difficulties previously discussed in 2018 continued, available workforce was challenging. Permanent staffing at Isleshavn was around 50% and agency 50% There had been challenges with agency staff recruitment with varying results. Isleshavn was still reduced to a seven bedded unit and YCC were reassured that this provision continued to be adequate for Yell's needs. There were no local clients requiring a permanent bed at the current time or having to go anywhere else, and this hadn't been the case in the past either. So the feeling was that 7 beds were all that was required. Staff had been heroic during the pandemic and continued to work at high levels creating strain within the workforce. However recruitment continued to be a challenge and alternative models had been tried. There was a time lag in the recruitment process as the process was run jointly between the Health and Social care and HR within the council. If members had heard of delays in the process they were encouraged to contact Jaine Best with the details. They were going to advertise externally soon and were revisiting apprentice schemes which had proved successful in the past. Isleshavn continued to be operated with shared management between Nordalea and Isleshavn. Morale was low among staff and funding had been made available for wellbeing and counselling and coaching interventions. Budgets were very tight.

Day care had ceased at Isleshavn due to firstly the pandemic and then lack of demand. Stepping Out and Outreach support had replaced that.

Budgets were a real challenge and spending on Isleshavn was limited.

Care at Home

Care at Home was by far the preferred model for the future but this too was proving difficult to staff. A number of people had personal care packages in place which took from the pool of available carers. Some staff continued to work for both services. Currently there are 17 clients in Yell with 170 hours of care on care at home packages. Compared with 85 people in the whole of Shetland, this was a high percentage per head of the population. There was a limit to what could be provided and budgets were tight.

Tony McDavitt, Community Pharmacist had begun to look into the appropriate model of care in Yell. The option of replicating Brucehall in Yell was discussed. This type of project would obviously need funding but may provide a way forward and a different model which was proving successful in Unst. Further discussions were required on this and YCC were reassured that any proposals for changes in provision would legally require consultation with the community.

Members of the public were invited to speak and indicated that morale was low with staff, that recruitment appeared to have stalled for some individuals and that decoration and upkeep of Isleshavn appeared to be deteriorating. It was accepted that staff morale was low, on occasions staff were not being able to take their breaks and that there were genuine concerns being put forward. Health and Social care representatives said these concerns were noted.

Duncan Johnson (Team Leader – Nordalea and Isleshavn Care Services)  
Donna Johnson (District Nurse and also manages the Yell community nursing team)  
left meeting at 7.50

Mr L Odie thanked the delegation for attending the meeting.  
CH & SC Directorate left meeting at 8.20

#### 9.8 LIST OF BUSINESSES IN YELL

List of businesses drawn up in 2020 was discussed and to be upgraded, All members to look at changes before next meeting.

### **01/23/7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MARINE PLANNING**

#### 10.1 COOKE AQUACULTURE, MID YELL

YCC support proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Ms H Hart

#### 10.2 PROCESSING PLANT, MID YELL

YCC support proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Ms H Hart

#### 10.3 MOBILE CATERING VAN, GUTCHER

YCC support proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Ms H Hart

### **01/23/8 FINANCE/ GRANTS**

#### 11.1 GRANT ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr L Odie left the room while these applications were discussed due to conflict of interest, Mrs A Jamieson took over as chair.

Three applications have been received from local groups for grant assistance.

1 Mid Yell Public Hall – applied for a grant to purchase replacement tables and kitchen equipment including insulated bags estimated cost £1000.

Grant of £700 approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson

2. Yell Show – applied for grant to replace door canopy, track, brackets and runners on sheds at Yell Show field, estimated cost £6104.40.

Grant of £1800 approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson

3. Whalefirth Men's Shed – applied for grant for installation of a toilet in an existing room previously used as an office at their relocated location at Mid Yell hut, estimated cost £1370. Grant of £500 approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson subject to the provision that they could provide YCC with a lease for the building or an assurance of the length of time they would continue to occupy the premises as the complex was currently up for sale.

## 11.2 BALANCE SHEET

January balance sheet was discussed.

## 11.3 SCBF ADVANCED GRANT SCHEME ZOOM MEETING

An email inviting community councillors and clerks to attend update meeting on Advanced grant scheme on 15<sup>th</sup> February, Clerk to collate names and forward to SCBF.

## **01/23/9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

### 12.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Following the snow and associated power cuts in December, local halls opened for assistance but it would be useful to draw up contingency plans which included community resilience as CC were well placed to understand their communities.

It was suggested to contact ASCC to add this as an agenda item for meeting in March 23.

### 12.2 REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY(RTS) FOR SHETLAND

Clerk to forward email to all members and it shall be completed at next meeting.

### 12.3 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS 2023 APPLICATION

Applying for awards were discussed, due to no access at Breckon at present, it would only be West Sandwick. Mr L Odie and Mr R Jamieson proposed to apply for West Sandwick. Members to review before next meeting.

### 12.4 BURIALS/FUNERALS

Timescales awaiting burials were discussed and YCC to ask SIC why there is a backlog.

### 12.5 BOTTLE BANKS

Mrs A Jamieson and Mr R Jamieson expressed concern about the bottle banks at Mid Yell and Cullivoe overflowing and people leaving boxes of glass bottles at side of banks.

### 12.6 COMMUNITY HIRE FERRIES

Folk Festival Committee have requested a community hire ferry in April for Folk Festival concert in Cullivoe. SIC have indicates that our allocation this year is 4, however last year it was 8, Clerk to follow up with M Craigie, Transport Planning.

Allocation of community hire ferries were discussed also advertising for events usage.

Applications for 2024-25 can be noted but not offered.

Mr L Odie proposed and Mrs S Williamson seconded that the Shetland Folk Festival be granted a community run.

### 12.7 ASB STRATEGY

Billy Mycock would like meeting dates for attending a meeting regarding the new ASB strategy. It was decided to invite to next meeting. No sure we need this in

### 12.8 YELL AMBULANCE

An update from A Mayhew that they are looking to recruit more to the team and have two new members to train in the next couple of months, when hopefully we will have more people come forward. If we could put out the message through your community council meeting that they are looking for another couple of people that will be available during the day for cover.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.25 HRS**

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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7.00pm. Mid Yell School.**