

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

**Monday 15th September 2025, 7pm, Mid Yell School**

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

Apologies: Cllr Duncan Anderson (Elected representative) and Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative), Ms Frances Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker) and 1 Member of the Public.

### 09/25/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr L Odie and Mrs J Henderson declared an interest in the Yell Show late ferry application.

Mr R Jamieson and Mrs J Henderson declared an interest in the Cullivoe Public Hall funding receipts.

Ms F Stirling declared an interest in the Mid Yell Pier Amenity Building funding application.

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in the Statkraft windfarm developments.

### 09/25/02 MINUTES

18th August 2025 - The minutes of the August meeting were approved by Ms F Stirling and Mrs A Jamieson.

### 09/25/03 MATTERS ARISING

#### LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Ms F Browne requested an amendment to minutes regarding the local defibrillators, information will be published soon, and it will be discussed at the next ASCC meeting.

### 09/25/04 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### 6.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES

##### **Changes to Unst & Fetlar Timetables**

Changes to shift patterns on Geira have taken effect from Wednesday 03 September, the meeting welcomed these changes on Bluemull Sound.

##### **Community Hire Ferries**

Confirmation has been received from Sellaness for the late ferry on 2nd November and the application for 21st September that was requested to be changed to 9th November has been accepted as well.

An application for a late ferry on Bluemull Sound on 26th October has been requested by Yell Show Committee for their prizegiving. The Clerk and Chair left the room while this application was discussed. The application was approved by Ms F Stirling and Mr R Jamieson.

Cllr Robert Thomson has written to Cllr M Lyall to request that community hire ferry allocation be increased to six per annum per Community Council.

##### **Yell Show Day Ferries**

All additional runs on the Yell Show Day were fully used.

#### 6.2 ROADS UPDATE

##### **New Cullivoe Road**

Cllr Robert Thomson stated that due to completion of planning conditions paperwork the new Cullivoe Road is now planned to start in October. The meeting was disappointed that it was delayed, and Jonathan Duncan (Road Engineer) has been invited to attend the YCC October meeting.

##### **Road Closure of Dales Lees and Works in Lang Kames**

Concerns were raised regarding the ongoing works; no update has been received following the clerk contacting the Roads department on the works.

#### 6.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS

##### CLG MEETING UPDATE

Ms F Stirling gave an update on the CLG meeting held on 2nd September. Disturbance funds were raised. Statkraft are planning a newsletter and an information event early next year.

A meeting along with Unst and Fetlar Community Councils will be organised prior to this and the Steering Group needs to be updated.

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

The Tunnel Groups launched their Time to Tunnel initiative at Unst and Yell Shows.

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

Isleshavn Report

No response has been received following the questions asked to Ruth Macmillan (Depute/Exec manager Social Work) at the last meeting.

The follow up inspection report for Isleshavn has been published with most improvements in place, but the leadership is still only adequate. Clerk to follow up a response.

#### 6.6 ASCC MEETING - 8th October

The next meeting date is 8th October, Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson will attend remotely.

Agenda item regarding the request for standard kit for all community councils is included.

The SEN community engagement drop-in session in Burravoe is on the same date from 3pm to 8pm.

#### 6.7 YELL CC SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENTS

The document was approved and adopted by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr R Jamieson.

#### 6.8 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections are now being advertised through social media, notices, and signs to be erected throughout Shetland. Nomination Forms handed out and closing date for nominations is 16th October at 4pm.

#### 6.9 VIKING COMMUNITY FUND - ANNUAL REVIEW

SCBF have been reviewing the Viking Community Fund over the summer and have made some small changes following this review. They have sent through information summarising the review and changes to the Strategic Fund and Community Grant Scheme and are offering community councillors and clerks the opportunity to attend a Zoom session on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at 7pm to ask any questions they may have about SCBF and the Viking Community Fund.

#### 09/25/05 NEW BUSINESS

#### 7.1 REQUEST FOR HELP TO CASCADE COMMUNITY INFORMATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCOTLAND

The team at NWS are reaching out to ask for assistance in cascading community information, as folk may already be aware landlines are changing, and the UK's telephone network is going digital. By January 2027, the old analogue network will be completely switched off and replaced by new digital landlines which will work using broadband. This change affects all industry providers and their customers. It is important that we help support members of our communities, especially the more vulnerable, to ensure that they are not adversely impacted by the switch off deadline as best we can. This was noted.

#### 7.2 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT - SHETLAND ISLANDS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

SICAB supports a doing a great job in Shetland, and this report was noted.

#### 7.3 NESHION ENERGY PARK: PROJECT UPDATE

The second public engagement is in the Mossbank Hall on 23rd September with a project update, members are encouraged to attend the drop in event from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

#### 7.4 VCF - CGS - PROJECTS SUPPORTED - CGS APPLICATION SUMMARY

The summary was noted and funding to be promoted.

#### 7.5 GRAVESTONES DAMAGE AT CULLIVOE

A constituent has raised concerns to damage to a family gravestone at Cullivoe Cemetery, they are in contact with SIC Burial Services regarding the damage and a community councillor has visited the cemetery and found damage to their family gravestone as well. Cllr Robert Thomson to follow up this issue. Clerk to send on correspondence to Cllr Robert Thomson.

#### 7.6 TRANSPORT SCOTLAND COMMUNITY DROP INS

The public consultation on the Northern Isles Ferry Services (NIFS4) is now open and runs from 22 July to 13 October 2025.

In addition to the ongoing public consultation, colleagues from Transport Scotland Ferries Teams will be visiting Orkney and Shetland during September to talk to communities about the next Northern Isles Ferry Services 4 contract development work.

The planned drop-in sessions in Shetland

18 September 2025 - Room 11, Isleburgh Complex, King Harald Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0EQ

10am to 12pm, 2pm to 4pm, 6pm to 8pm

19 September 2025 - Room 11, Isleburgh Complex, King Harald Street, Lerwick, ZE1 0EQ

11am to 1pm

Members are encouraged to attend.

#### 7.7 SUPPORT WITH RIGHT OF WAY TO GALTIGARTH

Following Mr L Odie raising the access track to Galtigarth at the June meeting and discussing with Liam Drosso (Outdoor Access Officer) who contacted various departments regarding public funds and planning regulations. The crofter who is tenant in the area has contacted YCC regarding support. No funding is available for the project, but a letter of support could be provided.

#### 09/25/06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MARINE PLANNING

No applications to discuss.

#### 09/25/07 FINANCE/GRANTS

##### 9.1 YCC BUDGET

Discussions were held on the budget available. Mr L Odie proposed members claim mileage for attending meetings, claim forms to be completed and sent to the clerk by the end of October. Mrs A Jamieson proposed the clerk be reimbursed for her expenses (paper, printer ink, and stationery) £100 was proposed by Mrs A Jamieson and Ms F Stirling to the Clerk for expenses to date.

##### 9.2 MYDC FUNDING APPLICATION

A funding application was received from MYDC towards the new toilet facility at Mid Yell Pier.

Ms F Stirling declared an interest and left the room for the discussion.

£2000 funding was approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson.

##### 9.3 CULLIVOE HALL GRANT RECEIPTS

Cullivoe Hall Committee has provided receipts towards the funding application. It was approved by Mr L Odie and Mrs A Jamieson that payment be processed.

##### 9.4 BANK LETTER

A promotional letter from RBS has been received and noted.

#### 09/25/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

##### 10.1 TAR CHIPPING IN YELL

Mr R Jamieson asked if tar chipping had been completed for the year as the Moarfield road had been marked up and he was requiring areas to be chipped. He was advised that the SIC website has detailed planned work in Yell and he should contact the roads department for his private work.

##### 10.3 ABANDONED CARS BESIDE ROAD

Abandoned cars were reported at the end of Basta Road and at the West Yell Grid; they have been sitting for a few weeks. There are a few cars in the turning place at Greenbank as well. Clerk to follow up.

##### 10.4 MENS SHED

Mr R Jamieson reported that Men's Shed is investigating purchasing the units they currently occupy.

Ms F Browne offered to assist them.

##### 10.5 ADOPT A PHONE BOX

There has been no reply to our correspondence.

#### **THE MEETING ENDED AT 20.40HRS.**

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 20th October, 7pm, West Sandwick Hall.**