

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 19th August 2024, 7pm, Mld Yell School

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mr R Jamieson, Ms J Lyth, Ms F Stirling and Mr K Jenkins.

Apologies: Mrs S Williamson, Ms H Hart and Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Ryan Thomson (Elected representative)(via Teams), and Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

08/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson and Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Statkraft Wind Farm Development.

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

Cllr Ryan Thomson declared an interest in CNI (Yell) project.

Mrs A Jamieson declared an interest in White wife Conservation as an Old Haa trustee.

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in the Next Generation of Public Bus contracts review.

08/24/02 MINUTES

15th July - The minutes of the July meeting were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Odie.

08/24/03 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

6.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

Ferries for Yell Show

A request was sent to Sellaness requesting an additional ferry service for Yell Show Day on Saturday 7th September. It is really disappointing that unfortunately on this occasion, SIC Ferries are unable to accommodate this request due to none of their off-duty/relief crew being available to cover.

Proposed Winter and Festive Timetables 2024/25

The proposed Winter and Festive timetables were discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that the Festive timetable has improved and YCC welcomed this.

The proposed timetables have been discussed with Duncan Johnson (Team Leader Isleshavn/Nordalea) and feedback has been received regarding how the ferry timetables affect staff working hours. Clerk to respond to Elaine Park (Transport Contracts and Operations Officer) with feedback and ask Duncan to contact with his comments as well.

Ferries Resilience Review

The Council has embarked on a resilience review of the Ferry Service, looking at short to medium term options to complement the longer term Island Connectivity review.

YCC have received a copy of the briefing paper which is being issued to all staff from Andrew Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure). Cllr Ryan Thomson could advise that he and his fellow North Isles Councillors were reviewing this at present and would hope to be able to give an update soon.

Shuttle Service

Statistics regarding the Ferry Shuttle Service on Thursdays 18th & 25th July has been requested but has not been finalised and received as yet, It would also appear from Social Media and local comments received that a booking system is most important. It would be good to get a report on how the days went and How many extra crossings were achieved (if any) and of traffic unable to transit at any time.

Information request about ferries

An email to Yell & Unst Community Council has been received from Catriona Waddington regarding a Freedom of Information Request that she sent in in exasperation about extra runs on ferries when there are no bookings Unfortunately this doesn't seem to cover all the period when bookings were suspended in 2024.

General ferry issues

Several ferry issues were discussed including promptness of loading ferries and departing to enable onward connections especially on the 15.30 sailing from Toft for passengers to catch the 1615 ferry into Fetlar. Bus and ferry connections with the late bus arriving after the 10pm ferry departs. The meeting agreed to raise this at the next meeting with Elaine Park. Members

were surprised and alarmed that the day vessel stopped running with Force 6 winds on Friday 16th August, and wonder what is going to happen in the middle of winter.

A local resident had raised with a community councillor that a Shetland island discount is not available for residents with campervans when you get it for cars towing a caravan are eligible along with other categories of vehicles .

6.2 ROADS UPDATE

Burravoe Active Travel Infrastructure

There has been no update since meeting with Robina Barton in February, there has been a change in staff in the department and a local landowners' meeting was to be organised but hasn't been. Cllr Robert Thomson was to chase up this but no update has been received, Cllr Ryan Thomson to liaise with Robert Thomson regarding this issue.

Works at Mid Yell Pier

Concerns were raised 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. Following the Clerk emailing a reply has been received that Unfortunately they have been caught out with the lengthy breakdown of the Scord Tar plant and hopefully it should be completed soon.

Bus Shelters in Yell

Following reports at the last YCC meeting regarding the bus shelter at the head of the Voe in Mid Yell in a mess with sheep droppings, the Clerk has been in contact with the Roads department regarding previous correspondence regarding bus shelters which hasn't been followed up on. No update has been received. The meeting agreed to email the list of bus shelter issues to Elaine Park (Transport Contracts and Operations Officer) prior to her attending our September meeting.

6.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Ms F Stirling gave an update that she had met with Mr G Hughson and Mrs A Jamieson and drafted a letter to invite resident representatives of Yell Community Groups to start discussions on setting up a steering group to progress the discussion on the community benefit fund for Wind Farm Developments in Yell(Statkraft). A date of Thursday 26th September has been set

and Mid Yell School to be booked by the clerk. The meeting agreed that Mrs A Jamieson would chair this meeting due to Mr L Odie declaring an interest in the wind farm developments.

6.4 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

The last meeting of the CNI (Yell) project group was cancelled.

Mr L Odie has attended a Community Resilience hub meeting and gave an update that all generators are on site and the installation team are working on connecting them to all halls.

All halls have received their supplies for the hubs and an open weekend of 4th and 5th October where all hubs are encouraged to hold an event (teas/suppers) open to their community to detail what is available at your local hall should it be required.

6.5 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

No update to report other than there will be a Tunnel Vision meeting with our MP Alistair Carmichael & MSP Beatrice Wishart tomorrow night at 6pm in the Mid Yell Hall.

A question has been raised regarding the tunnel vision meetings and no meeting being held on the mainland, they are all held in the Isles, it doesn't just affect the Isles it affects all of Shetland!

6.6 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

A date is to be requested for Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson to meet with Jo Robinson (Director of Community Health and Social Care) for an update on Yell.

6.7 LOCAL PLACE PLANS - ATTENDANCE AND UPDATE

A proposed LPP update meeting will be held in the Sellafirth Hall in Yell on Wednesday 4th September from 4.30 pm to 6.30pm. Clerk to book spaces for members at this important meeting.

6.8 PUBLIC BINS IN YELL

An update has been received regarding the public bins in Yell that are emptied by SIC, There may be other bins on the island that are serviced by others such as the Recreational Trust or SIC Schools, but these are the ones that SIC Cleansing installed and service. As for the dog waste, all of the bins listed can have dog waste put into them and that the signs haven't been forgotten about and that it is hoped to get that done in the next week or two.

New bins have been installed at the end of Cullivoe Hill road at Beach House junction as requested also at the White Wife car park in Queyon.

6.9 WHITE WIFE CONSERVATOR GATHERING

A public meeting was held earlier this evening in East Yell organised by Shetland Amenity Trust, with a presentation made by the conservator that has been up assessing the White Wife. The White Wife can be restored but would need to be kept inside, after receiving the report it will be discussed with the Old Hall trustees if it would be possible for the museum to house the white wife.

REPLICA WHITE WIFE & ACCESS PATH

The replica White Wife does not sit well and would be in need of improvement, the meeting discussed this. It will be possible to take 3D scans and a future project could address this. and also the access route where there are several wet areas would need to be improved. It was suggested to discuss with Liam Drosso(Outdoor Access Officer) about the core plan walks and the possibility of funding also the CDF project grant perhaps could be applied to cover part of the cost of upgrading this route.

08/24/04 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 REDUNDANT VEHICLES IN SHETLAND

Shetland Amenity Trust is no longer contracted with the CarTakeBack Recycling scheme and the responsibility for abandoned vehicles sits with Shetland Islands Council's Environmental Health Department. They have new arrangements in place for uplifting vehicles reported as abandoned. The Trust has now stopped removing redundant vehicles and other scrap, but there are other operators in the community and many local businesses with appropriate vehicles that can assist with uplifts. A leaflet has been received which they hope will be a useful leaflet for communities, to aid understanding of roles and responsibilities surrounding disposal of redundant vehicles in Shetland. The meeting agreed for the leaflet to be shared on Facebook and put up in local shops.

UPDATE ON COLVISTER QUARRY

The meeting agreed to ask Shetland Amenity Trust for an update on Colvister Quarry.

7.2 NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC BUS CONTRACTS BUSINESS CASE

Elaine Park (Transport Contracts and Operations Officer) has requested a space at our agenda during the Community Council meeting on Monday 16th September.

At the meeting, she will take the Community Council through an information pack (which will be provided by email ahead of the meeting) looking at the services and current usage in our area and explain how the community can give their views. She will also gather all feedback provided by us at that meeting and would welcome all assistance in ensuring that the community is aware of how to get involved.

The stakeholder and community engagement exercise to inform the business case being developed for the next generation of public bus contracts will be carried out between the middle of August and the middle of September.

During the current contract period (which started in August 2020 and runs to the middle of August 2025), there has been a significant shift in the way in which people use bus services in Shetland and the profile of the passengers has also altered with the introduction of the free bus travel for Under 22s initiative. It is therefore extremely important that the SIC engages with as much of the community as possible in identifying the issues being experienced by those who do and do not use services currently and the opportunities available, ahead of the design of the next set of services. Comments were received regarding it being a Service bus rather than a bus service. The lack of Toilets at the Viking bus station when Teamore is closed was raised and members were to think about possibilities for bus services in the future.

7.3 COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS WITHIN SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Helen Nicholson, a mature student at Glasgow Caledonian University is undertaking a degree in Risk Management, for her last year her chosen Dissertation topic will be looking into Scottish Resilience with a more specific look into Community Preparedness within Scottish Local Authorities. She is keen to get an outlook on how preparedness is perceived and handled at a more local level and feels our input would be a great starting point by completing her survey.

This email was noted.

7.4 SSEN - POWERING COMMUNITIES TO NET ZERO FUND

An email has been received that the SSEN - powering to net zero fund has opened for applications for a new £3m community fund. Email was noted.

7.5 SHETLAND CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU AGM

An email to invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shetland Islands CAB which is due to be held on Wednesday 21st August was noted.

7.6 ESB STOURA OFFSHORE WIND FARM EXHIBITION

An email has been received from Cian Desmond, Project Director for Stoura, a 500 MW floating wind farm which ESB are hoping to develop approximately 40 km east of Skerries.

He and his ESB colleagues are hosting a public exhibition to introduce the project in Lerwick on Thursday 19th of September from 14:00 to 20:00.

In advance of this public exhibition, he is keen to travel to Yell to meet with the Community Council and any key local stakeholders that may be interested in having an overview of the project on Tuesday 17th September. The meeting agreed to meet With Cian Desmond at 6pm in Mid Yell School and to invite local development group chairs or representatives. Clerk to arrange a meeting room, reply to Cian Desmond and invite Development groups to attend.

7.7 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARD REPORT 2024

Following the assessment process for Scotland's Beach Awards 2024, West Sandwick, and the Sands of Breckon beaches, have both passed. Comments in the report regarding the bathing waters and suggested contacting SEPA regarding this. Clerk has contacted SEPA but as yet has not received a reply, in the meantime bathing water notices to be put up in Breckon notice board as it is already displayed in the West Sandwick notice board and contact Keep Scotland Beautiful regarding this matter. Sponsors for both the West Sandwick beach and Sands of Breckon to be sent a copy of the report.

PARKING AT CULLIVOE CEMETERY

This was again discussed and the meeting felt it was disrespectful for motorhomes to park up for the night at the cemetery. The parking is displayed on a motorhomes parking app park4night.

COMMUNITY WORK REPORT

France Browne gave an update on Summer Pop ins that she was organising in Mid Yell on Wednesday 21st August from 11 to 2 which Employability Support will be attending. Another in Mid Yell on 18th September from 11 to 2 and one in North Ness on 4th September from 11 to 3 and transport can be provided if required.

Frances Browne left the meeting at 8.40pm

7.8 GUTCHER JUNCTION OBSTRUCTIONS

An email has been received on behalf of the directors of North Yell Development Council and residents in North Yell who have expressed a concern about the obstruction to the line of sight at the Cullivoe/Gutcher Junction.

There is a large tree growing on the property located on the junction which, along with a tall sided van and the construction of a peat stack is making it very difficult to see traffic coming up the hill from Gutcher. As you are aware, this is a very fast section of road and already a difficult junction to navigate. The additional obstruction to lines of sight is making it very hazardous and will result in accidents. The meeting discussed this and agreed to contact the SIC Roads department and the SIC safety officer and give reference to a similar issue at this property in September 2020.

7.9 INVITATION TO MEET SSEN TRANSMISSION (SSENT)

An invitation has been received from Thea Groat, Community Liaison Manager for SSEN Transmission (SSENT). She has been working on the SSENT projects, which includes the HVDC Link and Substation at Kergord and the Grid Supply Point, which is currently in construction at the back of Ocean Kinetics in Lerwick. She would like an initial meeting with Yell Community Council to discuss future SSENT projects in Shetland and gather your invaluable feedback prior to our formal consultations. Clerk to contact Thea on her availability for attending either the October or November community council meeting.

08/24/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8 Eight Works Licence consultation applications requests were received this morning but the meeting requested to ask for an extension until the next YCC meeting to comment. **08/24/06**

FINANCE/GRANTS

9.1 TRAVEL EXPENSES BUDGET

A spreadsheet has been drawn up to establish what expenses could be claimed by members attending meetings etc. Members have chosen not to claim expenses but money is not available in the budget for this full amount to be paid to members. so therefore Cllr Robert Thomson had requested would like the figures to illustrate the need to improve the community Council budgets. Clerk to send spreadsheet to Cllr Robert Thomson also Michael Duncan.

9.2 HALL INVOICES

Invoices have been received from West Sandwick Hall for last month's meeting due to school closure with holidays. Meeting agreed for the clerk to pay the invoice.

Invoice received from North Ness Hall for hire of hall for Yell Community Council and business users to meet with Ferry representatives. The meeting agreed for the clerk to send the invoice to Sellaness and request for payment from Sellaness.

9.3 SCBF - NOMINATION OF DIRECTOR

The meeting agreed to discuss this at the Community Benefit steering group start up meeting.

08/24/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 EAST YELL CHAPEL VANDALISM

The meeting was horrified to hear about the vandalism that had taken place at the East Yell Chapel this past weekend and that this was the second time that this place has been vandalised. This was very disrespectful in a small community.

10.2 PROMOTION OF YELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting agreed for the Clerk to send details for Gordon Thomson to publish in North Isles views and for minutes to be displayed in local shops.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.15HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 16th September 2024, 7pm. Mid Yell School

	Action		Completed
Clerk	6.1	Reply to Sellaness with disappointment	
Clerk	6.1	Reply to Winter/Festive timetable proposal	
Clerk	6.1	Reply to Duncan	
Clerk	6.1	Chase up report on Shuttle service	
Ryan/Robert	6.2	Follow up Burravoe Active Travel	
Clerk	6.2	Bus Shelters - Email E Park	
Fiona	6.3	Letter to community Groups re Com Ben	
Clerk	6.3	Book school	
All	6.5	Attend tunnel vision	
Clerk	6.6	Arrange meeting with Jo Robinson for AJ & LO	
Clerk	6.7	Book places on LPP workshop	
Clerk	6.9	Contact L Drosso regarding path at White Wife	
Clerk	7.1	Share redundant vehicles notice on facebook Prepare leaflets for local shops	
Clerk	??1 ?	Ask for update on Colvister Quarry	
Clerk	7.2	Meeting arrangements for E Park	
Clerk	7.6	Book school for ESB	

		and confirm arrangements	
Clerk	7.7	SEPA/Beach awards Follow up	
Clerk	Community Pop in	Share on facebook	
Clerk	7.8	Contact Roads/ safety Officer	
Clerk	7.9	Arrange with Thea to attend Oct/Nov	
Clerk	8.1	Reply to planning for extension	
Clerk	9.1	Send expenses budget spreadsheet to Robert T & MD	
Clerk	9.2	Send North Ness Hall invoice to Fiona F	
Clerk	9.2	Pay WSW Hall invoice	
Clerk	10.2	Minutes to local shops	