

## Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 19 March 2018 at 7.00pm in the Mid Yell Junior High School

Present: Mr L Odie (Chairman), Mrs A Jamieson (Vice-Chair), Mr R Jamieson, Ms L Cunningham, Mr A Priest & Mr G Hughson.

In Attendance: Mrs J Lyth (Clerk) & Ms F Browne (NICW)

Apologies: Mr J Nicholson, Mr S Henderson & Ms L Thomson

Visitors: Mary Lisk – Yell Heat & Energy Project

Mr Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **03/18/3 VISITORS – Mary Lisk – Yell Heat & Energy Project**

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Mary came to talk to members about the local heat & energy efficiency project which is now underway in Yell. This is a pilot project which has been funded by the Scottish Gov't. and will run until next March. The project will examine the commercial and domestic demand for heat and energy efficiency in Yell with a view to finding ways to meet this from low carbon sources locally. Yell was chosen because they wanted a remote and rural location, it has a relatively high rate of fuel poverty and also has good renewable energies available. Grant funding is available to make residential properties more energy efficient using local trades to keep the money in the local economy. Landlords with 4 or more properties are not eligible for grant funding. Legislation is coming that all properties have to be of a certain level of energy efficiency which includes private landlords and local authority housing. SIC and Hjaltland houses all need doing, it is understood that SIC are nearly 75% of the way through upgrading their housing stock and Hjaltland houses are newer and therefore more energy efficient already. Energy advisors will be coming to Yell in April and can offer free advice, they will be gathering evidence to feed into the project and they will also be holding public meetings. Business premises are not eligible for grants but loans are available for upgrades.

SSEN are currently looking at installing an inter-connector to the Western Isles and have also been in contact with Orkney but have not yet contacted Shetland. If the inter-connector does not come to Shetland then other solutions will need to be sought for renewable energies for the isles. There is a big team of experts on board with this project and will be looking at many different options and will be pulling all the information available from the planning dept, energy efficiency, renewables etc.

Members agreed to gather information to feed back to the project.

MARY LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.00PM

### **03/18/4 MINUTES**

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**12 February 2018** –the minutes from the February meeting were approved by Mr G Hughson & Mr R Jamieson.

*Action: clerk forward to CC Liaison, Police, NICWO and post on website*

### **03/18/5 COMMUNITY WORK**

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1. The Locality Planning steering group sent an overview of their meeting. The group are looking into some quick fixes for small problems to prove that things can change. At the next meeting they will be looking at a strategy to implement some of these changes. One thing they are looking into is a better system for getting prescription drugs into Fetlar.

2. The Shetland Partnership Plan is out for consultation but this is only involving the other CCs who are not involved in the Localities Planning. They are having presentations about money, people, place and participation and they will be setting 3 and 10 year plans.

### **3/18/6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

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#### **6.1 TRANSPORT**

##### **FERRIES – Outstanding matters**

1. Terms & Conditions – the draft terms and conditions for community hires were received. Only the community hires can now be arranged through YCC. All other charters need to be booked direct with Sella Ness. Clerk to contact all those who have arranged late ferries for 2018/19.
2. Usage figures – the ferry usage figures were not received, only the figures for the vehicles left behind. YCC request this information once again.
3. Card Payments – the new equipment on ferries has the capacity to accept cards but online/payment security is an issue that needs to be sorted out and external funding needed.
4. Charter hires – YCC has received another charter hire requests for a wedding in August. Clerk will contact the person to arrange direct with Sella Ness.
5. Sunday Booking office – YCC queried if this is still beneficial. Reply: The booking office will remain open throughout the summer timetable period.
6. Booking office – YCC queried why bookings are only taken until 4.30pm when the staff are in until 5.30pm. Reply: Staff do other admin jobs and end of day tasks.
7. Increased ferry service – now SIC has funding for the ferries from Scot Gov't is it possible to have 2 ferries on Mondays and Saturdays. No reply to date.
8. Public Holidays – on public holidays when it is single ferry, YCC queried if it is possible to have an extra crewman on board to cover the breaks, on these days there are huge gaps when it is not possible to get a ferry. Reply: There is no demand for this.
9. Timetable change – is it possible to move the 5.30 from Ulsta to 5.35 so it ties in with the Fetlar ferry better. Reply: This is not possible on safety grounds as the 2 ferries would end up too close together.

##### **FERRIES – Matters arising**

10. Dry dock early departure – YCC query why the Yell ferry was taken to dry dock early with no prior warning and before a replacement ferry was available. Although this is advertised on the SIC website, is it possible to send a reminder via email/text that dry dock is coming up.
11. Bigga Re-fit – YCC note that the Bigga is due to go for re-fit while the Yell Show is on and request that this re-fit is delayed by one week.
12. Transport Strategy Refresh Consultation – this consultation ends on 27<sup>th</sup> March, Chairman to reply.

#### **6.2 ROADS – Outstanding matters**

1. Road signs for Mid Yell – the contractors have been busy with the safety barrier repairs at Dales Lees, the Mid Yell signs should be done in April/May.
2. Sellafirth Bus Shelter – the bus shelter was made safe and an order for a permanent repair has been issued.
3. Mid Yell sign - the Mid Yell sign from the head of the voe is still missing, this is still to be done, funding ran out so will be done in April..
4. Potholes – the potholes at the Cullivoe/Gutcher crossroads are being patched but are on the list to be surface dressed in the new financial year.
5. Gritting – the North Sandwick road does not score enough points on the road gritting criteria. SIC sent the hierarchy criteria.

6. Meadowbank Road, Burravoe – the section of road from the Old Haa to the Swedish houses on Meadowbank Road has no path and is very narrow. This could be put forward as a project under participatory budgeting, SIC will look at the land ownership.

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7. Road closures – on 29<sup>th</sup> March the road to Voe will be closed for repairs. In the past traffic lights have been used. YCC query what legislation is forcing the road closure during the works & if it is possible to use traffic lights instead of closure as this is a big detour for commuters.
8. Resurfacing program – the resurfacing program for 2018/19 was received by post. Request electronic copy for easier distribution.
9. Uneven road – the road at the back of the Ness near Laxo Burn is very uneven and repair/resurfacing needs investigating.
10. Seafield/Camb Potholes – the road around Seafield/Camb now has potholes.
11. Road sweeping – YCC query if it is possible to get the Herra straight road swept as the loose chips are causing windscreen damage.

*Action: clerk to contact roads dept*

## **6.3 SCHOOLS**

1. Timetable – Mid Yell JHS has now changed the proposed new timetable that will be implemented in May. The feeder schools are looking into transport for Thursdays when they come to Mid Yell for PE and normally share the transport home.
2. Hostel – concerns were raised about the new hostel, members to gather feedback before the March meeting. Still to be done.

## **6.4 NHS SHETLAND**

1. GP vacancy – a potential new GP will be visiting Yell in April.
2. Ambulance in Yell – There were concerns as the ambulance had a flat battery on occasion and Yell has had no co-ordinator for over a year. The issue with the battery had been resolved. Malcolm Smith called the clerk and said an advert was to be placed within the next week. YCC query what this role involves and if it is the same as what Robert used to do. Also query if there is no rota, is there guaranteed cover for the ambulance service.
3. New dentist – members are glad to see a new dentist is now in post for Yell. YCC would like to know how many patients have left the practice to seek treatment elsewhere. It is understood that folk will not be allowed to come back to Yell for future treatments.

## **6.5 COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT**

Nothing further on this to date. Mr Odie to chase.

**6.6 PROPOSED WIND FARM AT GLOUP** – the initial layout for the proposed Wind Farm at Gloup has changed, cutting the number of turbines from 63 to 50. Mr Paul Riddell has visited Mr Odie and would like a community group set up to deal with the community benefit.

**6.7 NOTICE BOARDS** – These were originally installed with certain grant funding so it may not be possible to get them replaced. Photos are needed of the information boards to establish if anything can be done. Still to be done. Locations are Burravoe Marina, White Wife, Arisdale and Breckon.

**6.8 ABANDONED VEHICLES** – It is believed there is one abandoned car at Ulsta. Clerk to establish which one and contact environmental services. The 2 abandoned vehicles at Sunnyside have now gone.

**6.9 SAT MUCK & BRUCK CHANGES** – YCC were notified that Shetland Amenity Trust will no longer be collecting domestic white goods with immediate effect. The paid for service of bulky uplift is still available from SIC.

**6.10 BOTTLE BANKS** – the bottle and can banks in Mid Yell are both full once again. YCC query what the procedure is for emptying, is this a scheduled procedure or is it on notification. Is it possible to have a phone number put on the banks so folk can notify when full. The banks being left full is not encouraging folk to recycle. When the bottle bank was last emptied at Cullivoe hall there was a lot of mess left behind.

**6.11 REFUSE COLLECTIONS** – the new refuse collections with recycling has begun in Brae and surrounding areas. Households received information and timetables for this before it began. This system will be rolled out to the rest of Shetland in July.

*Action: clerk to action as needed*

### **3/18/7 PLANNING LISTS/APPLICATIONS**

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2018/002/WL vary existing work licence for tidal array.

MS F BROWNE LEFT THE MEETING AT 10PM

### **3/18/8 FINANCE/GRANTS**

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1. The amended Cullivoe UHA CDF grant was seconded by Ms L Cunningham via email between meetings. All receipts have now been received totalling £6079 and a cheque was written for £2400. Approved by L Cunningham and A Priest.
2. YCC has applied for a CDF distribution fund of £3000.
3. The benches for the Yell project grant should be delivered next weekend in time for the start of the summer season. Locations for the benches need to be agreed.
4. Members to look for a local project for the £1000 grant. Clerk to diarise projects and grants for Jan 2019.
5. Clerk to advertise CDF and road grants for 2018/19 to be in for next meeting.
6. The following road grants were approved by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr R Jamieson:
  - Mr A Leask, Otterswick, 207m limited repair, 50% of cost to a maximum grant of £335
  - Mr J Johnson, Setter, 384m major resurface, 50% of cost to a maximum grant of £770
  - Mr R Robertson, East Yell, 232m limited repair, 50% of cost to a maximum grant of £375All to be granted from 2017/18 funding.
7. The KSB invoice for the beach awards was received, payment of £720 was approved by Mr R Jamieson and Ms L Cunningham and a cheque was written.
8. Many grant applications were received. These will be held over until the applications for the 2018/19 funding have all come in.
9. The core funding paperwork has been received. Members agreed to change the allocation of funds to include £500 for local groups by reducing the road grant budget. These budgets are only a guideline budget.

### **3/18/9 NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Voar Redd Up – info regarding the Voar Redd Up was received, this will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April.

2. CC training – the CC training that was due to take place on March 10<sup>th</sup> was postponed.
3. CC election timetable – the timetable for the next round of cc elections was received. This will begin in September.

### **3/18/11 LEAFLETS/ANNUAL REPORTS**

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No new reports received

### **3/18/12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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Full Fibre Network – SIC were unsuccessful in their bid for capital funding to extend the fibre network to Yell and Unst but they will amend and re-submit the application for the next round of bidding.

Post Office Mid Yell – Alistair Carmichael asked SRT if it was possible to put the Mid Yell Post Office inside the leisure centre, unfortunately this will not be possible. Other solutions are being sought.

Mid Yell Pier – there is subsidence on the station at the head of the Mid Yell pier, this looks dangerous and needs to be looked at urgently.

Horsa Building – YCC further query when this building will be demolished.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 23.00 hrs**

**The Next Meeting of Yell Community Council will be held on**

**Monday 16th April 2018 in the Mid Yell School at 7pm**

**Visitors – TBC**