

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 17th November 2025, 7pm, Mid Yell School

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mrs S Williamson, Mr R Jamieson, and Mr L Madden
Apologies: Mr K Jenkins, Ms F Stirling, 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 J Duncan (SIC Roads Engineer), Ms J Eunson
(New Community Councillor).

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the guest for the evening, Jonathan Duncan
(SIC Roads Engineer) who was attending the meeting to give an update on the New Cullivoe Road.

Jonathan Duncan gave a detailed update on where the SIC are regarding starting the new Cullivoe
Road, the SIC are currently dealing with procedure matters regarding planning constraints. There are
still three outstanding environmental issues that M Devine & R Shucksmith are working on, and it is
hoped they will be completed by the end of this week. Most of the requirements for services have
been completed but BT is still outstanding. There are three areas designated for profiling with the
excess peat with another possibility further to sorting out of legal paperwork. It is hoped that work will
begin on site in early January following all the conditions have been met. Contractor CW Johnson Ltd
will be carrying out the earthworks and constructing the road to type one standards and then the DLO
will be tarring the new road. There will be three areas where the new road crosses the old road, but it
is hoped the disruption will be limited and work will be timed to be carried out with busy periods. The
road aligning into the road at Beach House end was discussed. The jet patcher will be carrying out
repairs to the old road in the interim.

6.1 ROADS

BASTA GRID/ ROAD IN BASTA PARKS

Concerns were raised regarding the unevenness of sections of the Bastaparks also the new grid at
the North side where there is a dip in the road.

WART ROAD FROM HILLEND TO TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

The Wart Road is badly breaking up from Hillend to the telephone exchange. A resolute team will be
accessing the roads.

WEST YELL ROAD

It was good to see the new section of tarring completed with white lines and verges.

BURRAVOE FOOTPATH

Phase 1 of the footpath has still not been any further ahead since a visit from Robina Barton in
February 2024. An update has been received from N Hutcheson.

PASSING PLACE AT OLD BURRAVOE SCHOOL

An update has been received from C Gair on this but needs to be resolved.

CLOSURE OF DALES LEA

Disruption following the closure was extended for two weeks and there is still a lot of work to be
carried out which is going to mean more disruption to North Isles and Mossbank residents.

WORKS IN LANG KAMES

The state of the road following pipe lying was discussed and the disruption it is causing to motorists.

CUPPASTER ROAD

A comment was raised regarding the snowplough being unable to go into Cuppaster past the grid.

TARRING AT HEAD OF MID YELL VOE

YCC was delighted to see the tarring taking place as it was only due to be carried out in 2026, but
concerns were raised regarding the visibility on wet, dark mornings recently. It is hoped that the white
lines will be completed before Christmas.

J Duncan took a note of all the comments raised regarding roads.

Any concerns regarding the New Cullivoe Road are to be addressed to Jonathan, Mr L Odie thanked him for attending the meeting and he left the meeting at 7.55pm.

The meeting went into general business and Mr L Odie made special mention to new member Ms J Eunson joining the Community Council.

11/25/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr L Madden declared an interest in the Premises licence at Brough Stores.

Mr L Odie & Mr L Madden declared an interest in the Community Ferry Hire application from Burravoe Hall.

11/25/02 MINUTES

20th October 2025 - The minutes of the October meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mrs S Williamson.

11/25/03 MATTERS ARISING

LETTER FROM COUNCIL HOUSE TENANT

An acknowledgement had been received regarding the problems, but nothing has been carried out at Meadowbank Road, clerk to follow up.

ARCHIVING COMMUNITY COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

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

11/25/04 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

6.1 TRANSPORT

FERRIES

Frequent cancellation of 745 ferry

The 745 ferry is very often cancelled and the meeting agreed to contact Sellaness regarding this issue as several Island residents are dependent on this ferry.

Monday Timetable

Recently there has been a single ferry on Monday's and the message on voicebank is stating normal service, it would need to be stating that it is a Monday timetable as there is a slight difference, Clerk to contact Sellaness. Also, what happened to the Marshalls that were to be on duty when there is only one ferry on due to sickness or crew shortish.

Community Hire Ferries

The Burravoe Hall have requested a community ferry for their Christmas Disco in December, there is now a community ferry available due to the cancellation of the Yell Show prizegiving ferry in October due to lack of interest. Mr L Odie and Mr L Madden declared an interest as hall committee members and left the meeting for the discussion. Mrs A Jamieson chaired this item.

It was proposed to grant the ferry and Clerk to submit the application to Sellaness for approval.

Returning booking of community hire ferries were discussed at the meeting and was noted.

ROADS continued

Linkshouse Bus Shelter

An update has been received from the roads department that an order for several bus shelters was placed in September, but a delivery date has not been confirmed. Linkshouse will be one of the prioritised shelter installations when they are delivered.

Gates on Bus Shelters in Yell

It was noted that gates have been fitted to bus shelters at Mid Yell, Sellafirth, West Sandwick and Aywick and repairs have been carried out to the bus shelter at Gutcher.

Post box access at Aywick bus shelter.

Thanks to Colin Gair from the Roads Department, access to the post box at Aywick has been sorted.

FIXED LINKS

No further update.

6.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

Isleshavn Team leader update

An update has been received from Jo Robinson (Director of Community Health and Social Care) that following the unsuccessful recruitment, the post was advertised again, and they now have a preferred

candidate, pending appropriate HR checks, which is exceptionally good news. The meeting noted that there is a temporary agency team leader in post.

6.3 RENEWABLE ENERGY

CLG Meeting Notes

The final meeting notes from the June meeting and the draft meeting note from the September meeting have been received. Following the SSEN drop-in in Burravoe, it was suggested that the SSEN representatives join the liaison group, Mrs A Jamieson to contact Doug Wilson regarding this.

6.4 CULLIVOE CEMETERY

No update on gravestone damage, Clerk to contact Burial Services regarding the parking signage.

6.5 MID YELL PIER EROSION

The SIC have had consultants Arch Hendersons carry out a survey and an underwater dive survey on the pier structure, and they are currently awaiting the results of these.

GUTCHER OLD PIER

It was noted that work has been completed on repairing the old pier at Gutcher.

6.6 UPLIFT OF SCRAP VEHICLES

The details have been received from SIC on the uplift/disposal of scrap vehicles. Details have been forwarded to the constituent.

SCRAP VEHICLES AT GREENBANK

An email has been received from a concerned constituent regarding the number of vehicles around the turning point at Greenbank including a vehicle that has been cut up, and concerns were raised for parts blowing around the area. Since the email, the vehicle has been removed from this area.

The turning point at Greenbank still has several unused cars. The meeting agreed to request that scrap cars in the area be added to the ASCC agenda, and the Clerk to complete the ASCC agenda item form.

6.7 PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026

The proposed dates for meetings in 2026 were discussed and it was agreed to have the meetings on the third Monday of the month, with April and December taken forward to the second Monday. July meeting to be discussed nearer the time. Clerk to submit meeting dates to M Duncan and book Mid Yell School for meetings.

6.8 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

Dog fouling in Mid Yell is a big problem. It was noted there are no signs up regarding dog fouling fines. The SIC team are willing to visit the school to campaign following the introduction of a new campaign that they are trialling in other areas in Shetland. The meeting agreed for a member to meet the SIC team to discuss the options available to combat the problem.

11/25/05 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 HERRA POST BOX

Following the removal of the Herra post box due to it rusting off its plinth, Clerk was contacted by a local constituent regarding its removal and asked the Lerwick delivery office what options were for its return. The box will be replaced when there are engineers in Shetland to do the repairs, which may only be in early 2026.

7.2 NORTHERN ISLES FERRY SERVICES (NIFS) USER SURVEY - TRANSPORT

This survey was noted, and members were encouraged to fill in individually.

11/25/06 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 PETITION - NEW POWERS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

8.2 GROW YOUR IDEA - NEW DATE

8.3 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

8.4 FREE TRAINING SESSIONS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

8.5 CREATING HOPE WITH PEER SUPPORT IN SHETLAND

8.6 SHETLAND ISLANDS REGIONAL MARINE PLAN UPDATE

All these emails were discussed and the meeting noted them.

11/25/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/MARINE PLANNING/ PREMISES LICENCE

9.1 PREMISES LICENCE - BROUGH STORES

Mr L Madden declared an interest and left the meeting for the discussion of this item.

The meeting welcomed this application and approved it. Clerk to reply.

11/25/08 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 BALANCE SHEET

11/25/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 ISLAND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY RESILIENCE

This email was noted.

11.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Winter Pop Ins have started again. The first in North Ness Hall on Wednesday 5th November, and had fourteen attendees. The second is on Wednesday in Mid Yell.

Frances along with adult learning colleague Denise have also been delivering family learning sessions in Mid Yell, three last term and two this term, of which there is one left, and two in Cullivoe this term which are finished. Cullivoe especially was well attended with all families attending between both sessions. They have made tortilla pizzas and lots of crafts, bubble printing and marbling with shaving foam, parachute games, and all sorts. It has been a positive experience for families and welcomed by the schools.

Frances has been asked to help at the SIC Community Conversation in January.

11.3 SSEN NEXT PHASE

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Distribution has issued details of revised plans for the next phase of Shetland's North Mainland network reinforcement project. These changes – designed with the agreement of Shetland Islands Council – will mean the works can be completed more quickly and reduce the project's effect on the local environment. Community information sessions to inform the public of these revised details will be held early next year.

11.4 HES- HERITAGE TALK

Mrs S Williamson attended Historic Environment Scotland - Talking about Heritage workshop on 3rd November in Lerwick and gave an update to the meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.00HRS.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 15th December, 7pm, Mid Yell School. (which will be the first meeting of the new session)

ACTION LIST

CLERK	11/25/02	SENT MINUTES TO SIC	
CLERK	11/25/03	FOLLOW UP HOUSING	
CLERK	11/25/03	SORT OUT ARCHIVING	
CLERK	FERRIES	745FERRY/MARSHALLS COMMUNITY HIRE	
CLERK	ROADS	REPORT ISSUES BUS SHELTER GATES AYWICK POST BOX	
AJ	6.3	EMAIL D WILSON	
CLERK	6.4	FOLLOW UP	
AJ	6.5	CONTACT CONSTITUENT	
CLERK	6.6	REPLY CONSTITUENT ASCC AGENDA ITEM	
CLERK	6.7	CONFIRM MEETING DATES BOOK VENUE	
CLERK	6.8	FOLLOW UP	
ALL MEMBERS	7.2	COMPLETE SURVEY	
CLERK	9.1	REPLY TO LICENCE	

