

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 11th December 2023, 6.30pm, Mid Yell School

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

Apologies: Mrs S Williamson, Mr K Jenkins, Ms H Hart, Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson(Clerk), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

Visitors: Mairi Keith (Graduate Project Officer - Childcare) Chloe Kerr (Quality Improvement Officer, Early learning and Childcare), Chris Gadsby (Shetland Amenity Trust Maintenance & Facilities manager)

Mrs A Jamieson opened the meeting.

Mairi Keith and Chloe Kerr gave a presentation on the proposal for the Shetland Islands Council Early Adopter Community Project. Shetland has received funding from the Scottish Government to become an 'Early Adopter Community', and to develop childcare provision in areas that need it the most. The North Isles has been identified as one of the targeted communities. The recruitment of a project manager is ongoing and they will work with local services to assess what childcare is required in the area. 6 areas to develop were discussed. A consultation will be shared on YCC facebook page and it is encouraged to take part and share for interested parties to complete.

L Odie & J Lyth joined the meeting at 6.40pm

Mairi Keith & Chloe Kerr left meeting at 7pm

12/23/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson and Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Energy Isles and Beaw Field Wind Farms CLG item, Mr L Odie has contacted Anne Cogle for guidance re his interest.

Mr Robert Thomson declared an interest in the planning application as a member of the SIC Planning Committee.

Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson declare an interest in the planning application as members of the Net Zero committee.

12/23/02 MINUTES

20th November 2023 - The minutes of the November meeting were approved by Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson.

12/23/03 MATTERS ARISING

WINDSOCK

Following the request for the erection of a wind sock at the Mid Yell School Pitch, Shetland Recreational Trust confirmed that they have no issue to the request, subject to all costs being met by others. Due to the mixed land ownership within this area, a plan is requested indicating the location of the wind sock, this would clarify if the proposal is on SRT or Council land. Clerk to contact local coast guard team to clarify.

BRECKON BEACH

Following the meeting at Breckon in October, Liam Drosso has been in touch with an update from NatureScot geomorphologist. Plan is to monitor and leave 'as is'.

LIVING WELL HUB

Mrs A Jamieson & Mrs S Williamson attended a meeting regarding the setting up of a Living well hub for the North Isles. Mrs S Williamson would like to be involved in this project which is outwith the remit of YCC.

12/23/04 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

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Meeting in Sellaness

Notes from the meeting have been received from Sellaness and circulated to all members. Mrs A Jamieson to draft up proposed wording on passengers who have urgent appointments during periods of breakdowns whilst bookings are suspended and send to Sellaness which could then be shared on our FB page when ferries are disrupted.

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Docking Schedule

The docking schedule has been published with the details of the planned maintenance;

Yell Sound - Daggri 4th March to 31st March and Dagalien 2nd May to 31st May.

Bluemull Sound - Bigga 12th August to 7th September and Geira 25th November to 19th December.

Recruitment

SIC has recently announced the welcome news of a number of trainee deckhand job vacancies, there are opportunities across different locations. which is encouraging news.

Appreciation

Updates on voicebank on Saturday 9th December due to the ferry unable to lie at Toft due to weather were well communicated. Also to the de-icing done during the recent icy spell of weather by the crews on duty.

Chris Gadsby, SAT joined the meeting at 7.45pm via Teams to discuss the restoration of the White Wife & interpretive signage for the White Wife and the Catalina signage and waymarkers.

White Wife

The original White Wife figurehead is still in storage at Shetland Amenity Trust in Lerwick, the SAT trustees have agreed to fund a special conservator to come to Shetland to inspect the white wife and see if she is salvageable and report back following the inspection. C Gadsby apologised on behalf of the Shetland Amenity Trust regarding the fact that this had been overlooked for several years.

Interpretive Boards

Shetland Amenity Trust commit to update Information boards at the replica White Wife at Queyon before the centenary anniversary of the Bohus in April 2024, also to update the information board at the end of the Arisdale road leading to the Catalina walk. Photos of

interpretive boards at White Wife & Catalina to be sent to Chris Gadsby. Modern replacement boards made by Art machine with pictures and art work will be sent to YCC for review. SAT are not able to repair or replace damaged interpretive boards as it was a one off project by SAT and they no longer have a budget for this.

Catalina Way Markers

Way markers are mostly in place but just need painted up, heritage funding is available to community groups to replace. Mrs A Jamieson to investigate this.

Chris Gadsby left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Funding for parking spaces at Arisdale and Queyon were discussed, Robert Thomson to discuss with the Development department regarding Promote Shetland involvement in interpretive signage.

7.2 ROADS

West Sandwick Beach road

An email has been received regarding who is responsible for the West Sandwick Beach road upkeep. The individual has stopped going to the beach so often because her old car can't cope with the condition of it. Clerk has replied that a site meeting was held in February and SIC is only responsible for the section of road from the beach junction to the graveyard.

New B9082 Gutcher to Cullivoe Road

Maps have been received and noted of the new road.

New Bus Shelters in Mid Yell

A plan has been received from SIC Roads marking the possible location of a new bus shelter for the east route. The meeting discussed the proposed location at Whitefield and it was agreed to ask for the bus shelter to be located at the head of the pier beside the disused phone box. The Mid Yell Development Group have also been asked for their comments on the location.

7.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

The new Community Development Officer Barry Nisbet will attend the next meeting to follow up discussions held last meeting with John Clarkson regarding improving insulation and fuel efficient heating solutions in homes.

7.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

A recent online auction raised almost £10,000, tunnels have been debated in the Scottish Government, Robert Thomson reported that an oversight board has been set up by the SIC including representatives from Unst, Yell and Whalsay TAG Groups, Bressay, Fetlar and Papa Stour Community Councils.

7.5 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

The squad has been up and surveyed all the areas reported and noted the dog fouling they found. They will reassess in the new year and put up signs.

7.6 ENERGY ISLES & BEAW FIELD WIND FARMS COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

A zoom meeting will take place tomorrow night to discuss updates. Annette Jamieson, Laurence Odie (will advise his conflict of interest), Fiona Stirling and Graham Hughson plan to attend. Feedback next month.

7.7 ASCC MEETING

Mrs A Jamieson attended the meeting remotely.

Phase 1 of the Community Council review was discussed at length. The view of the ASCC was to leave community council areas as they are at present.

Resilience once copper lines are removed - Landline service, back up power options. SIC are having discussions on this

Shetland Way - further discussion with future items at ASCC regarding Tourism.

Lerwick Lane master plan - Survey available to complete, individuals are encouraged to complete.

Bookings on Northlink post April - It was agreed to lobby the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to enable this..

7.8 COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVIEW

YCC members discussed the options available and it was agreed to keep option 1 (leave CC areas as is). Members encouraged to complete the consultation. Comments to be sent to SIC by 12th January.

7.9 HEALTH CARE IN YELL

GP Recruitment

An update has been received from Lisa Watt (Primary Care Manager Shetland Community Health & Social Care Partnership) to formally confirm that Dr Hannah Burden will be taking up post for 14 weeks per year from February 2024. This is great news and YCC is happy to be part of her induction.

Yell Ambulance

Mrs A Jamieson has been in contact with a local driver of the ambulance and there has recently been a new member joining the team and the system is working pretty good.

12/23/05 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CYCJ's ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

An email received through Michael Duncan from the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) regarding their annual stakeholder survey has been received and noted.

8.2 DEFIBRILLATORS IN AREA REQUEST

An email has been received through Michael Duncan from the Sandness & Walls CC regarding defibrillators in the area. The YCC does not own or have responsibility for defibrillators in the area, and does not provide assistance with new pads/ batteries and hasn't used any other funding sources. Clerk to reply.

8.3 SPEEDING CONCERNS AT GREENBANK TERRACE

An email has been received regarding concerns of motorists speeding at Greenbank Terrace, the email has been forwarded to the local police to investigate.

12/23/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Robert Thomson left the meeting for planning application discussion

9.1 2023/282/PPF Proposed creation of 4no.Polycrub growing spaces, Cullivoe

YCC support proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Ms J Lyth.

12/23/07 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 Da Voar Redd up 2023- Environmental Grant

Clerk has received from Shetland Amenity Trust a list of the participants in the Voar Redd up 2023 who had completed surveys. 9 groups have completed and requested YCC funding. It was proposed by Mr L Odie and seconded by Mrs A Jamieson that each group be awarded £50. Clerk to issue payments to groups.

10.2 Millby Road

Mr R Sandford requested an extension of his road grant to complete works. An extension was granted and works to be vouched by 29th February 2024.

10.3 SCBF applications

It was agreed that SCBF applications will be considered every 3 months, tonight's meeting then at the March meeting. Clerk to contact SCBF to advise this.

10.4 SCBF

Shetland Swimming Association- 180487

Mr R Jamieson and Ms J Lyth proposed £ 86.61 be awarded grant assistance to replace the aged electronic timing systems including contact pads used by SSA and swimming clubs in Shetland.

10.5 Clerks pay

Clerk Johnina Henderson left the room while this was discussed.

It was agreed to increase the clerk's wage in line with the SIC grade H2 backdated to 1st April 2023.

10.6 Expenses

Clerk to contact all community councillors regarding expenses claims incurred in 2023.

12/23/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 MUCKLE HOUSE, LINKSHOUSE

Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson attended a site visit re the Scottish Government appeal on Muckle House, Linkshouse where the reporter was present. Scottish Government ministers will make a final decision on the appeal.

11.2 BRUCEHALL MODEL

Following discussion at the last meeting, the Brucehall model was discussed again with Robert Thomson regarding work being done on how it can be expanded, shifting the balance of care. It was noted that a care centre is still required for long terms and palliative care.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.30HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 15th January 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School.

Name	Item No	Action	Completed
Clerk	Windsock	Contact local coastguard	x
AJ	7.1	Urgent appointment wording	
Clerk, LO & AJ	Photos of white wife & catalina	Info boards photos to C Gadsby	x
AJ	Heritage funding	Investigate	
Clerk	7.2	Respond to roads regarding location of new bus shelter	x
Clerk	7.5	Reply regarding signs	x
AJ & LO	7.6	Attend CLG meeting	
LO, AJ & Clerk	7.8	Complete review	
Clerk	8.2	Reply to email	x
	9.1	Reply	x
	10.1	Pay voar redd up payments	x
	10.2	Reply to email	x
	10.3	reply SCBF	x
	10.4	reply	x

AJ	10.5	Clerks wage increase	
Clerk	10.6	Expenses	