

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 20th October 2025, 7pm, West Sandwick Hall

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

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

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting and paid tribute to the recent passing of past member and chairman Dan Thompson, Dan served on the Yell Community Council for over 20 years and was chairman for 14 years, he was dedicated at attending meetings and campaigned for Yell over the years. Our thoughts are with Dan's family at this sad time.

Jonathan Duncan (SIC Roads Engineer) was unable to attend the meeting but had provided an update which will be discussed under Roads.

10/25/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

Mr L Madden declared an interest in the payphone removal decision at Brough Stores.

10/25/02 MINUTES

15th September 2025 - The minutes of the September meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson.

10/25/03 MATTERS ARISING

PAYPHONE REMOVAL DECISION

A response has been received from BT regarding the proposed removal of payphones.

They will not be submitting the payphones at Burravoe and Cullivoe for review. The Burravoe kiosk is listed, the structure itself will remain in situ with only the internal telephony equipment being removed.

Mr L Madden has adopted this kiosk.

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND CONSULTATION EXTENSION

The Northern Isles Ferry Services 4 Public consultation period was extended with the deadline for responses ending today.

ARCHIVING COMMUNITY COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

The Clerk and Chair are working on getting the documents sorted that require to be archived.

10/25/04 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There has been good advertising and campaigning prior to the elections.

NOMINATIONS

Six nominations have been received for the next term, five current members along with Ms J Eunson.

Mr R Jamieson had not got his nomination in before the deadline. The meeting agreed to invite Ms Eunson to attend the November meeting.

VACANCIES

Following correspondence from Anne Cogle (Team leader - Administration), Any vacancies remaining on the Community Council from this election, should be discussed at the first meeting of the new Community Council. Nobody can be co-opted until that first meeting at the earliest.

10/25/05 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORTS

JUNE/JULY 2025

The bi-monthly report has been received for June and July and there have been three incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder - Neighbour Dispute, Threatening or Abusive Behaviour, Protecting Vulnerable People - Mental Health

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

The bi-monthly report has been received for August and September and there have been four incidents recorded which can be summarised as follows:

Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder - Neighbour Dispute

Protecting Vulnerable People - Mental Health (2)

Other - Sudden Death

INTEREST IN VACANT POST

A call has been received to the Chair from a police officer in Kent expressing interest in the vacant post and enquiring about the local amenities in Yell.

10/25/06 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

8.1 TRANSPORT

FERRIES

Community Hire Ferries

Confirmation has been received from Sellaness for the late ferry on 26th October requested by Yell Show Committee for their prizegiving.

ROADS

Road Closure of Dales Lees and Works in Lang Kames

Concerns were raised regarding the ongoing works and whether the road would open later the week as was first planned.

New Cullivoe Road

The meeting was disappointed that Jonathan Duncan (Road Engineer) was unable to attend tonight but he has provided an update.

Works are currently progressing well behind the scenes just now.

- All land purchases, (except two), have been completed. One remaining outstanding purchase is ongoing and has been verbally agreed therefore we do not anticipate any issues prior to conclusion. The other is also verbally agreed however may require further investigation by colleagues in Legal.
- The SEPA Waste Management License exemptions for the Cunnister Quarry and the Head of Gutcher borrow pit are in place.
- Agreements are also now in place with Openreach, Scottish Water and SSE for the necessary utility diversions.

Unfortunately, they have experienced frustratingly lengthy delays relating to outstanding Planning Conditions. However, the case has now been reassigned to a new Planning Officer last week and they are now again making headway.

They are still anticipating a few weeks of consultation between Planning and the Statutory Consultees but unfortunately, they have no remit to quantify exactly how long this may take them.

As is normally the case with Planning, they are not permitted to start on-site until all these conditions have been met. Please be assured Cullivoe is still current top priority and both Campbell Johnson and Jonathan Duncan are keen we get started the moment they are allowed.

It was requested to ask Jonathan to attend the November meeting, Clerk to follow up.

TARRING AT HEAD OF MID YELL VOE

It was encouraging to see the tarring taking place as it was only due to be carried out in 2026.

8.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

Concerns from Isleshavn

An update has been received from Jo Robinson (Director of Community Health and Social Care) which the meeting discussed. The meeting agreed to reply to Jo with thanks for the response and ask further what the long-term plan is regarding a team leader and to provide an update on the recruitment campaign.

8.3 FIXED LINKS - TUNNEL ACTION GROUP UPDATE

YTAG AGM was held on 6th October, Mr L Odie gave an update.

The pre-seismic studies have been carried out on fixed links on Yell Sound and Bluemull Sound by Norconsult. They designed all the Faroe Island tunnels and some in Norway, they were in Shetland in

June. Bluemull Sound has 'complexed geology,' and most suitable route would be north of the existing ferry terminal. Yell Sound has a deeper rock structure with faults, the best route maybe under Bigga. More details are still required. Norconsult advises 5% slope (same as most recent ones in Faroe). The previous work was done on 8% slope; therefore, this makes the tunnel longer. The next stage 'full seismic study' will provide more detail, most of the cost of this has already been raised with just a small shortfall.

The report has now been published and can be viewed <https://shetlandtunnels.co.uk/pre-seismic-report-published-for-fixed-links-to-yell-and-unst/>

The committee returned with Steven Henderson and Graham Hughson as joint chairs.

Questions were asked regarding the option for bicycles, Mrs S Williamson to investigate this.

8.4 RENEWABLE ENERGY

VIKING COMMUNITY FUND - ANNUAL REVIEW

Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Madden attended zoom meeting on 22nd September and Mrs A Jamieson gave an update to the meeting, the meeting requested to invite Mark MacBeath (Yell SCBF representative) to attend a YCC meeting to update on SCBF in early 2026.

SSEN COMMUNITY DROPIN - 8TH OCTOBER

Several members had attended the drop in in Burravoe and gave an update to the meeting on the options, it was thought that the drop in had not been well attended. Concerns were raised regarding the number of workers required to complete the project and the impact it would have on local supply chains and transport links.

STOURA OFFSHORE WIND

An update has been received and was noted.

STATKRAFT DEVELOPMENTS

No date has been arranged yet for meeting with Unst and Fetlar Community Councils.

8.5 ASCC MEETING 08.10.25 UPDATE

Mrs A Jamieson attended remotely and gave an update to the meeting.

It was noted that the chair Mr L Odie had served on the Yell Community Council since 1977.

Topics discussed were Stoura Windfarm, Local Place Plans, hybrid meetings - kit required, Community Council elections.

8.6 GRAVESTONES DAMAGE AT CULLIVOE

No update, Clerk to contact Cllr Robert Thomson.

10/25/07 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 VIKING GENES LETTER OF SUPPORT

Following an email received from the Shetland Community Screening project requesting a letter of support, the Clerk contacted members for their consent, and a letter of support was sent before 30th September. This was noted.

9.2 CULLIVOE CEMETERY RUBBISH BIN

A local constituent has contacted Yell Community Council regarding the litter bin overflowing in Cullivoe Cemetery and who is responsible for emptying it, Clerk contacted Burial Services, who thanked us for bringing it to their attention. It appears that the bin may be used by motor home users, who should not be parking in burial grounds car parks and Burial Services would check/ ensure that a sign is clearly displayed that the car park is for "Cemetery Visitors Only" and it is Burial Services responsibility to empty the bin. Clerk to follow up sign.

9.3 MID YELL PIER EROSION

A local constituent has contacted Yell Community Council regarding erosion to the Mid Yell Pier, Clerk had contacted Ports and Harbours, but no update has been received. Clerk to follow up.

9.4 UPLIFT OF SCRAP VEHICLES

A local constituent has contacted Yell Community Council regarding the scrap car removal, despite contacting Orkney and Shetland Vehicle uplift several times since January, their vehicles have not been uplifted, one vehicle is at the edge of the road and limits visibility and the other one is close by. The meeting discussed and agreed to contact SIC regarding this issue.

There have also been reports of scrap vehicles parked in the upper part of Sunnyside, Mid Yell.

The Clerk is to contact SIC Environmental Health department for advice on the rules of scrap vehicles in public areas.

9.5 BEACH AWARDS REPORTS

The Beach Awards reports have been received for West Sandwick Beach and Sands of Breckon. The reports are particularly good and the clerk to forward the reports to the local groups.

9.6 PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026

The proposed dates for meetings in 2026 was discussed and no decision was made, item to be forwarded to the November meeting, Clerk to check dates with school holiday dates so all meetings can be held in Mid Yell School and can be hybrid meetings.

10/25/08 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 VAS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

An email from VAS is looking for new board members, this was noted.

10.2 COMPASS CENTRE CAMPAIGN - STAND UP, SPIK OOT

An email from the Compass Centre promoting the new important campaign Stand Up, Spik Oot which highlights local men in Shetland speaking out against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) was noted.

10.3 EAST YELL CHAPEL THANK YOU

A thank you letter was received from the East Yell Methodist Chapel members for the environment grant award for the Redd up, the donation will be used to help keep our chapel running and in good repair, this was noted.

10.4 HES- HERITAGE TALK

An invitation email to attend Historic Environment Scotland - Talking about Heritage workshop on 3rd November in Lerwick or to complete the survey by 7th December. This was noted and members encouraged to attend.

10.5 SIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT - AUTUMN DROP IN EVENTS

SIC Economic development is carrying out a series of drop in events from 28th October to 20th November, to raise awareness of the support available to island businesses, community, and voluntary groups. This was noted and members encouraged to share with local groups and attend if interested, the timing of the events was not convenient for working people.

10/25/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MARINE PLANNING

No applications to discuss.

10/25/10 FINANCE/GRANTS

12.1 YCC ACCOUNTS 24/25

VAS has examined accounts, and they were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs A Jamieson.

Clerk to forward approved accounts to M Duncan.

12.2 VCF -25/26 CPI Allocation

Shetland Community Benefit Fund (SCBF) can now advise that Community Grant Scheme allocation has been adjusted to include an additional amount of £242, our total CGS allocation for 2025/26 is therefore £6,757, there is £2323.25 carried over from 24/25, YCC currently has £9080.25 available for groups who wish to apply for grants from SCBF.

12.3 VAS audit invoice

VAS invoice for audit is £95.00, budget sheet to be adjusted, payment was approved.

12.4 MYDC FUNDING APPLICATION

MYDC have accepted the offer of grant. Clerk to issue payment.

10/25/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

Dog fouling in Mid Yell is still an issue, regarding not picking up after dogs and bagging up and leaving on fences and pavements, the meeting discussed the issues and agreed to ask about the possibility of more bins, clerk to follow up.

13.2 MOSSBANK- YELL CABLE ENERGISED

Geraldine Higgins (SSEN Distribution Strategic Project Liaison Lead(North)) has been in touch regarding a media quote as they are planning media releases at the end of the month, they would like

to donate a piece of cable and photographs from the project to the YCC during November. Mr L Odie to meet up.

13.3 LETTER FROM COUNCIL HOUSE TENANT

A letter has been received from a resident in Meadowbank Road, Burravoe regarding the neglected area, the fencing is rotten and falling to pieces and there are weeds growing on the pavements, she has reported both these issues to SIC in April 2025 but there has been nothing done yet. The meeting discussed the letters and during the discussion it was noted that the fences were so rotten that the sign for the area was missing. It was agreed to forward the letter to SIC and include the NI Councillors.

13.4 PASSING PLACE AT OLD BURRAVOE SCHOOL

No update has been received on this, Clerk to follow up.

13.5 BURRAVOE FOOTPATH

The meeting requested to contact SIC for an update on the project, clerk to follow up.

13.6 LINKSHOUSE BUS SHELTER

An update has been requested on the proposed bus shelter at Linkshouse, Clerk to follow up.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 20.50HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 17th November, 7pm, Mid Yell School.

Action List

Clerk	Minutes	Send to MD	
Clerk	8.1 Roads	Invite JD to Nov meeting	
Clerk	8.2	Reply	
SW	8.3	Question – bikes in tunnels	
Clerk	8.4	Invite Mark to Jan meeting	
FS	8.4	Organise meeting with Unst & Fetlar CCs	
Clerk	8.6	Follow up with Robert Thomson	
Clerk	9.2	Contact regarding notice	
Clerk	9.3	Follow up – email Ross Gordon	
Clerk	9.4	Contact Env Health	
Clerk	9.5	Reports to groups	
Clerk	9.6	Check meeting dates	
All members	10.4	Attend	
Clerk	10.4	Remind members	
Clerk/ all members	10.5	Promote drop in events	
Clerk	12.1	Accounts to MD	
Clerk	12.2	Promote Funding	
Clerk	12.3	Adjust balance sheet and pay VAS	
Clerk	13.1	Contact Env Health	
Clerk	13.2	Reply	
LO	13.2	Attend	
Clerk	13.3	Forward letter to Housing and NI Councillors	
Clerk	13.4	Follow up	
Clerk	13.5	Follow up	
Clerk	13.6	Follow up	