

## **DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council**

**Monday 15th July 2024, 7pm, West Sandwick Hall**

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

Apologies: Mr R Jamieson, Ms J Lyth, Ms F Stirling, Mr K Jenkins and Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative), Alice Matthewson and Kate Lonsdale (CNI Yell Project)

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **07/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Ms H Hart declared an interest in Statkraft Wind farm.

Mrs S Williamson declared an interest in Colvister Quarry.

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Yell Show Ferries.

### **07/24/02 MINUTES**

17th June - The minutes of the June meeting were approved by Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson.

### **07/24/03 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **REMEMBERING TOGETHER PLAQUE**

The remembering together plaque has been delivered to the Leisure Centre for displaying.

#### **LINKSHOUSE POST BOX**

Email has been sent to Bruce Crossan from Royal Mail regarding the details of the Linkshouse post box repositioning.

#### **BIN AT MID YELL GRAVEYARD**

Email has been received from Burial Services with an update that they are ordering a bin for outside the Mid Yell Burial Ground and that Cleansing Services (essy kert) will empty the bin.

#### **PUBLIC BIN LOCATIONS IN YELL**

A list of litter bins in Yell at the following locations and types of bins which dog waste can be disposed of in all of these.

Area	Location	Type of bin
Ulsta	Ferry terminal	double
Ulsta	Car Park	wheeled bin
Ulsta	Booking Office	wheeled bin
West Sandwick	Beach	Double
Mid Yell	Mid Yell Junction	Double
Gutcher	Ferry terminal	Concrete
Cullivoe	Pier	Single
Breckon	Breckon Beach	wheeled bin
Vatsetter	Vatsetter Loch	double

There are two other bins in Mid Yell at the Pier and the Leisure Centre. Notices are required to let people know that dog waste can be disposed into these bins. Clerk to follow up.

#### **07/24/04 POLICE REPORT**

Shetland Policing Report April/May 2024 has been received, the bi-monthly report included a summary of reported incidents in Yell, where 10 incidents were recorded during this period.

#### **07/24/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

##### **7.4 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT**

Alice and Kate gave an update on projects carried out and funding applications available.

Following on from an email from Michael Duncan, Shetland Islands Council is keen to identify any Yell projects that could bid for this Carbon Neutral Island Capital Fund 2024 e.g. capital projects which deliver on Carbon Neutral Island objectives with a minimum value of £75,000. Any groups interested in submitting a bid, please contact Neil Henderson and/or Tommy Coutts at Economic Development as soon as possible to discuss. Deadline for applications is 30 August, so Neil and Tommy would need to hear from any interested groups in the next few weeks to allow sufficient time for the Council to coordinate an application(s). Different options were discussed for this funding but it is a short time scale for large projects.

Resilience hubs at the local halls have received their resources and every hub will be having an open day to invite the community to see what is available if it is required. A group of volunteers will sign up for each hub before the winter.

Polycrubs are progressing with planning permission for four in Cullivoe granted and one for Ssellafirth and one at the Men's Shed moving forward. There is funding available for more in Burravoe or West Sandwick.

There is a Cycle access fund progressing where each school will have a stock of different sizes of bikes for children to use locally.

Promoting CNI Yell project was discussed with different methods of advertising and how to get the info out to the communities in Yell.

An Electric mini-bus has been sourced and arriving tomorrow morning, this project is funded by NYDC and is available to use with all community groups in Yell, Unst and Fetlar with a nominated driver.

A Local Place Plan for Yell was discussed and it is important to work together to include all areas on the island. Housing development throughout the island was also discussed with areas in Burravoe not available due to domestic windmills.

Alice and Kate left the meeting.

## 7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

### **Meeting with Sellaness and Moraig Lyall**

A lengthy discussion was held on the ferries and the ongoing disruptions on Yell Sound and Bluemull Sound following an unproductive meeting on 24th June in North Ness Hall.

Disruptions on Yell Sound 18th and 19th July

A shuttle service is to be trialled on Thursday 18th July with disruptions due to long term sickness and no available certified cover. There will be an increase in traffic due to Unstfest and no bookings on Yell Sound will cause problems for travellers.

Disruptions on 19th July have been partly resolved with just some ferries disrupted. 1630 and 1730 from Toft to Ulsta and 1655 from Ulsta to Toft are cancelled.

### **Letter from K Hannay**

A letter has been received from Karen Hannay registering that she is in favour of bookings rather than a shuttle service.

### **Ferries for Yell Show**

A request is to be sent to Sellaness requesting an additional ferry service for Yell Show Day on Saturday 7th September.

## 7.2 ROADS UPDATE

### **Burravoe Active Travel Infrastructure**

There has been no update since meeting with Robina Barton in February. Robina has been seconded to another role and has passed this onto her colleagues Alistair Hunter and Michael Craigie. A local landowners meeting was to be organised but hasn't been. Up to date plans need to be in place before funding is requested. Cllr R Thomson to chase up this.

### **Scord Quarry Mixing plant breakdown**

Scord Quarry mixing plant is undergoing maintenance and is now expected to be back up and running on Monday 22nd July. This is holding up all the tarring works throughout Shetland.

## 7.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A CLG meeting is to be held tomorrow night online. Concerns were raised at the meeting regarding the run off of one of the turbines into Gossa Water and affecting our drinking water quality. Also the means of taking the power through Yell by pole and underground options were discussed.

## 7.5 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

No update to report other than there will be a Tunnel Vision meeting on 20th August in Mid Yell Hall.

## 7.6 UPDATE ON GP RECRUITMENT IN YELL

An update has been received from Lisa Watt (Primary Care Manager NHS) that following interviews last week, another two salaried GPs have been appointed to the rotational team in Yell, both of whom will do 12 weeks each. This means that 48 weeks of the year will be covered by salaried rotational GPs going forward. So 5 GPs at the moment and hoping that

they will be able to adjust the weeks in due course to cover the full year. The meeting welcomed this update.

#### 7.7 LOCAL PLACE PLANS - ATTENDANCE AND UPDATE

A proposed LPP update meeting will be held in Yell on Wednesday 4th September. Venue hasn't been confirmed as yet but hoped to be the Sellafirth Hall from 5.15pm to 6.45pm.

Members are encouraged to attend if possible.

#### 7.8 ARVEN OFFSHORE WIND FARM SCOPING CONSULTATION

ASCC have requested and been granted an extension to this consultation.

### **07/24/06 NEW BUSINESS**

#### 8.1 SIC CALLS FOR VIEWS ON LERWICK ALCOHOL BYLAWS

Email has been received and noted. YCC has no comment.

#### 8.2 VODAFONE NETWORK DEVELOPMENTS

Following some recent reports of Vodafone network issues, SIC ICT department have invited their Vodafone Public Sector Account Manager for an initial meeting to discuss the general performance of the Vodafone network in Shetland and seek some assurances around their commitment to further infrastructure development. This meeting has been scheduled for later this month. They are currently aware of the current problem areas:

- Lerwick central – the network is incredibly slow and almost unusable. It's certainly unusable when there is a large tourist group visiting, i.e. Cruise ships.
- South Unst/Belmont – recent changes seem to have diminished the Vodafone signal strength in this area.

They would appreciate it if YCC could let me know if your communities are aware of any problem areas, particularly if there has been a marked reduction of service in the last year or so. YCC discussed that it was very patchy throughout Yell and has become especially worse over the last 4 months and it is practically unusable in places especially around Basta Voe.

#### 8.3 DRAFT WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW 24

The Council's winter maintenance operations have been reviewed on a number of occasions in recent years and the SIC Roads department is now in the process of undertaking a further review in response to concerns that have been expressed regarding the current policy which was approved in August 1991. The SIC roads department would appreciate YCC's comments on the proposed policy. The Draft Policy was discussed by YCC and the meeting supported the proposals. It was noted that the gritters don't do the Basta Road but do the North Sandwick road which has the same number of occupied households. Also the Gutcher to Cullivoe Road right to Gloup is marked as Priority 2 but the road to Gloup is treated as Priority 3. Clerk to report back.

#### **8.4 SAFETY OF LITHIUM ION BATTERIES AND E BIKES AND SCOOTERS**

Email received and reply of support to be sent.

#### **07/24/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications received.

#### **07/24/08 FINANCE/GRANTS**

##### **10.1 VIKING COMMUNITY FUND CGS — Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) AND Data Sharing Document**

MoU and Data Sharing agreement for the Community Grant Scheme which will replace the AGS. Both documents were reviewed and signed by the Chair and the Clerk to return to SCBF.

The current AGS funding year is scheduled to end on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024, and it is anticipated that the CGS will then begin on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Any unallocated funds from the AGS will be carried over and added to YCC's allocation for the CGS.

##### **10.2 SCBF - NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR**

Still no nominations for Director from Yell.

##### **10.3 ROAD GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Two road grant applications were received but due to insufficient funds for this calendar year were not approved.

#### **07/24/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 11.1 MID YELL PIER WORKS

Mrs A Jamieson raised concerns regarding the ongoing works at the top of the Mid Yell Pier that the area had been cordoned off for over 5 weeks and work has not progressed. The meeting agreed to contact SIC regarding this concern.

### 11.2 BUS SHELTER AT HEAD OF MID YELL VOE

Mrs A Jamieson raised concerns regarding the mess the sheep are making in the bus shelter at the head of Mid Yell Voe, a large number of people use this bus shelter but it can't be used due to the mess that the sheep sheltering in it have made. Clerk to follow up on gate requested in December 2023 to keep out the sheep.

### 11.3 WHITE WIFE CONSERVATOR GATHERING

The conservator is coming up to investigate options for restoring the White wife which is currently in Lerwick in the Amenity Trust's store. It has been requested to hold a meeting to discuss options in East Yell Hall on Tuesday 20th August at 5pm. Mrs A Jamieson to book the hall and follow up arrangements for the meeting.

### 11.4 BIN AT WHITE WIFE STILE

Concerns were raised regarding the overflowing bin beside the stile on the fence towards the White wife. Mr L Odie to look into whether this is a private bin and discuss with the crofter.

### 11.5 YCC WEBSITE UPDATE

The clerk is in the process of updating the website now that she has been able to get access.

### **THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.40HRS.**

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 19th August 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School.**

### Action List

Clerk		Public Bins update & notices	
	7.1	Yell Show Ferries	
	8.2	SIC vodafone reply	

	8.3	Reply	
	8.4	Reply	
	10.1	Reply	
	10.3	Reply	
	11.1	Email	
	11.2	Email	
AJ	11.3	Organise	
LO	11.4	Sort out	
Clerk	11.5	Continue update website	