

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 21st October 2024, 7pm, West Sandwick Hall

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

Apologies: Mr L Odie, Mr K Jenkins, Mrs S Williamson, and Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), Cllr Ryan Thomson (Elected representative), and Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker) and Ms Dana Jamieson (North Isles Police).

Mrs A Jamieson chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

10/24/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Statkraft Wind Farm Developments.

Mr R Jamieson and Ms J Lyth declared an interest in the CGS Application for Consideration.

10/24/02 MINUTES

12th September - Ms J Lyth & Mrs A Jamieson approved the minutes of the special Zoom meeting.

16th September - Mr R Jamieson & Mrs A Jamieson approved the minutes of the September meeting.

10/24/03 POLICE REPORT

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

PC Dana Jamieson apologised for not attending meetings recently but has been working in Lerwick. She will be policing the Yelloween event on Saturday night along with another police officer. They will be starting in Toft at 8.15pm and coming into Yell on the ferry to police the event until it closes. The Dogs against drugs team will be in Toft.

Police staffing in Shetland was discussed with staff being brought in from mainland to cover due to short staff, a new chief inspector has arrived in Shetland today.

PC Dana Jamieson left meeting at 7.10pm

Tanya and Rebecca joined the meeting at 7.10pm

10/24/04 MARINE RESTORATION: Identifying Priority Areas and actions in Shetland.

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 and Rebecca, PG Marine Specialists attended our council meeting to present the project and gather input. All members present signed a voluntary consent form. A summary note of all feedback from the meeting will be provided with 10 days to share with members to review.

Mrs A Jamieson thanked Tanya and Rebecca for attending and they left the meeting at 7.50pm.

10/24/05 MATTERS ARISING

SSEN TRANSMISSION

The meeting has been rescheduled from 3rd October to 19th November in Mid Yell Hall from 7 to 9pm, Clerk to follow up and confirm.

WHITE WIFE PATH

An update from Liam Drosso (Outdoor Access Officer) regarding the work to be carried out on white wife path that he has received a quote from a contractor for work to be carried out and awaiting feedback from team leader but will be in touch with more information when available.

10/24/06 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

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) replied that the SIC can implement a bookable shift timetable but cannot accommodate additional runs due to the shortage of crew. In the future, there may be times when it is not possible to implement this arrangement at short notice, and their only option at this point will be a shuttle service or run to shift timetable with bookings suspended. The community prefers bookings, and the meeting agreed to request bookings with an extra run at lunch time whenever possible.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Mr R Jamieson requested that timetable changes be requested for the Monday timetable on Yell Sound due to the service bus coming in on 1530 and struggling to catch the 1615 ferry to Fetlar and recently missing the connections, the connections are tight but when the Yell Sound ferry doesn't load and depart on time and having to stop on route in Yell to drop off passengers then Fetlar passengers lose their connection and have to wait in Gutcher for up to an hour for next ferry. The proposed changes on a Monday afternoon were as follows:

Current departure time	Proposed departure time
1350 Toft	1345 Toft
1415 Ulsta	1410 Usta
1440 Toft	1435 Toft
1505 Ulsta	1500 Ulsta
1530 Toft	1525 Toft

Clerk to contact SIC regarding the timetable changes.

7.11 EMERGENCY COVER FOR THE THREE NORTH ISLES

Following discussion at the September meeting regarding the lack of emergency cover for all three north isles and who is informed that there is no emergency cover. An email was sent to the SIC Community Resilience Board Chair, Cllr Allison Duncan, Unst and Fetlar Community Councils and Mr A Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry & Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure) were copied into email. Cllr A Duncan responded promptly and earlier today held a meeting with Mr A Inkster and Cllr Catherine Hughson to discuss arrangements for the

notification of instances like the one in September that was described in the email. The SIC Ferries Safety Management System is clear and places responsibility on the Master to inform HM Coastguard whenever emergency cover cannot be provided. HMCG takes the lead role in coordinating emergency responses from all blue light services utilising our vessels, and there is no requirement from them for wider emergency services consultation by Ferry Operations to take place. However, Mr A Inkster has agreed with Cllrs. Duncan and Hughson that he will contact the Council's Emergency Planning Officer Ian Taylor, with a view to arranging a meeting with HMCG, NHS, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, and the Police, to review current arrangements and ensure they are fit for purpose. Once that meeting has taken place, he will provide a further response.

7.2 ROADS UPDATE

Burravoe Active Travel Infrastructure

Cllr Robert Thomson provided an update earlier today.

Roads issues in Yell

No update on issues raised from the last meeting, signs that were raised a few months back and the bus shelter problems. Clerk to follow up.

Work has been carried out recently with white lines and road markers fitted.

Gutcher Junction Obstructions

SIC have inspected the junction and have reported back that they do not see an issue. Mr R Jamieson asked if the van was parked there when the inspection was carried out. Clerk to follow up.

Damage to North Sandwick Road

A North Sandwick resident has been in contact regarding the damage that has been left with the workers that have recently installed the fibre cable into North Sandwick, Photographs have been provided and Clerk to contact the Roads department regarding the damage.

7.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A meeting was held with representatives of local community groups on Thursday 26th September to begin discussions on forming a community benefit group. Ms F Stirling gave an update on the meeting.

7.4 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

There was a meeting held on 18th September but no update.

The Yell Resilience Hub open days were held recently and were well attended.

7.5 FIXED LINKS - TUNNEL ACTION GROUP UPDATE

The AGM of the TAG was held on 10th October and Mrs A Jamieson gave an update on information received from Mr L Odie.

7.6 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

Meeting with Jo Robinson

A meeting that was organised for Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson to meet Jo Robinson on Tuesday 22nd October has been rescheduled for 28th November. Some issues and thoughts were raised at the meeting.

GP's & Accommodation

A follow up email has been received from Lisa Watt (Primary Care Manager, Shetland Community Health, and Social Care Partnership) that Drs Rayner and Abdel-Aal are in discussion with the Yell team on when they will start. She is also pleased to advise you that Dr Abdel-Aal has increased the number of weeks she is going to be working, which means that going forward Yell will be fully covered 52 weeks per year with salaried GPs in a rotational model.

However, NHS is currently looking to rent a property in Yell for the GPs to stay in when they are in Yell as the current property will no longer be available from February and they are asking YCC if they have any ideas of any property available. They would ideally need three bedrooms.

A few suggestions were discussed at the meeting and the Clerk to reply to Lisa Watt.

7.7 LOCAL PLACE PLANS UPDATE

An update was received last week.

7.8 COLVISTER/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICE

Shetland Amenity Trust will erect signage for no-fly tipping and the facility closed when wording for signage is agreed with the other landowner.

7.9 ESB STOURA OFFSHORE WIND FARM

A meeting was held with ESB representatives on Tuesday 17th September which Mrs A Jamieson and Ms J Lyth attended and gave an update on the meeting.

7.10 ASCC MEETING 6 November

The next ASCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November.

7.11 EMERGENCY COVER FOR THE THREE NORTH ISLES

Discussed under 7.1 Transport - Ferries

10/24/07 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 BOUNDARIES SCOTLAND CONSULTATIONS

An email has been received and noted.

8.2 WEST SANDWICK BEACH

An email has been received from Karl Graham regarding the West Sandwick Beach Road, Litter bin and his volunteering of emptying the bin, signs for dog waste, picking up litter and recycling.

The meeting discussed the email, and the road is owned by the Brown family and the state of the road has been raised on numerous occasions to the YCC. A new bin will be requested and thank you for his continued volunteering at the beach. Dog waste signs will be requested and there is a lack of space in the notice board for signs but will investigate this too.

8.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Vacant seats on the Yell Community Council were discussed and it was agreed to liaise with Michael Duncan and advertise them.

8.4 PROPOSED 2025 MEETING DATES

A list of proposed meeting dates was discussed, with meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month except April when the meeting be brought forward one week at Clerk's request. Ms F Stirling requested a summer recess with no meeting to be held in July. Clerk to discuss

dates with Mr L Odie and update Michael Duncan with dates before 31st October. Ms J Lyth to book Mid Yell School for proposed dates.

8.5 OVERGROUND, UNDERGROUND OR SUBSEA?

An email has been received and noted.

8.6 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE ACTION

An email has been received and noted.

8.7 DAMAGE TO NORTH SANDWICK ROAD

This item was discussed under 7.2 Roads.

10/24/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to discuss.

10/24/09 FINANCE/GRANTS

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

Due to declarations of interest regarding the application from Baltasound JHS Parent Council (On behalf of all North Isles Schools), the meeting was not quorate to decide so therefore the application was carried forward to the next meeting. Clerk to contact SCBF.

10.2 COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME - APPLICATIONS TO YELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SCBF aims to inform applicants with a decision on their Tier 1 or Tier 2 applications within 8 weeks of receiving them. However, the meeting decided that Yell community council will consider CGS applications four times per year - November, February, May, and August and this may extend the anticipated 8-week turnaround for your application. Clerk to contact SCBF.

10.3 FUNDING INFORMATION - CORRA FOUNDATION

Email received and noted regarding funding options.

10.4 ROAD GRANT

Millby, Cullivoe ZE2 9DD - Ms J Lyth and Mr R Jamieson proposed payment of £261 towards the resurfacing of the road.

09/24/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 FOI REQUEST

A FOI request has been received and YCC are seeking legal advice from SIC, Clerk and Chair shall meet with Michael Duncan on Monday 28th October.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.20HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 18th November 2024, 7pm, Mid Yell School.

		Action	Completed
Clerk	SSEN new date	Confirm date	
Clerk	7.1	Request bookings with additional lunchtime run when possible	
Clerk	7.1	Emergency Cover email update to NI Councillors	
Clerk	7.1	Monday Timetable changes	
Clerk	7.2	Road issues Gutcher Junction follow up. North Sandwick	
Clerk	7.6	Confirm 28th Nov meeting. GP accommodation email reply to Lisa Watt	
AJ	7.10	Attend ASCC meeting 6 Nov	
Clerk	8.2	Reply to K Graham Request bin Update signs/notices	
Clerk	8.3	Community Council vacancies Advertise	

Clerk	8.4	Proposed meeting dates July recess??	
Clerk	10.1	Contact SCBF for extension decision.	
Clerk	10.2	Contact SCBF for application approval at 3-month interval	
Clerk	10.4	Pay road grant	
Clerk/LO	11.1	Meet M Duncan regarding FOI request	