

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 25th March 2024, 7pm, Mid Yell School

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

Apologies: Mrs S Williamson, Mr K Jenkins, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative)

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the rescheduled meeting, the meeting scheduled for 18th March was not quorate.

03/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Mr R Jamieson and Mrs J Lyth declared an interest in the Voar Redd up 2024.

Mr R Jamieson and Mr L Odie declared an interest in Cullivoe Up Helly Aa AGS application.

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Cullivoe Hall CDF extension.

03/24/02 MINUTES

12th February 2024 - Ms J Lyth & Mr L Odie approved the minutes of the February meeting.

03/24/03 MATTERS ARISING

TIN KIRK, SELLA FIRTH

Building Standards have visited the site and are collaborating with solicitors to ascertain ownership.

03/24/04 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

Discount Tickets

Sellaness have advised that pre-bought tickets will be valid after 31st March 2024.

Docking Timetable

A lengthy discussion was had on the docking timetable that has been in place for the last 3 weeks and will continue until 5th April. It is disappointing that extra runs have not been done

although there are two crews on the ferry. 25-minute turnaround trips would be possible to give extra runs. YCC to question Sellaness re the plans are for the drydock of the Dagalien from 2nd to 31st May as there will be increased traffic when the tourist season starts. The meeting agreed that having bookings was beneficial and time of next ferry departure needs to be displayed on the board.

Community Hire Application

Cllr Robert Thomson has asked Sellaness if it is possible to carry over the outstanding ferry for one of the May weddings but has not got an answer. Allocation of Community Ferries for 24/25 has not yet been confirmed.

Summer Ferry Timetable

The proposed summer timetable feedback was sent to SIC and more information on the last bus and ferry connections are being investigated and it would be dependent on the confirmation of adjustments to Bluemull sailings to ensure that onward connections remain possible.

7.2 ROADS UPDATE

Snow Clearance

Discussions have been had with Neil Hutcheson (Head of Roads) regarding the concerns about snow clearance and gritting in Yell. A review of concerns over the wintry weather are discussed at the end of the gritting season and where any improvements can be put in place for another season.

New Cullivoe Road

It is hoped that the New Cullivoe Road will be ready to start in September 2024.

A lot of peat will be removed and Mr L Odie to discuss at CNI meeting.

Linkshouse Traffic Regulation Order

A Traffic Regulation Order has been received from the SIC Roads for the Linkshouse Road, Mid Yell. The order would introduce a 3.5 tonne weight restriction on the Linkshouse road between the Mid Yell Pier and its junction with the Bugarth road due to Linkshouse building being deemed unsafe.

West Sandwick Graveyard Road

An email has been received regarding concerns about the poor state of the road to the new West Sandwick cemetery and beach. The road is a private road and is also being used by heavy vehicles to carry out improvement works to a property. For any improvements to be implemented, the landowner would require to be contacted and to agree to consent to work being carried out to improve the road.

Factory/Graveyard Road, Mid Yell

There is a large pothole on the turning off to the Factory/Graveyard junction in Mid Yell. Clerk to contact the Roads department.

7.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

Beatrice Wishart MSP has passed on the representation from YCC regarding the Scottish Government's Warmer Homes Scotland scheme to improve insulation and fuel-efficient heating solutions in homes to Patrick Harvie MSP (Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants Rights).

A CNI meeting is taking place tomorrow night, Barry Nisbet is leaving the post of Development Officer, and a new person has recently been appointed.

Work is progressing with the resilience hubs at halls with foundations being constructed for generators.

7.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

No update to report.

7.5 HEALTHCARE IN YELL

Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson met with Duncan Johnson on 18th March, It had been planned to meet all community councillors but due to the meeting not being quorate, it was decided to continue with the meeting.

It was a positive meeting with issues answered regarding the problems with snow and road conditions in January and the delivering of care in the community. Care in the community is currently working well with eleven clients just now (rather than the previous 19), there are no

home helps available in Yell, but clients are organising themselves to obtain home help assistance.

Staff morale in the Care Centre is apparently better now that there are more permanent staff to the agency staff. An issue with employing agency staff is the lack of accommodation.

A model like Brucehall in Unst was discussed as there are currently three empty houses in Bellevue, Mid Yell however D Johnson advised that there is no funding to implement this.

Upgrading of rooms in Islehaven to make fully ensuite with a shower is also not possible at the present time due to lack of funding.

A catch-up meeting with Jo Robinson will be requested regarding the health centre, where there are reports of maintenance issues and lack of annual health checks.

7.6 BENCH PAINTING

The painting of the benches is currently being carried out and will be completed by 31st March by Peter and Walter Johnson. Three smaller benches from South Yell have been completed, the big one from Linkshouse is being done just now and the big one from Cullivoe Hall is still to be done. The school children are painting benches at Mid Yell School. Volunteers have offered to carry out touch up painting on benches done 2 years ago in summer.

The new bench donated from SSE location was discussed and agreed to put out a poll option on Facebook to see public view on where to situate, at a viewpoint.

7.7 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS 2024 SPONSORSHIP

The sponsorship of the beach awards from Cooke & NYDC was discussed and it was agreed, proposed by Julia Lyth, and seconded by Robert Jamieson, that both beaches applied for Scotland's beach awards 2024. Clerk to complete applications before the deadline of 5pm on Friday 29th March.

BRECKON BEACH

A letter has been received from the landowner at Breckon following the beach being identified on the Conde Nast Traveller as third best beach in the world. There has been an increase of visitors struggling to find the Breckon road due to lack of directive signs and are therefore heading out from the graveyard. They are struggling to find a suitable access route and ending

up going down the burn which has a lot of water running and quicksand, which could be very dangerous. The landowner requests a sign at the end of the cemetery road to direct visitors to the car park and access from Breckon. The meeting agreed to investigate getting a brown sign if possible if not contact NYDC to request their support.

BRECKON BEACH ACCESS

An update from Liam Drosso that the sand ladder is still in place after the winter, and he is happy with how it has stood up. It has recently been re-set it and had some more improvements made to it. Alex and James have done a fantastic job with it, and Liam is incredibly grateful to them. Liam will continue to monitor it monthly but for now we have a great bit of infrastructure in place for the beach.

7.8 WHITE WIFE & CATALINA

Draft wording for signs at White Wife and Catalina has been received from Chris Gadsby from Shetland Amenity Trust. The wording has also been forwarded onto the Old Haa Trustees for comment and they have asked for slight amendments to the wording on the Catalina sign.

Marking the Bohus Anniversary in April was discussed, A discussion with Louis Johnson will be held regarding placing a wreath which was proposed by Ms J Lyth and Ms H Hart and could be placed at either the White Wife or at the Mid Yell graveyard. Final arrangements would be finalised at the April meeting.

7.9 ENERGY ISLES CLG UPDATE

An update of a CLG meeting held in Cullivoe Hall on 12th March which Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson attended. It is important that a Community Benefit Fund Committee is set up soon which is the responsibility of the Community Councils in the area and will involve a lot of time and energy. A steering group will work on setting this up soon.

7.10 ASCC MEETING UPDATE

The Community Council review next phase is running from April to June. The Shetland Way is in the media just now; and the second Yell section goes through NW Yell which is very rough terrain.

7.11 YELL FEATURE ON SIF

Yell is the island of the Month during March with the Scottish Islands Federation.

7.12 DOG FOULING IN CULLIVOE & MID YELL

The problem has been resolved in Cullivoe with signs put up and the mess has been cleaned up by the owner.

SIC will continue to monitor Mid Yell when in the area.

Ms H Hart acknowledged thanks to all involved.

7.13 FIBRE OPTIC WORKS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN YELL

The contractor has replaced the complete pavement in Aywick following complaints submitted. Still waiting on reply following complaints regarding works in North a voe.

Ms H Hart raised concerns with dates to be connected in North Yell due to work not being carried out until completion of the new Cullivoe road. It was not just households; businesses were being severely affected.

03/24/05 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 MID YELL BOTTLE BANKS

An email to SIC Cleansing from Mid Yell Hall Committee regarding the mess of glass left when bottle banks are emptied and not being cleaned up and requested a possible relocation of banks. A letter of support and complaint that the area needs to be cleaned for the safety of people and animals. It is also very unsightly as rubbish is also left when the bottle banks are full.

8.2 CULLIVOE SCHOOL MOTHBALLING PROCESS

This process has passed, as the SIC are no longer pursuing mothballing the Cullivoe School.

8.3 ISLANDS CONNECTIVITY PLAN CONSULTATION

Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson attended consultation in Cullivoe Hall on 6th March.

Online consultation is open until 3rd May, members are encouraged to complete.

8.4 DA VOAR REDD UP 2024

The Voar Redd up will take place this year from 20th to 26th April.

Allocation of funds towards groups participating was discussed and it was agreed to ask for it to be submitted to the next ASCC agenda to discuss with other community councils how they fund this.

03/24/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 2024/043/PPF TO INSTALL AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT FOR FLEET VEHICLES SERVING TWO NEW PARKING SPACES, NEAR ISLEHAVN CARE CENTRE.

9.2 2024/052/ADV INSTALL 2 INDIVIDUAL LECTERN STYLE INFORMATION PANELS, AYWICK, EAST YELL

Yell Community Council supported these applications.

Confirmation of planning decision at Mid Yell Old Church Hall has been received and was noted.

03/24/07 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 MILLBY ROAD GRANT

An extension was requested due to the contractor not completing the works yet. Meeting agreed to extend to 31st July.

10.2 AGS 180500 T1 WHALEFIRTH MEN'S SHED

Funding to create a dedicated workspace within the workshop. £500 was requested and awarded, proposed by Ms J Lyth, and seconded by Ms H Hart.

10.3 AGS 180505 T2 CULLIVOE UP HELLY AA COMMITTEE

Funding towards improvements to Cullivoe Galley shed for disabled access, paths, and car park. £4900 was requested and awarded, proposed by Ms H Hart, and seconded by Ms J Lyth.

10.4 SHETLAND GYMNASTICS CLUB FUNDING LETTER

A letter requesting funding was received, the meeting recommended applying the SCBF and required more information regarding numbers from Yell, Clerk to reply.

10.5 CULLIVOE HALL CDF GRANT EXTENSION

An extension to Cullivoe hall CDF grant was requested, it was understood that the extension cannot be granted beyond 31st March Mr L Odie to discuss further with Michael Duncan.

03/24/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 BLEE EX H. M. COASTGUARD HUT, GLOUP NESS

A letter was received from Alex Nicholson following a recent visit to the Blee ex Coastguard Hut in Gloup and his concern regarding the condition of the hut. The straps that hold it in position are wire straps which are rusting and eroding and if it gives that would mean the building would be at significant risk. It is the only surviving Coastguard hut in Shetland. The meeting discussed the concern, and it was agreed to write to Shetland Amenity Trust to liaise with Alex Nicholson regarding the concern.

11.2 MEAL ROAD & BRIG, NORTH YELL

A letter from Alex Nicholson regarding the marking of the Meal Road and Brig at Burn of Skudigill on the road to Gloup as a tourist attraction and style on the fence for access. The meeting agreed to contact Visit Scotland or Shetland Amenity Trust regarding this. Clerk to contact.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.15HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 8th April 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School.

Name	Item No	Action	Completed
Clerk	7.1	Contact Sellaness regarding Docking/Drydock	
Clerk	7.1	Community Ferry Allocation	
Clerk	7.2	West Sandwick Graveyard	
Clerk	7.2	Pothole on road	
LO/AJ	7.5	Follow up meeting with Jo Robinson	
Clerk	7.6	Bench location post	
Clerk	7.7	Complete beach	

		award applications	
Clerk	7.8	Feedback to Chris Gadsby regarding signs	
Clerk	7.13	Follow up North a Voe complaints	
All	8.3	Complete Consultation	
Clerk	8.4	ASCC agenda item	
Clerk	9.1/9.2	Reply to planning	
Clerk	10.1	Reply	
Clerk	10.2/10.3	Reply to SCBF	
Clerk	10.4	Reply	
Clerk/LO	10.5	Extension outcome	
Clerk	11.1	Contact SAT	
Clerk	11.2	Contact Scotland Visit	