

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 22nd January 2024, 7pm, Mid Yell School

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

Apologies: Mr K Jenkins, Ms J Lyth, Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative), Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer) and PC Dana Jamieson (North Isles Police).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Duncan Anderson (Elected representative, Ms Teams).

Visitors: Barry Nisbet (Carbon Neutral Yell Development Officer, Ms Teams)

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the rescheduled meeting of YCC from 15th due to the wintery weather.

01/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson and Ms H Hart declared an interest in the Energy Isles CLG item.

Mrs A Jamieson declared an interest in the Heritage funding as a trustee of the Old Haa.

01/24/02 MINUTES

11th December 2023- Mr R Jamieson & Mrs A Jamieson approved the minutes of the December meeting.

01/24/03 MATTERS ARISING

WINDSOCK

Thank you from the local coastguard team for investigating this but it has been decided to use a handheld device just now.

DOG FOULING

The twelve signs regarding dog fouling in Mid Yell have been put up in the areas mentioned and the areas will be monitored, Billy Mycock would like to attend a Community Council meeting.

BRECKON BEACH BIN

The SIC cleansing team have replaced the litter bin in the Breckon Beach carpark with a larger wheelie litter bin, there will be adequate capacity and it will be easier for the essy kert to empty.

The bin has been moving around a little with the gale recently, so it was agreed to ask to get it tied down.

01/24/04 POLICE REPORT

The Shetland Policing Bi-monthly Report for October/November has been received and there have been five incidents recorded in Yell.

01/24/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

Appreciation

During the recent spell of coarse weather, the ferries have been doing well to keep going and updating the voicebank frequently especially when they have been leaving Ulsta later to avoid lying in Toft with the gales.

Discount Tickets

Passengers are unaware of the use by the date of the 31st of March on the discount tickets, Sellaness to be asked how well has this been communicated and what's happening from here, can you put the unused tickets back and get a refund? Buying tickets does not have any benefit if you are getting the discount on travel by paying with your bank card.

Appointment wording during disruption

Mrs A Jamieson has drafted up proposed wording on passengers who have urgent appointments during periods of breakdowns and no bookings to be sent to Sellaness which can then be shared with the Community Council.

7.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

The Community Development Officer Barry Nisbet joined the meeting on Ms Teams to follow up discussions held in November with John Clarkson regarding improving insulation and fuel-efficient heating solutions in homes and an update on the Carbon Neutral Island (Yell) Project. Resilience hubs in local halls are progressing, with generators on their way, the men's shed is building small sheds to house these. The polycrub projects throughout Yell, one has been through planning with another one through soon, 3 other sites are also moving forward. Funding has been secured for a scrap store at the Men's shed with two containers being

sourced, 1 for refurb and 1 for storage. Skip Days were successful in Cullivoe and Mid Yell, with another one to take place on Saturday in Sellafirth and Burravoe, another one will take place in March possibly in West Sandwick and East Yell. Peatland and Carbon data gathering is taking place with ultrasonic, and photos carried out drone footage with the Shetland Flyer. Also, marine conservation and data gathering are being investigated with volunteers. Following the meeting with John Clarkson from Home Energy Scotland what can be done as although some reports have been carried out, there is no one available to get the work done, a few options were discussed and Barry plans to move this forward. Funding has been awarded for CNI project to be continued into 24/25, Barry will be leaving the post on 31st March due to other commitments so therefore CNI are looking for a replacement development officer. Clerk to contact MSP regarding the fact that a Scottish government scheme (Warmer Homes Scotland) assessments and recommendations are unable to function or progress due to contractors being unavailable to carry out the recommended work which grant funding is available. Mr L Odie thanked Barry for attending the meeting.

Barry Nisbet left the meeting.

7.2 ROADS UPDATE

Burravoe Active Travel Infrastructure

Robina Barton has informed us that the plans are now ready for the Burravoe Footpath and Robina will attend our February meeting to discuss this further. Mr L Odie requested a copy of the plan prior to the meeting but it was declined.

Snow Clearance

The recent spell of wintery weather last week was discussed. Thanks to the crews for their commitment and efforts in extremely difficult circumstances, Craig Dickie was doing an excellent job with his fastrac with snow plough throughout Yell.

Reports of side roads not being cleared. Carer's, nurses, and meals on wheels deliveries have been reported to have had to walk through snow drifted roads to get to clients and care at home was stopped due to the weather and blocked roads. Contact the care debtor to understand what rules and guidance they gave in place when travel is difficult, also contact

roads to see routes that snow clearing carried out for this also how do you get clearance of roads to vulnerable folk who need it. Snow plough was running on the main road when it was clear and side roads were blocked and they were not cleared in two days.

Road markings/Potholes

Road Markings and potholes in Yell were discussed, YCC purpose that potholes be looked at throughout Yell before road markings.

7.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

No update to report.

7.5 ENERGY ISLES COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Odie attended the CLG zoom meeting on 12th December and gave an update to the meeting, the next CLG meeting will be held on 12th March.

7.6 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW

Comments were submitted from YCC on phase 1 of the review.

7.7 WHITE WIFE & CATALINA

Following last month's meeting with C Gadsby, C Christianson has been in touch to update that a conservator will be coming to Shetland next month to access the white wife figure and a report will follow. No update on the interpretive signs. Heritage funding is available to upgrade the signage to the Catalina if required, Mr D Walsh has agreed to update some of the marker posts. An inquiry about the Tapestry that was in the Hamnavoe Kirk was to be investigated. Also opening of kirk to view was discussed.

7.8 HEALTH CARE IN YELL

Following the meeting with Jo Robinson, a follow up meeting to be arranged.

7.9 BENCH PAINTING

The painting of the benches to be followed up as work needs to be completed by 31st March.

Mr L Odie to contact the Men's shed or Peter and Walter Johnson.

01/24/06 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 SSE BENCH DONATION

An email from Julie Graham, SSE has been received asking any Community councils if they would like to receive a donated bench constructed by the community service team. The offer was considered and accepted, and Community Councillors were asked for suggestions to where it could be placed to be discussed at the February meeting.

8.2 PSTN SWITCHOVER

An email was noted regarding the PSTN switchover from Maggie Sandison. Mrs A Jamieson said that A Carmichael has received understandings that PSTN will not be removed until there is provision for vulnerable individuals to have means of contact.

8.3 OU TRAINING

An email was noted regarding OU training.

8.4 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS 2024 APPLICATION

Application period is now open for the awards 2024, West Sandwick and Breckon beaches applications were discussed and options for sponsorship of the application was discussed. Clerk to investigate the sponsorship options.

8.5 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Clerk to contact all local development groups to update YCC on proposed developments in the area.

01/24/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 2023/298/PPF New Prefabricated Office unit, RS Henderson Warehouse, Cullivoe Pier
YCC support proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Mrs S Williamson.

9.2 2023/204/MIN Renewal of planning permission for Quarrying, Craig W Dickie Ltd, Gutcher Quarry. YCC support proposed by Ms H Hart and seconded by Mr R Jamieson.

01/24/08 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 PROMOTE SCBF GRANTS

Options on how to promote the SCBF available to Yell, Facebook post also email to local groups to promote grants for applications to March meeting.

10.2 CLERK'S PAY

Clerk's wages have been updated and back pay paid to Clerk from 1st April 2023.

10.3 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT

Environmental grants have been paid out to local groups by the Clerk.

10.4 EXPENSES

No Community Councillors wish to claim expenses for travel attending meetings.

01/24/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 COMMUNITY WORK UPDATE

An email update from F Browne, she is running Pop ins fortnightly in North Ness and Mid Yell Halls from 11 to 3, these events are free, Soup and Sandwiches will be available, different agencies will be in attendance at the Pop Ins. The locality profiles are published now, Kate Lonsdale at NYDC has developed an online calendar - initially for halls and other groups so that dates don't clash. Frances is happy to help with any consultations in the community with local issues.

11.2 LIVING WELL HUB

Mrs S Williamson gave an update and its Promoting Pop ins events to attend.

11.3 TIN KIRK, SELLAFIRTH

Mr R Jamieson raised his concern on the state of the Tin Kirk building in Sellafirth, Clerk to write to SIC regarding this.

11.4 FIBRE OPTIC WORKS - CAMB PROPERTIES

Mrs S Williamson raised a complaint that following recent works, outside a couple of properties in Camb, it had been left in a very poor state and that you needed rubber boots to access the properties, Clerk to raise the complaint.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.10HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 12th February 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School.

Name	Item No	Action	Completed
Clerk	Breckon Beach Bin	Contact SIC	

	Discount tickets/wording	Contact Sellaness	
	Snow Clearance	Contact roads	
	Road's potholes	Contact Roads	
	White wife/ catalina	Email for update	
LO/AJ	Meeting with Jo		
LO	Bench painting	contact	
Clerk	SSE bench	Reply for bench	
	8.4	Sponsorship options	
	9.1/9.2	Reply to planning	
	10.1	Promote SCBF	
	11.3	Contact SIC regarding tin kirk	
	11.4	Raise complaint	