

Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 8th April 2024, 7.30pm, Mid Yell School

Present: Mr L Odie(Chair),Mrs S Williamson, Mr K Jenkins, Mrs A Jamieson and Ms J Lyth.

Apologies: Ms H Hart, Mr R Jamieson, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer) and Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative)

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson(Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker) and Ms Gretchen Bakke(Member of the public)

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

04/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

04/24/02 MINUTES

25th March - The minutes of the March meeting were approved by Mrs A Jamieson & Mr L Odie.

04/24/03 MATTERS ARISING

BLEE EX H.M. COASTGUARD HUT, GLOUP NESS

An email has been sent to Shetland Amenity Trust regarding the concern of the condition of the Ex Coastguard Hut at the Blee, Gloup. The Shetland Amenity Trust have replied that they are not involved with this property.

MEAL ROAD & BRIG, NORTH YELL

An email has been sent to the Shetland Amenity Trust and Visit Scotland regarding making this a tourist attraction with a stile on the fence for access. The Shetland Amenity Trust have replied to follow up the enquiry with the SIC Roads Department as signs would go under their remit and that Visit Scotland should be able to give advice on their signage.

FIBRE OPTIC WORKS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN YELL

An email has been sent to Beatrice Wishart and Alistair Carmichael regarding the complaint that following recent works, outside a couple of properties in Camb, it has been left in an extremely poor state and a mess has been left outside of the properties. Also regarding

damage to a property in Burravoe. Alistair Carmichael has replied that he will investigate this.

04/24/04 COMMUNITY WORK UPDATE

Frances Browne gave an update on the Community work that she had been involved in over the winter. All Pop ins at North Ness and Mid Yell have been very social and attended by various advisory groups. Funding is finished for the year and not sure if it will be available for next winter. The Whale Firth Mens Shed has also been open and had some visitors. North Ness hall continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month, as a social morning with tea, coffee and games.

Frances is undertaking some community mapping work, which will help direct work in future, and will bring findings to community councils where appropriate.

David Gear is retiring after being the only manager of Yell Leisure Centre, and Helena Spence is leaving her role as Youth Development Worker to take on his post. They have both contributed a lot in community life in their roles.

Community drop in events and living well hubs were mentioned and Fiona Taylor plans to attend most of the Keep Yell Going on Tuesdays in Cullivoe to offer advice and help where required.

04/24/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

8.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

Crew Sickness/Ferry suspension

YCC is very concerned and alarmed regarding the suspension of the Yell Sound Ferry Service on 8th April from 18.55 and would like to know what measures are in place to ensure this doesn't happen again. Email regarding concern to be sent to Sellaness.

Docking Timetable 2nd to 31st May

An email regarding YCC concerns has been sent to Sellaness but no reply has been received as yet.

A proposed ferry docking timetable using two crews has been drawn up and the meeting agreed to send it to Sellaness. With the current docking timetable passengers on the

morning bus from Lerwick arrive at Toft at 8.50, the next ferry is 10.00 even when the bus waits at Ulsta for passengers they miss the Gutcher connections. The proposed 9.10 ferry would allow them to catch the Gutcher connections. The North Isles bus is normally on the 9.15 from Ulsta, which would be delayed by 20 minutes until 9.35. The proposed timetable allows for 1 extra run compared to the current docking timetable.

Community Hire Applications

Two ferries were allocated, one for the 4th May at 2am and one for the 25th May at 2am proposed by Annette Jamieson and seconded by Julia Lyth. Clerk to send applications to Sellaness for approval.

Summer Ferry Timetable

The summer timetable has not yet been published so therefore bookings are not available. The timetable is due to come into place on Monday 29th April.

Dial a ride Bus Service

Concerns have been raised following tourists trying to book a Dial a Ride Services in Mid Yell, they tried to call the Dial a ride number but got no answer from there, they called to the service provider but were told to call the number in Lerwick. Details on the website indicate booking 24 hours ahead of the day of travel so how do you book for a Monday. There is also nothing mentioned about public holidays. Concerns to be raised with Michael Craigie regarding this.

8.2 ROADS UPDATE

New Cullivoe Road

A contractor has stated that the work could be starting at the worst time of year with the peat saturated in water and restricted time due to daylight hours.

Access peat raised at CNI meeting and to be put forward to peatland experts.

Factory/Graveyard Road, Mid Yell

Pothole has been reported and await feedback, but it is understood that it has been repaired

Breckon Beach Signage

Email sent to SIC Roads for signage for directions to Breckon Beach and it has been passed on to Mervyn Smith for his attention.

8.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

Mrs A Jamieson attended CNI meeting on 26th March, Barry Nisbet has left and Hannah Eynon has been appointed to the new part time post of CNI Development Officer.

Gretchen Bakke gave an update on projects being carried out throughout the CNI project in Yell.

8.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

Stantec has been commissioned by ZetTrans and SIC to provide assistance in developing a framework for the future governance, funding, partnership planning and delivery of active travel projects in Shetland. Everyone is encouraged to complete the online survey.

8.5 HEALTHCARE IN YELL

A catch up meeting with Jo Robinson to be arranged especially regarding the health centre, where reports of maintenance issues and follow up health checks. Jo has recently been appointed to the post of community health and social care director.

A letter to the Health Centre regarding the managing of health checks to be sent.

8.6 BENCH PAINTING

The painting of the benches has been carried out and was completed before 31st March by Peter and Walter Johnson. Volunteers will 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 post on Facebook for suggestions as to where the bench could be sited also if any voluntary group would like to take on the maintenance of the bench.

8.7 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS 2024 SPONSORSHIP

The sponsorship of the beach awards received from Cooke & NYDC. Clerk has submitted the applications before the deadline on Friday 29th March.

Dog fouling signs to be renewed along with some other info ones.

There is a built up of rubbish at West Sandwick, Clerk to contact Karen Hanney regarding this.

Road to the beach at West Sandwick was discussed and the poor condition that it is in. Special funding was discussed to improve the road but there are a few issues to be addressed first.

8.8 WHITE WIFE & CATALINA

Reply has been sent regarding the signs for White Wife and Catalina and wording to be amended on the Catalina one.

Marking the Bohus Anniversary was discussed following a conversation with Louis Johnson. The meeting agreed to place a wreath at 3pm on 26th April at the White Wife, to commemorate the bravery of the folk who saved their lives and for the folk that lost their lives. Mrs A Jamieson to source a wreath and an event to be advertised for laying of wreath.

8.9 ASCC MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Clerk to submit an agenda item to ASCC regarding what all other CCs do with the Voar redd up payments, regarding how much and whether core funding or own funding. Also asking if the funding makes any difference to the groups awarded?

04/24/06 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 SEPA -FLOODING REVIEWS

Email received and noted regarding that SEPA have launched a consultation on review of areas most at risk of flooding across Scotland. Shetland is very fortunate that flooding doesn't really affect us, unless areas near the sea with tidal conditions.

9.2 SEPA PUBLISH - SCOTTISH WASTE FROM ALL SOURCES

Email received and noted regarding how recycling is progressing across Scotland.

9.3 SEPA - DISRUPTING CRIMINAL DUMPERS

Email received and noted regarding SEPA tackling online waste criminals with a new digital pilot.

9.4 DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

An email has been received following the SIC development committee approving this year's Locan Place Plan (LPP) Scheme for Shetland. YCC has registered an interest in this scheme. Following the May sessions, YCC will organise a public meeting with development groups in Yell to create a whole island group approach.

9.5 SSEN - PSR DIGITAL TOOLKIT

Email received, noted and digital toolkit details posted on the YCC Facebook page.

9.6 SSEN NATIONAL GRID ESO 'BEYOND 2030' REPORT

Email received regarding the independent Electricity System Operator for Great Britain, National Grid ESO published its 'Beyond 2030' report on 19th March. Further details to be established and proposed schemes will be subject to Public Consultation.

9.7 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW - BRIEFING

A briefing note providing a summary of the Community Council Review has been received from Michael Duncan with the launch of phase 2 consultation due soon. The interpretation of 6 month attendance to be clarified with Michael.

04/24/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications.

04/24/08 FINANCE/GRANTS

11.1 SCBF - NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR

Following the resignation of Karen Hanney as a Director from SCBF board, YCC are asked to put forward a new nominee for a director to replace her. Following discussion it was agreed to advertise on Facebook if anyone would be interested in this. It does not need to be a community councillor.

11.2 SCBF - VIKING COMMUNITY FUND

The new main funding of Viking Community Fund is due to start this summer. Details have been received from SCBF regarding the Draft proposed new guidelines, which are similar to the AGS guidelines and for data protection, a new agreement will have to be signed by SCBF and the community councils.

SCBF would like to offer two dates of Zoom calls to give community councillors and clerks the opportunity to raise questions they may have regarding the Community Grant Scheme.

Clerk to liaise with Community Councillors for attendance at the meetings on 22nd April & 2nd May.

11.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORE FUNDING 24/25

Clerk to apply for £8,531 of Core funding for 2024/2025

11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 24/25

Clerk to apply for £3,000 of CDF Distribution Funds for 2024/2025.

CDF Project fund was discussed towards the Beach Road in West Sandwick, a joint project with all users. The meeting was in agreement to progress this with further consultation with Michael Duncan.

11.5 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS IN YELL

YCC needs to develop a way forward on this and the proposal is to set up a steering group to begin to draft out how the Community Benefit scheme can best serve the residents of Yell.

11.6 CULLIVOE HALL CDF GRANT EXTENSION

An extension to Cullivoe hall CDF grant was proposed for 3 months until 30th June subject to grant extension from SIC.

04/24/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Frances Browne said training would be happening soon for Community Councillors and Clerks.

12.2 MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attendance at YCC meetings will be assumed unless apologies are received.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.30HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 20th May 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School.