

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

**Monday 18th November 2024, 7pm, Mid Yell School**

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

Apologies: Mr R Jamieson, Mr K Jenkins, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), Cllr Duncan Anderson (Elected representative), Ms Frances Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk) and Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **11/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Ms J Lyth declared an interest in the CGS Application for Consideration.

### **11/24/02 MINUTES**

21st October - Ms J Lyth & Mrs A Jamieson approved the minutes of the October meeting.

Ms F Stirling joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

### **11/24/03 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **FOI REQUEST**

A FOI request was received, Clerk and Chair met with Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer) who advised that we should not disclose the content of any private letters received and as a community council we are under no obligation to provide FOI requests but we decided to send the information as a measure of goodwill.

#### **2025 MEETING DATES**

Meeting dates as was discussed at the October meeting have been sent to Michael Duncan and Mid Yell School booked for available dates.

### **11/24/04 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES**

##### **MV BIGGA - INCIDENT UPDATE**

Following the incident on the MV Bigga on 17th October, SIC Ferries were contacted on 29th October by the MCA, who advised that with immediate effect, all vehicles over 3.5t must be secured at all times on the route between Gutcher and Belmont, irrespective of weather and tidal conditions. Other routes, including Fetlar remain unaffected, and existing arrangements can continue. This will inevitably mean a change to current timetables, to allow time for large vehicles to be lashed during the daytime period when most freight traffic occurs. Lashings will also reduce available deck space for other vehicles travelling at the same time.

An update received from Mr A Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure) earlier today that as described in his initial e-mail, the changes required to cope with this change will be complex, given the inter-dependencies between the Unst, Yell and Fetlar services. Service buses, travel time between terminals and other factors all contribute to the structure of any timetable. SIC Ferries are also looking at options to enhance the utilisation of Geira in any solution, but this will take time while they discuss opportunities with crew. Those discussions have already commenced, his management team have met with colleagues from Transport Planning, and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday this week. Given the scale of the challenge, the drafting of new proposals will take time, but as soon as they have more information, Elaine Park from Transport Planning will be in touch to start consultation processes with all three Community Councils. The meeting discussed all the options available and agreed to ask SIC Ferries to work hard to get this issue resolved as soon as possible.

#### BOOKABLE TIMETABLE

Following discussion at the September meeting, YCC requested a special ferry timetable which is bookable for times when the service is down to a single vessel operation.

Mr A Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure) has updated that the SIC can implement the following options and they are very much dependent on the ability to make necessary changes to the booking system.

**1. Advance warning and crew available.**

Shift timetable and additional runs – all bookable and advertised through normal channels as best we can.

**2. Advance Warning and crew unavailable.**

Shift Timetable only - all bookable and advertised through normal channels as best we can.

**3. No Warning and crew available.**

Shift timetable and additional runs – Bookings suspended and advertised through normal channels as best we can.

**4. No warning and crew unavailable.**

Shift Timetable only - Bookings suspended and advertised through normal channels as best we can.

He hopes this makes the options clear, and they will endeavour to make as many runs as possible bookable. That will require 24 hours' notice of disruption in most cases.

The meeting was concerned on the communications side as very often you hear from someone in the ferry queue rather than the voicebank and would it be possible to say what option service was running to on text message rather than just to phone voicebank.

#### MONDAY TIMETABLE CHANGES ON YELL SOUND

Clerk has contacted SIC regarding the timetable changes for the Monday timetable on Yell Sound. M Craigie, Executive Manager - Transport Planning confirmed the email and that they were looking into this with the Ferries department and would get back in touch.

#### YELL SOUND FERRY SERVICE - SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Appreciation was given to Yell Sound Ferry which ran on Saturday 16th November in very windy conditions.

#### 6.9 EMERGENCY COVER FOR THE THREE NORTH ISLES

Mr A Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure) has met with representatives from Blue Light services and the Council's Emergency Planning Officer, to discuss current call-out procedures, and make sure that they are fit for purpose.

Attendees at the meeting were: Emergency Planning, Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS, Police, MCA, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.

At that meeting, they reviewed current arrangements, and in particular, the requirement for master's to notify the MCA whenever a vessel goes out of service, and emergency cover cannot be maintained.

It was unanimously agreed that the current system works and must not change. It is clearly understood by all, and adding more steps to the process introduces the possibility of unintended consequences.

However, there are still concerns raised locally of who is contacted in the North Isles regarding this.

The local coastguard team does not seem to be informed. Clerk is to contact the local health centre and the ambulance as previously they have not been informed either. This issue to be raised with Jo Robinson at a meeting on 28th November.

#### 6.2 ROADS UPDATE

Roads issues in Yell

Clerk has followed up outstanding road issues in Yell and most of them have been resolved.

Gutcher Junction Obstructions

SIC have confirmed that when they inspected the junction there was no vehicle parked at the property at the time. However, there appears to be ample space to park in front of the property without interfering with the required visibility splay.

Damage to North Sandwick

Reported damage to the North Sandwick Road has been repaired.

30mph sign at Gutcher

Sign has been fixed but with gales at weekend has turned around on the post.

Cuppaster Road

An issue was raised regarding the roughness of repairs recently carried out on the Cuppaster road; a local motorist had recently broken a spring due to this issue. The roughness is more noticeable in a smaller vehicle. Clerk to report this issue to Roads.

New Cullivoe Road

Cllr Robert Thomson reported that the New Cullivoe Road was delayed, and the meeting wondered what the revised timescale was.

Ditching in Yell

Ditching in Yell has been surveyed and in the process of being carried out as time permits.

Greenbank Turning point.

Mrs S Williamson raised concerns regarding cars parked around the turning point at Greenbank, Cullivoe. Quite often turning is not possible at Greenbank and you have to reverse back to the Brough View junction. Clerk to contact the roads department.

Vehicle beside road at West Yell

A vehicle was reported as sitting beside the road at West Yell for at least two weeks.

### 6.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A follow up meeting will be held with representatives of local community groups on Wednesday 20th November Ms F Stirling gave an update regarding the meeting.

### 6.4 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

Cllr Robert Thomson gave an update as NYDC have pulled out as leading organisation for the CNI project and he had tried to organise a meeting to take the project forward but had not had much success with replies. The meeting agreed to hold a meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in Mid Yell School.

#### 6.5 FIXED LINKS - TUNNEL ACTION GROUP UPDATE

The AGM of the TAG was held on 10th October and Mrs S Williamson gave an update following this.

#### 6.6 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

Meeting with Jo Robinson

A meeting for Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson to meet Jo Robinson will take place on 28th November.

Some issues and thoughts were raised at the meeting.

GP's & Accommodation

Clerk has forwarded information discussed to Lisa Watt regarding possible properties available.

#### 6.7 LOCAL PLACE PLANS UPDATE

Planning Aid Scotland have provided an update and are running the first two training events of the programmes online this and next week.

#### 6.8 ASCC MEETING 6 November

The ASCC meeting was held on Wednesday 6th November. Mr L Odie attended online and reported back to the YCC.

#### 6.9 EMERGENCY COVER FOR THE THREE NORTH ISLES

Discussed under 6.1 Transport - Ferries

#### 6.10 WEST SANDWICK BEACH

A new bin has been requested. Dog waste signs have also been requested, notices to be updated where possible.

A broken step at the beach has been reported, Clerk to contact Liam Drosso regarding repair of this.

#### BRECKON BEACH

An update from the landowner that the sand ladder has so far stood up to the gale and high tide this past weekend.

#### 6.11 SSEN MEETING - 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

The proposed meeting has been cancelled for tomorrow night with a weather warning in place for the next week. The meeting agreed to invite representatives to attend the December YCC meeting.

#### 6.12 COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Vacant seats on the Yell Community Council have been discussed with Michael Duncan and they can be advertised after 20th November. Ms J Lyth will stand down on 20th November so therefore there will

be three vacant seats. Advertising vacant seats were discussed with a notice on Facebook and a post in the isles view Column in Shetland Times.

## **11/24/05 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 CPR - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) are working together through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation to equip people with vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest outside of hospital. Clerk to contact regarding holding a session in Yell if possible.

A map of defibrillators in Shetland was discussed.

### **7.2 UK GOVERNMENT ENERGY CONSENTING CONSULTATION**

The consultation period opened on 28 October 2024 and closes on 29 November 2024 was noted.

### **7.3 SSEN COMMUNITY TOOLKIT**

SSEN Community Toolkit was noted.

Local resilience hubs at local halls were discussed with kit available.

### **7.4 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT REVIEW - REPORT**

Michael Duncan has given notice that the report to the Special Shetland Islands Council meeting has been published. This report sets out the consultation responses from Phase two and seeks permission to undertake a third and final consultation phase on a proposed new Scheme. Cllr Robert Thomson will be attending the meeting tomorrow.

### **7.5 ONLINE NETWORKING EVENT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN ISLANDS AREAS**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7:30pm (via Microsoft Teams Webinar)

Online Networking Event for Community Councils in Islands areas

An informal online event hosted by the Improvement Service, as part of the Community Councils Scotland project and supported by Scottish Rural Network, to hear the views of Community Councils in Islands areas and provide opportunities for Islands community councillors to get together and share best practice and ideas.

### **7.6 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS BEACH MANAGERS FORUM**

An invite to the postseason Beach Managers Forum, as part of Scotland's Beach Awards, being hosted on Wednesday 11 December 10am-12pm on Teams was noted.

### **7.7 THE NATIONAL CUSTOMER AND STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

The National Customer and Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey is an annual survey undertaken by the National Planning Improvement Team in the Improvement Service. This survey is intended to be filled out by all users of the Planning Authorities in Scotland to collect their views on the service that has been received. It will be used to identify areas for improvement. The survey is live from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November for 3 weeks and was noted.

#### **11/24/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

8.1 2024/012/WL - 2024/022/WL - works licence applications have been withdrawn.

#### **11/24/07 FINANCE/GRANTS**

9.1 T2 CGS APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION - CGS0007-01/02 - Funding towards North Isles P6/7 trip.

£1000 was approved by Mrs S Williamson and seconded by Mrs A Jamieson. Clerk to notify SCBF.

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS TO YELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Clerk informed SCBF that Yell Community Council will consider CGS applications four times per year - November, February, May, and August.

#### **9.2 ROAD GRANT**

Midgarth, Otterswick - Mrs A Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson proposed payment of £500 towards the resurfacing of the road.

#### **11/24/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **10.1 VODAFONE COVERAGE IN NORTH YELL**

A local resident in Cullivoe has been in touch to say that Vodafone coverage in Cullivoe has been non-existent lately. There are also issues with EE's coverage in Yell too, Clerk to contact the Councils IT department regarding this.

##### **10.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE**

Frances had emailed the clerk with a finalised list of Pop Ins for the North Isles also This year she is with Tammie Fraser trialling Pop ins alongside the Community Library on Wednesdays 5 – 7 pm, once a month, as well as the pop ins in North Ness Hall and Mid Yell Hall. Please encourage everyone to attend, they are for everyone! Frances will be contacting Community Halls to find out what is going on over the Christmas period as she is hoping to put together a leaflet with what is on over Christmas.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.25HRS.**

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

Action List			
Clerk	6.1	Contact Sellaness re ferry issues	
Clerk	6.9	Contact Local emergency services	
Clerk	6.2	Contact Roads re issues	
members	6.4	Attend net zero meeting 4 Dec	
LO/AJ	6.6	Attend meeting 28 Nov	
Clerk	6.10	Contact Liam regarding broken step	
Clerk	6.11	Contact SSEN regarding meeting	
Clerk	6.12	Advertise vacant seats	
Clerk	7.1	Investigate session in Yell	
Clerk	9.1	Notify SCBF	
Clerk	9.2	Issue Payment	
Clerk	10.1	Contact SIC IT dept	
Clerk	10.2	Forward Pop In details	