

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

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

Present: Mr L Odie, Mrs A Jamieson, Mrs S Williamson, Ms J Eunson, Ms F Stirling and Mr L Madden  
Apologies: Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer) and Cllr Ryan Thomson (Elected representative).

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative), Ms Frances Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker), Miss M Johnson, and Mr R Jamieson.

Johnina Henderson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new session of Yell Community Council.

### **12/25/01 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR**

#### **Chairperson**

Johnina Henderson asked those present for nominations of Chair. Fiona Stirling proposed Annette Jamieson for chair, and she was seconded by Laurence Odie. Annette Jamieson accepted the Chair position.

#### **Vice Chair**

Johnina asked for nominations for Vice Chair, Susan Williamson proposed Fiona Stirling and was seconded by Laurence Odie. Fiona Stirling accepted.

Annette Jamieson conducted the remaining business of the meeting and Clerk reverted to note taking. Appreciation was given to Laurence Odie for his commitment to Yell Community Council on being Chair for several years and serving as a Community Councillor for 48 years.

### **12/25/02 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

The ex-officio members for Yell were acknowledged and identified as follows:

#### **1. Shetland Islands Councillors**

- Robert Thomson
- Ryan Thomson
- Duncan Anderson

#### **2. The MP for Orkney & Shetland**

- Alistair Carmichael MP

#### **3. The MSP for the Shetland Constituency**

- Beatrice Wishart MSP

#### **4. Highlands & Islands Regional MSPs**

- Ariane Burgess MSP
- Edward Mountain MSP
- Rhoda Grant MSP
- Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
- Emma Roddick MSP
- Douglas Ross MSP
- Tim Eagle MSP

#### **5. MSYPs (Scottish Youth Parliament Representatives for Shetland)**

- Beenie-Ann Wood MSYP
- Ava Williamson MSYP

### **12/25/03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Yell Community Council currently has no associate members.

### **12/25/04 VACANT SEATS AND CO-OPTIONS**

There are currently three vacant seats on the Yell Community Council, all of which can be co-opted. It was proposed by Laurence Odie and seconded by Susan Williamson that the interested parties be co-opted.

Robert Jamieson and Michelle Johnson indicated they would like to fill the spaces.

Robert Jamieson was proposed by Laurence Odie and seconded by Fiona Stirling.  
Michelle Johnson was proposed by Fiona Stirling and seconded by Susan Williamson.

#### 12/25/05 PROMOTION OF VACANT SEATS

The meeting agreed to advertise the remaining vacant seat, anyone interested to contact the Clerk before the next meeting.

#### 12/25/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Statkraft wind farm developments.

Guidance is to be sought on the declaration of interest of members and a form of conflict of interest drawn up for all members. All members to be emailed Bcc for data protection.

#### 12/25/07 MINUTES

17th November 2025 - The minutes of the November meeting were approved by Mr L Odie and Mr R Jamieson.

#### 12/25/08 MATTERS ARISING

##### HERRA POST BOX

Further concerns have been raised regarding the removal of the Herra post box, the box is to be replaced in early 2026.

#### 12/25/09 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

##### 9.1 TRANSPORT

##### FERRIES

Frequent cancellation of 745 ferry & Marshalling

A reply has been received and was discussed along with other general ferry issues and the meeting agreed to invite the Sellaness team to the YCC February meeting. Clerk to invite the team.

##### Community Hire Ferries

The Community hire ferry requested for Burravoe Hall Christmas Disco next weekend has been approved by Sellaness.

Proposed new booking system.

Following a press release on the proposed new ferry booking system and payment at time of booking, concerns were raised. The meeting agreed to add this to the list of questions for the February meeting also the lashing down on Bluemull Sound.

All ferry questions to be sent to the Clerk prior to the February meeting.

##### ROADS

No update has been received from Jonathan Duncan following his visit to the last meeting.

The lines at the Head of Mid Yell Voe were noted as being completed.

Mr L Odie had been unable to contact Colin Gair regarding the Old Burravoe School parking/passing place for an update.

Burravoe Footpath questions were to be addressed to J Duncan and copy in Cllr Robert Thomson.

Loose Chippings at a couple of locations in Yell had been reported to the Clerk, Clerk to contact Roads regarding these issues.

##### FIXED LINKS

The Tunnel Action Groups are still fundraising.

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

Isleshavn Team leader update

The meeting agreed to ask Jo Robinson (Director of Community Health and Social Care) for an update on this recruitment.

#### 9.4 RENEWABLE ENERGY

CLG meeting invitees and update

Mrs A Jamieson has contacted Doug Wilson regarding SSEN's request to be included in the CLG meetings.

An update was given to all new members on the windfarm developments; a plan needs to be worked out at the next meeting.

Ms F Stirling was asked to draft a plan of action (regarding wider community engagement about the community benefits) for review at next meeting & within that will be an action to contact Unst & Yell CCs.

#### 9.5 CULLIVOE CEMETERY

No update on gravestone damage, meeting agreed to contact Carl Symons for an update on this. Arrangements are in place to install a new bin at the cemetery.

#### BURRAVOE CEMETERY

Since our last meeting damage has been reported to Mr L Madden regarding a tomb stone in Hamnavoe Cemetery.

#### 9.6 MID YELL PIER EROSION

No further update on this.

#### 9.7 PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2026

The proposed dates for meetings in 2026 were agreed at the last meeting to have 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. The clerk has submitted meeting dates to M Duncan and has booked Mid Yell School for meetings. The Mid Yell School is available for the meeting on Monday 16th February, so the meeting decided to change the meeting to Tuesday 17th February. Clerk to change date with school and notify M Duncan. List of meeting dates to be sent to all members.

#### 9.8 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

Mrs A Jamieson met with the SIC environmental Health reps, and they understand that it is an issue and have lots of suggestions, an update will be received from SIC following their visit.

#### 9.9 ARCHIVING DOCUMENTS

Clerk with the help of Mr L Odie has submitted documents to the archives.

Minutes April 2013 - December 2023, October 1997 - March 2000, January 2002 - March 2005

Accounts 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2023, Year-end 31st March 1998.

Mr L Odie still has several Yell District Council documents which he will sort out and ask the Old Haa, if they wish to add these to their collection.

#### 9.10 MEADOWBANK ROAD FENCES & PATHS

An update has been received from Keith Poleson (Housing Inspection Officer), but no work has started on site yet.

#### 12/25/10 NEW BUSINESS

##### 10.1 BEACH AWARDS 2026

Future applications for the Beach awards were discussed and the pros and cons of the application and work involved. Groups to be contacted regarding the applications before the next meeting.

##### 10.2 MOSSBANK BOAT NOOST/TETHER

An update was received and was noted.

##### 10.3 COMMUNITY COUNCIL POLICE REPORT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

The October/ November Community Police Report has been received and two incidents were noted.

1 - Mental Health and 1 Livestock Worrying.

##### 10.4 POLICE SCOTLAND - MID YELL - VACANT POST UPDATE

An update from Police Scotland that a serving officer intends to relocate from the mainland to Shetland to take up the vacant post in Yell at some point in early Spring 2026.

#### 12/25/11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 TRUST IN GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

11.2 NIFS USER SURVEYS - TRANSPORT

11.3 NEW POWERS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS

11.4 CLAN SHETLAND INTRODUCTION & SURVEY

11.5 ADOPTION OF SHETLAND ISLANDS REGIONAL MARINE PLAN

11.6 PUBLIC CONSULTATION, SAFEGUARDING SCOTLAND'S WATER ENVIRONMENT

All these emails were discussed and the meeting noted them.

Mr L Odie to meet up with CLAN reps on 23rd December.

#### 12/25/12 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Frances gave a quick update before she left the meeting at 840pm.

Community Council Training coming soon.

Community Library to be promoted.

SIC Community Conversations being held in January in Mid Yell Hall, Date to be confirmed.

12/25/13 FINANCE/GRANTS

13.1 SALARY SCALES 25/26

The Clerk left the room while the meeting discussed the increase in pay.

The meeting agreed to pay the clerk the suggested rate and back date to April. Backpay to be paid and monthly pay to be adjusted.

12/25/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 ASCC MEETING AGENDA ITEM

The Clerk raised questions regarding the submitting of meeting agenda forms for abandoned vehicles.

Clerk to confirm with M Duncan before submitting the form.

14.2 NEW SESSION

M Duncan will be arranging training for new community councillors.

Mileage claims to be submitted every three months.

Subjects/Topics were discussed and will be fully discussed at next month's meeting.

Recording meetings and note taking was discussed.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.00HRS**

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 19th January, 7pm, Mid Yell School with Visitor Mark MacBeath to update from SCBF.**