

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 16th September 2024, 7pm, Mid Yell School

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mr R Jamieson, Ms J Lyth and Mrs S Williamson.
Apologies: Ms F Stirling, Mr K Jenkins, and Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer).

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

Mrs A Jamieson opened the meeting and welcomed Elaine Park (Transport Contracts and Operations Officer) and Jarryd Jamieson to present the ZetTrans Shetland Public and School Bus Business Case, Stakeholder and Community Engagement is being carried out throughout Shetland.

Mr L Odie and Ms J Lyth joined the meeting at 7.08pm.

ZetTrans has commissioned Stantec to support them in the development of the Business Case for the future delivery of passenger transport services in Shetland. This will determine, and set out how to deliver, the next phase of contracts for the bus network starting in August 2025, ensuring the network best meets the needs of the island communities, taking account of feasibility and deliverability constraints. The feedback received during the consultation will help determine the needs of, and expectations of the public bus network and school transport in Shetland over the next 5 to 10 years.

Public engagement plays an important role in improving the public bus network. By understanding who uses buses, why they use them, their destinations and preferred travel times. ZetTrans can tailor services to better meet specific needs. The consultation is looking to identify the current problems with bus services in Shetland and highlight opportunities to improve the network. The presentation detailed the existing public bus services in Shetland, 28 timetabled bus services, 30 dial a ride services, 15 different operators across Shetland, Number of passengers using the services, Biggest users are young people and adults, busiest route is Service 6 from Sumburgh to Lerwick, popular times were between 07.00-08.00 and 15.00 to 16.00. 61% of journeys in 23/24 were made by those with concessionary bus passes. The North Isles bus routes were discussed in detail. Comments were raised regarding the connections with ferries, dial a ride service being bookable later or direct with the operator or online, weekend options as booking has to be done by 4pm on Friday when passengers may not need to travel then can't book. Bike racks on buses were raised as an option for users. Lack of toilets at the viking bus station was raised but it was classified as a big bus stop, a

new purpose built bus station would be an option but currently no area available. Missing bus timetables have recently been replaced with school term dates included on them.

Bus Shelters issues raised with the Roads department were discussed and Elaine Park to look further into this.

Mr L Odie thanked Elaine Park and Jarryd Jamieson for attending and they left the meeting at 7.50pm.

09/24/01 RESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR

A letter of resignation has been received from Helen Hart.

09/24/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Bus Consultation and the Yell Show Community Hire application.

Mrs S Williamson declared an interest in Colvister Quarry.

Ms J Lyth declared an interest in the Yelloween Community Hire application.

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the Yell Show and Yelloween Community Hire application.

Cllr R Thomson declared an interest in planning applications.

09/24/03 MINUTES

19th August - The minutes of the August meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson & Ms J Lyth.

09/24/04 MATTERS ARISING

BEACH AWARDS

Clerk has put up notices regarding Bathing water, reply received from SEPA and been forwarded on to Scotland's beach awards but no reply has been received.

SSEN TRANSMISSION

They would like to meet with YCC on 3rd October, SSEN will book a venue for 7pm and ask how long the meeting will take. Clerk to follow up and confirm.

09/24/05 POLICE REPORT

Shetland Policing Report June/July 2024 has been received, the bi-monthly report included a summary of reported incidents in Yell, where 2 incidents were recorded during this period with attempt to possess drugs.

09/24/06 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

SHUTTLE SERVICE 18TH & 25TH JULY

Information received from Sellaness regarding the Shuttle Service operating on 18th and 25th July. The figures showed that the ferry was running to a shuttle service rather than timetable and they provided an extra 4 return sailings each day.

On 18th July – there were two sailings where traffic was left – 1535 from Ulsta and 1625 from Ulsta.

On 25th July – there were 4 sailings where traffic was left – 0815 from Ulsta, 0915 from Ulsta, 0937 from Toft, 1735 from Ulsta

DISRUPTION TO SERVICE

The ferry service at the moment is disgraceful, emergency services cover was discussed at zoom meeting on Thursday 12th September for reduction in service on Saturday 14th September with ferry stopping at 1855 from Toft. Sellaness was contacted and replied that due to the crew sickness that standby / call out will not be available across Yell Sound on Saturday night. Clerk to contact Unst and Fetlar Community Councils regarding emergency cover and to contact SIC Community Resilience Board Chair, Cllr Allison Duncan re lack of emergency cover for all three isles.

BOOKINGS VERSUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

The meeting discussed this at length and it was clear from social media that bookings were the preferred option. However, following the shift timetable would result in fewer runs The meeting agreed to contact Sellaness and request a faster turnaround bookable timetable in times of single vessel operation.

COMMUNITY FERRY HIRE APPLICATION

The Yell Show Committee has requested a late ferry application for Sunday 29th September from Gutcher at 1.30am. Mrs A Jamieson chaired the meeting as Mr L Odie declared an interest. The application was approved by Mrs S Williamson and Ms J Lyth.

The Yelloween application has still not been approved by Sellaness. Clerk to request an update.

LETTER FROM K HANNAY

A follow up email has been received from K Hannay regarding the shuttle service and who it is working for. Clerk to reply.

7.2 ROADS UPDATE

Burravoe Active Travel Infrastructure

No update received, Cllr Robert Thomson to investigate it.

New Cullivoe Road

Mr R Jamieson asked if there was any update on the New Cullivoe Road's progress, and Cllr Robert Thomson, gave an update that SEPA are requiring more info regarding the habitat management and peatland study.

Peat from the project is to be placed on former A968, letters have been received by tenants and grazings committees with wrong maps for their area attached.

Roads issues in Yell

There is a hole in the road at Mid Yell Boating Club and two potholes near Valleyview, West Yell.

During the heavy rain on Tuesday 9th September, there were two drains blocked in Burravoe, 1 at Old Burravoe School and 1 at Burgilsty, Burravoe about 400m north by North Burravoe Grid. Clerk to contact Roads regarding these issues.

7.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A meeting is being held with representatives of local community groups on Thursday 26th September at 7pm in Mid Yell School to begin discussions on forming a community benefit group.

Clerk to email statement to Unst and Fetlar Community Councils and forward CLG meeting notes to all Community councillors.

7.4 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday night.

7.5 FIXED LINKS - TUNNEL ACTION GROUP UPDATE

The Tunnel Vision meeting on 20th August in Mid Yell Hall was well attended.

A report in Shetland Times said that Neil Grant stated that the process was taking longer as hoped. Next YTAG meeting will be held on Thursday night.

7.6 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

A meeting has been organised for Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson to meet Jo Robinson on Tuesday 22nd October. Issues and thoughts to be brought to the next meeting.

7.7 LOCAL PLACE PLANS UPDATE

A LPP meeting was held in Yell on Wednesday 4th September in Sellafirth Hall which Ms F Stirling and Mrs A Jamieson attended, Mrs A Jamieson gave feedback to the meeting that it was interesting and important to follow on with a plan for Yell on having a say what goes on with different groups. Planning Aid Scotland are interested in holding a meeting and training sessions regarding this.

7.8 WHITE WIFE PATH

Mr L Odie had a meeting with the crofter and Liam Drosso (Outdoor Access Officer) on Tuesday 9th September regarding wet areas in the path. Liam to investigate improving these two areas.

7.9 COLVISTER/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICE

An update was requested to what was happening at Colvister Quarry. The most recent update was issued to all community councils by email on 19th July as was reported to the August meeting. SIC will be removing the public oil bank from the Colvister site and it is understood that the road signage has been removed.

However unfortunately there is a problem with members of the community continuing to leave bulky household waste at the gates and throw over the fence into the Quarry and this is fly tipping. The Shetland Amenity Trust would appreciate assistance from the Community Council in promoting the Bulky uplift scheme from the SIC. The meeting discussed this and agreed to reply to Shetland Amenity Trust that they erect signage for no fly tipping and the facility closed.

Rumours are going around that SSEN are purchasing/leasing the site for a laydown and it was asked to enquire what their plans for this are.

7.10 ESB STOURA OFFSHORE WIND FARM

A meeting has been organised tomorrow night with ESB representatives and local development groups. ESB representatives are also holding a public exhibition in Lerwick from 2 to 8pm on Thursday.

09/24/07 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 ISLANDS CONNECTIVITY PLAN - CONSULTATION REPORT

Earlier this year a public consultation on the Islands Connectivity Plan's Strategic Approach and Vessels and Ports Plan, which closed in early May. The responses have been reviewed to this consultation and an independent report has been finalised. This overall analysis report, a summary report, and initial responses to the consultation analysis are now available to view online and can be found on the website. This was noted.

8.2 ASCC REVISED MEETING DATE

The ASCC meeting that was to be held last week on Tuesday 10th September has been moved to Wednesday 6th November. Meeting papers will be issued w/c 23rd September with request for agenda items to be returned no later than 2pm on Friday 20th September.

8.3 HIE COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING RESEARCH

Email received and noted regarding the voice of communities survey. Individual members were encouraged to complete the survey via link.

8.4 NHS SHARE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Email to encourage sharing of information to join the NHS SHARE register.

SHARE – The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank - is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health projects.

They need healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. Health research is necessary so new treatments can be discovered for conditions and diseases such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, stroke and asthma.

8.5 VIKING GENES STUDY MEETING WITH PROFESSOR JAMES WILSON

Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson attended a meeting regarding Viking Genes with Professor James Wilson and leaflets were distributed at the YCC meeting regarding saving lives and promoting health via gene studies . Mrs A Jamieson also attended the public meeting held in Lerwick and gave feedback to the meeting.

8.6 INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF AQUACULTURE FISH FARM CONSENTING PILOT SITES

Email received regarding this and noted.

8.7 POST EDUCATION & SKILLS REFORM CONSULTATION ON LEGISLATION

Email received regarding this and noted.

8.8 WEBINAR FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS WITH READY SCOTLAND

Email received regarding these details and noted.

8.9 HELP TO PROMOTE THE OUR PLACE, OUR PROSPERITY - THE VOICE OF COMMUNITIES

Email received regarding this and noted. Individual members were encouraged to complete the survey via link.

8.10 ARVEN OFFSHORE WIND FARM - MARINE DIRECTORATE- LICENSING AND OPERATIONS TEAM SCOPING OPINION ISSUED

Email received regarding this and noted.

09/24/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 Works Licence applications 2024/015/WL, 2024/016/WL, 2024/017/WL, 2024/018/WL, 2024/019/WL, 2024/020/WL, 2024/021/WL and 2024/022/WL.

A special meeting was held on Zoom on Thursday 12th September and the meeting decided to object to the applications 1. Due to the effects it will have on the Navigation in Yell Sound.

2. The impact it will have on the inshore fisheries in Yell Sound.

09/24/09 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 YCC ACCOUNTS 23/24

YCC Accounts for 2023/24 have been audited by VAS, the accounts were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson. Accounts signed and Clerk to send to M Duncan.

10.2 VIKING COMMUNITY FUND CGS

Since the AGS began in February 2021 Yell Community Council has supported 28 projects and awarded a total of £35,435.75 in funding. The Viking Community Fund AGS ended on the 31st of August 2024 and Yell Community Council had £4,564.25 of unspent funds. These have been added to the Community Grant Scheme allocation of £6,515 giving a balance from the 1st of September 2024 of £11,079.25. The Community Grant Scheme is now open for applications.

10.3 SSEN TRANSMISSION COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

SSEN Transmission has launched its first ever Community Benefit Fund, allowing organisations across the north of Scotland to apply for a share of £2 million for projects that will aid skills development, support the culture of local communities, and help alleviate fuel poverty. The fund marks the beginning of what could be over £100 million in support for communities in the north of Scotland, delivered as part of the largest electricity infrastructure programme the region has ever seen.

From 1 September, groups throughout SSEN Transmission's network area can apply for a share of the funding being released from the company's opening £10m Regional Community Benefit Fund, from a minimum amount of £40,000 up to £500,000. The deadline for applications is Friday 22 November, and decisions will be made in January 2025. Details of how to apply and eligibility requirements are available at ssen-transmission.co.uk/communitybenefit.

The launch of the Regional Fund is expected to be followed early next year by the launch of local funds dedicated to communities situated close to new infrastructure developments. Based on initial indications from the UK Government, SSEN Transmission anticipates that over £100m in community benefit funding will be delivered in communities through its £20bn investment to upgrade the transmission network across the north of Scotland in support of UK and Scottish Government net zero and energy security ambitions. Following extensive consultation with the public in 2023, the company has confirmed that

priority for funding from its Regional Fund will be given to projects that deliver on one or more of three identified themes:

- People: focusing on skills, training and employability;
- Place: emphasising the community and culture of the north of Scotland; and
- Reducing fuel poverty levels.

10.4 AUDIT OF YCC ACCOUNTS

YCC Accounts have been audited by VAS, Invoice has been received for £88.00, balance sheet to be amended and invoice paid by Clerk.

09/24/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 REQUEST TO ATTEND COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR INSIGHT ON MARINE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

UHI Shetland has recently secured funding to develop a Marine Restoration and Enhancement Action Plan for Shetland from the Scottish Government's Marine Directorate. This project aims to identify and prioritise areas of the sea or coast which might benefit from restoration or wider seas measures and initiatives which might promote mobile species restoration. With increasing interest in restoration nationally, and the potential role out of biodiversity net gain requirements for developers, this project seeks to ensure that potential activities are locally tailored, meeting the needs of nature and local people. Examples of potential projects could be tackling underwater marine litter, anti-predator netting around breeding seabird colonies or re-planting seagrass in places like the Vadills. Tanya Riley, PG Marine Specialist would like to attend our council meeting on Monday 21st October to present the project and gather input.

11.2 QUANTITY OF INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO PROCESS THROUGH.

Concern was raised over the large amount of information received and circulated among community councillors.

11.3 YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

We encourage youth involvement and Brandon Kennedy has been approached to give youth views if interested.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.15HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 21st October 2024, 7pm, West Sandwick Hall.

Action List			
Clerk	Matters arising	Confirm details with SSEN re meeting	
All members	Matters arising	Attend SSEN meeting on 3 Oct	
Clerk	7.1	Contact Unst & Fetlar CCs regarding emergency cover disruption and A Duncan	
Clerk	7.1	Bookable faster timetable - request Sellaness	
Clerk	7.1	Community Ferry _ Yell Show	
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Clerk	7.1	K Hannay - reply	
Clerk	7.2	Road issues report to Roads	
Clerk	7.3	Statement to Unst & Fetlar CC's	
Clerk	7.3	CLG meeting notes to all CC's	
Clerk	7.9	Reply To Colvister Fly tipping	
Clerk	7.9	SSEN Colvister The meeting with SSEN can discuss this	
All Cc's	7.10	Attend ESB	

All CCS	8.3	Complete survey via link	
All CC' s	8.9	Complete survey via link	
Clerk	10.1	Submit accounts to M Duncan	
Clerk	10.2	Advertise Viking CGS fund	
Clerk	10.3	Advertise SSEN Com Ben Fund	
Clerk	10.4	Pay invoice and update balance sheet	
Clerk	11.1	Arrange to attend next meeting	