

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

**Tuesday 17th February 2026, 7pm, Mid Yell School**

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

Apologies: Miss M Johnson 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 Ms Gretchen Brakke (Member of the Public).

Visitor: Mr Jonathan Duncan (SIC Roads Engineer).

Chair Mrs A Jamieson welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over the meeting to visitor Jonathan Duncan, SIC Roads Engineer.

### **New Cullivoe Road**

Jonathan began with giving an update on the New Cullivoe Road, there are not many boots on ground yet due to SSE and Telecom wayleaves being sorted out which is expected to take 4 months. The agreements with all landowners have been completed. Planning was fully granted in early January. Utilities work is expected to start in early March with the team staying at a welfare and accommodation unit at the Cullivoe Industrial Estate.

The main road works will commence in early June from the Gutcher end to avoid the bird breeding season that will be monitored with the archaeologists on site. It is hoped that the disruption will be minimal with lorries running peat to agreed areas in Yell. It will only be when materials are needed for the upper road base that more traffic into Yell will be required. Prior to that preparatory work will also commence.

### **Other Road issues**

#### **Road at Head of Mid Yell Voe**

Work is complete unless the road markings when Mr J Duncan will chase up but it was assumed that it had not been carried out due to recent poor weather conditions.

#### **Meadowbank Road Ditch**

Mr L Odie raised concerns for a deep ditch opposite 6 and 8 Meadowbank Road as it was dangerous for children falling into it. J Duncan to raise the issue with the Roads team and Clerk to register the issue as well.

#### **Roads report.**

The weekly SIC roads report was extremely helpful for ongoing works being carried out.

#### **Dales Leas 7.5t restriction**

Concerns were raised with ongoing disruption in Dales Leas again. Mrs A Jamieson has been in touch with the Roads department regarding this issue. Commuting is a nightmare just now with the amount of traffic lights and cabling roadworks in place between Toft and Lerwick, extra mileage and time going through Brae and coupled with single vessel ferries.

Mrs A Jamieson thanked Mr J Duncan for attending the meeting and he will attend a YCC meeting soon again to give further updates and he left at 7.35pm.

### **02/26/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Statkraft wind farm developments as his company is a member of Energy Isles.

### **02/26/02 MINUTES**

19th January 2026 - The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Ms J Eunson.

### **02/26/03 COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

Since Ms Y Burns was not present, YCC were unable to progress her associate membership. However, the meeting proposed that Ms Y Burns be elected as an associate member (should she still wish to do so) since she is not currently registered on the electoral register.

#### 02/26/04 MATTERS ARISING

##### HERRA POST BOX

The post box has been replaced.

##### MEADOWBANK ROAD FENCE & PATHS

The new wooden fence has been put up but there is no gate on the fenced in area yet and the fence around the adjacent field is rotten as well. To be monitored

#### 02/26/05 NORTH ISLES COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Cllr Robert Thomson gave an update on previously reported gravestone damage (he is pursuing with the relevant dept), and the new bus schedules that will be available shortly.

#### 02/26/06 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

##### 7.1 TRANSPORT

###### FERRIES

Attendance at February meeting

Mr A Inkster and his team were unable to attend the YCC February meeting and have been asked to attend the March meeting. Concerns were raised on the current issue on Yell Sound with a single vessel for the last two weeks due to a breakdown. Cllr R Thomson gave an update on the customised part that had to come from Finland.

###### Folk Festival Community Ferry Application

The application received from the Folk Festival for a ferry at 1am on 2nd May following their concert in Mid Yell Hall has been approved by Sellaness and is to use the outstanding ferry from 2025/26 allocation.

###### ROADS

Discussed with Jonathan Duncan earlier in the meeting.

###### FIXED LINKS

Progress is well on track to the latest studies for the seismic and rocks.

The new ferry design has still to be finalised. Community support is keeping the pressure on.

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

Update from CH & SC for Yell

Community Nursing – During the recent adverse weather / snow the nurse has been supporting care visits in the community and distribution of meals on wheels.

Isleshavn Care Home – Nadine Weiland has started as Team Leader on 12/01/26.

As of 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, there are no longer any rooms free.

Pharmacy - Pharmacist in person visits as well as pharmacist input remotely consistently now as part of the wider primary care work from the Pharmacy Team.

All Community Health & Social Care teams have worked well together during snow, highlighting pressured areas where needed.

##### 7.6 What3words for property locations

YCC have been in touch with Yell Health Centre regarding using What3words to locate residential properties accurately, Should the Yell Health Centre want to issue a communication asking residents to provide their What3words location, YCC are happy to follow this up with a post on their FB page.

###### Ambulance Cover

There have been some shortfalls to day shift cover due to sickness and some responders leaving the scheme. Unst have been helping during the day where there have been call outs, which is normal for SAS to move resources depending on demand. The control room teams decide the best use of resources and what is most appropriate depending on the severity of the call.

SAS would be happy for the community council to promote joining the emergency responder scheme. The clerk has shared on Facebook and issued notices to local shops.

### 7.3 RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

Mr R Jamieson left the meeting for this discussion.

Ms F Stirling gave an update on progress regarding the action plan since the last meeting. A meeting last week was organised with Unst and Fetlar Community Councils which only Fetlar were able to attend. A follow up meeting will be organised with Unst Community Council.

Mark Bennan (Local Energy Scotland) and Rachel Searle (Foundation Scotland) have been contacted regarding funding and participation in organising a public event later in the year.

An email will be drafted to those previously involved in discussions.

### 7.4 BEACH AWARDS 2026

Applications and Funding for the Beach awards were discussed at length. Funding will be sought but if not forthcoming, it was agreed that due to limited resources, YCC could only support one further year. To allow time for an alternative solution, should the community members wish to continue with the applications. Clerk to contact SSEN regarding funding and complete the applications for the beach awards.

### 7.5 COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Community Councillors have completed training questionnaires, Clerk to collate and submit to M Duncan before tomorrow at 5pm.

### 02/26/07 NEW BUSINESS

#### 8.1 Digital connectivity Resilience enquiry - SIF to give evidence to Scottish Affairs Committee

This email was noted.

#### 8.2 ASCC meeting - 10 March 2026

Agenda and attendance were discussed and Mrs A Jamieson to join remotely and Ms F Stirling to hopefully attend in person, Clerk to register attendance.

Meeting agreed to ask the ASCC meeting when 2026/27 funding allocation will be paid to Community Councils.

#### 8.3 Da Voar Redd Up

Redd Up will take place between 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Groups which participated in 2025 should now have received information regarding registration. New groups can register online at their website.

#### 8.4 Local Place Plan for Yell

A local place plan for Yell was discussed at length, and it was agreed for F Browne to contact Pete Mogridge regarding meeting up with Yell Community Council to discuss a proposed local place plan.

#### 8.5 Invitation – Community Council convention round table on the impact of major energy infrastructure on our communities

Chair to respond to this.

#### 8.6 Hamnavoe Kirkyard – Plaster on retaining walls.

Concerns have been raised regarding the inside retaining walls of the old kirkyard at Hamnavoe, where the plaster/Harl has burst out probably because of the ingress of water. SIC Burials have been contacted and are investigating the issue. Work is being carried out just now, cleaning up the area and it is hoped that plastering can be carried out in the summer.

### 02/26/08 CORRESPONDENCE NOTED 19.01.2026 - 17.02.2026.

New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils Newsletter 3

SRA News: Events for Your Diary

Flood Risk Management Plan - Consultation

Shetland's Local Place Plans: Capacity Building Programme - February 2026 Newsletter

Flood Risk Management Plans - Community Council update.

Unmasking the Manosphere

Free online training: Creative engagement and facilitation  
 Webinar for Community Councils - Local Governance Review - Wednesday 25th February 2026  
 6:00pm-7:30pm online via Microsoft Teams  
 Final Reminder: Apply to Climate Action Ting  
 Corra Foundation: The Household Hardship Fund / The Boost Fund now open  
 News & Updates from Scottish Rural Action

02/26/09 FINANCE/GRANTS

10.1 WEBSITE INVOICE

An invoice has been received from VAS for the website; it was agreed for the Clerk to pay.

02/26/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

Mr L Madden raised a safeguarding issue.

11.2 HOUSE BUILDING IN AREAS OF YELL WITH DOMESTIC TURBINES

The meeting discussed areas of Yell which are sterilised for house sites due to domestic turbines, it was agreed to contact Maggie Sandison regarding this issue.

F Browne, R Thomson, and G Brakke left the meeting at 9.30pm and the meeting went into private to discuss the last item on the agenda.

11.3 CC MEMBER- REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with Section 4.7 of the Constitution, and having heard a request from Mrs Susan Williamson, the CC agreed to grant an approved period of absence of 6 months, and the Chair will advise Mrs Williamson of the position.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.40HRS

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 16th March, 7pm, Mid Yell School with Visitors Andrew Inkster and his team - Ferries.**

FEBRUARY ACTION LIST

CLERK	APPROVED MINUTES	SUBMIT TO MD	
CLERK	ASSOCIATE MEMBER	CONTACT YB	
CLERK	HERRA POST BOX	POSTING TIMES	
CLERK	FERRIES	FOLLOW UP ATTENDANCE AT MARCH MEETING	
CLERK	ROADS	FOLLOW UP ROAD ISSUES	
CLERK	CH&SC	FOLLOW UP	
FS	7.3	CONTINUE WITH ACTION PLAN	
CLERK	7.4	INVESTIGATE FUNDING	

CLERK	7.4	COMPLETE APPLICATIONS	
CLERK	7.5	SUBMIT TO MD	
CLERK	8.2	CONFIRM ATTENDANCE	
AJ/FS	8.2	ATTEND ASCC MEETING	
FB	8.4	ARRANGE MEETING	
AJ	8.5	RESPOND	
CLERK	8.6	REPLY	
CLERK	10.1	PAY INVOICE	
RT	11.1	FOLLOW UP	
CLERK	11.2	CONTACT	
CLERK	11.3	REPLY TO MD	
AJ	11.3	CONTACT MEMBER	