

Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 20th November 2023, 6.15pm, Mid Yell School

Present: Mr L Odie(Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mrs S Williamson, Ms J Lyth, Ms H Hart.

Apologies: Mr Michael Duncan (Community Council Liaison Officer), Mr R Jamieson and Mr K Jenkins.

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson(Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

Visitors: John Clarkson(Home Energy Scotland), Brian Chittick(Shetland Partnership), Emma Perring(Shetland Partnership), Leanne Gear (Shetland Partnership).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

John Clarkson gave a brief description of available grants and loans available to improve insulation and fuel efficient heating solutions in homes from the Home Energy Scotland. It was felt that it would be useful for a number of homes in Yell (particularly those of over 65's) to be surveyed in order to understand the impact of fuel poverty on residents and identify possible improvements. Follow up with Yell Carbon Neutral Officer required. It is the case that those with the skills required to carry out remedial works are unavailable in Yell.

John Clarkson left the meeting at 7pm.

Brian Chittick, Leanne Gear and Emma Perring joined the meeting at 7pm.

Locality Profile meeting with management and leadership team of Shetland Partnership and staff from the Community Planning and Development Team of SIC.

The team shared the draft Locality Profile for the North Isles (Yell, Unst and Fetlar). Locality Profiles provide useful information about local communities, and they were keen to discuss the draft, including data, before publication at the end of November. An opportunity to discuss how these can be used in the future, to improve outcomes for your local

communities were discussed.

A specific Profile for Fetlar has been developed with their local community.

Brian Chittick, Leanne Gear and Emma Perring left the meeting at 8pm.

Cllr Robert Thomson joined the meeting at 8pm.

11/23/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were noted.

11/23/02 MINUTES

23rd October 2023 - The minutes of the October meeting were approved by Ms H Hart and Mrs S Williamson.

11/23/03 MATTERS ARISING

BRECKON BEACH

A site meeting was held at Breckon regarding the beach steps with Liam Drosso on Tuesday 31st October. It was discussed that there were no suitable alternative locations to access the beach and that the temporary access would be kept in place. Liam Drosso will monitor the sand ladder monthly or more frequently if required.

WHITE WIFE/BOHUS ANNIVERSARY

Shetland Amenity Trust hope to attend the December meeting to share the conservation assessment information and proposed plans and the provision of interpretive notice boards.

DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

More information is required regarding the dog fouling in Mid Yell, Clerk to follow up.

11/23/04 POLICE REPORT

The Shetland Policing report for August/September 2023 was noted with 11 incidents for Yell.

11/23/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

6.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

Meeting in Sellaness

L Odie & A Jamieson had a meeting with Ferry management staff in Sellaness on 9th

November and briefly reported back. Notes will follow from Sellaness.

6.2 ROADS

New B9082 Gutcher to Cullivoe Road

The latest project timetable has been received and a briefing report on the progress to date.

A location of the road map was requested, Clerk to email request.

A968 Road from Valleyview to North Ulsta junction

The A968 between the double grid and Valleyview is on the resurfacing programme for 2024/25. The section to the south of the grid will be resurfaced in 2025/26 but will be patched as required in the meantime.

Bus Shelters in Yell

The locations have been noted by the SIC Roads and will consider what can be done when their contractor is next working in the area of these shelters. A new bus shelter at Mid Yell Pier to be asked for the east travelling passengers.

6.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

Mrs A Jamieson & Mr L Odie attended the last meeting, which was the first with Barry Nisbet as the new Community Development Officer. A skip day has been organised for 25th November in Cullivoe and Mid Yell with a fee of £25 for usage. The Whale Firth Men's shed are looking into recycling/upcycling schemes.

6.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

The report has been published following the TAG group's trip to Faroe.

21.00 Ms J Lyth left the meeting.

Cllr Robert Thomson left the meeting for the planning application discussion.

11/23/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1 DEMOLITION OF MUCKLE HOUSE, LINKSHOUSE

A site meeting is being held on Wednesday 22nd November which Mrs A Jamieson & Mr L Odie will attend.

11/23/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 MEETING DATES 2024

Meeting dates for 2024 were discussed, meetings to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month except for February to be brought forward to 12th and April to be brought forward to the 8th.

10.2 ENERGY ISLES MEETING

It was felt that it was unfortunate that there hadn't been a community consultation meeting following the Scottish Government granting planning permission. It is important for YCC to begin discussion on the potential community benefit fund arising from this development.

10.3 WINDSOCK at MID YELL FOOTBALL PITCH

Ms H Hart had a request from the local coastguard team to erect a windsock at the Mid Yell football pitch to aid the coastguard helicopter airlifting patients. Clerk to contact the SIC.

10.4 YELL HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

It was noted that the latest newsletter has been published from the Yell Health Centre, the first one since 2019. Copies are available at the Health Centre. Dr Simon Burling has undertaken to work 4 weeks in the year and hopefully in the next few months more regular doctors will be appointed.

10.5 PROVISION OF 'BRUCEHALL' MODEL in YELL

Cllr Robert Thomson advised that he'd been considering the provision of a 'Brucehall' model in Yell. L Odie and A Jamieson advised that this had been on the agenda several years ago and based in the 'sheltered' houses at Linkshouse. The concept was that close proximity to the Care Centre would be advantageous for sharing staff. Cllr Thomson was of the view that North Yell would be a better option for the facility and that there may be little requirement for a Care Centre in Yell in future if a 'sheltered' complex was available. Cllr Thomson asked what YCC's view was on this proposal. L Odie and A Jamieson were strongly of the view that the retention of a facility for those who needed long term care and palliative care in Yell was essential. Both appreciated that 'care at home' was a good model for those who could cope at home. The original concept of Shetland Care Centres as envisaged by Peter Malcolmson and Mike Macdonnell, was based on clients being as close to home as possible

and was advantageous for both the client and their families and would be detrimental if this was no longer the case.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.15HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 11th December 2023, 6.30pm. Mid Yell School.