

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 16th March 2026, 7pm, Mid Yell School

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

Apologies: Mr L. Odie, Mr R. Jamieson, Miss M. Johnson, Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected Representative), Cllr Duncan Anderson (Elected Representative), Ms Nicole Sim (Community Council Resources Officer), Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer)

In Attendance: Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Ms Frances Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker)

The Chair, Mrs A. Jamieson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted with disappointment that the ferry team was unable to attend.

03/26/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

03/26/02 MINUTES

17th February 2026 – The minutes of the February meeting were approved by Ms J. Eunson and Ms F. Stirling.

03/26/03 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

03/26/04 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

Frances Browne provided an update on recent community involvement work. She attended the Local Place Plan (LPP) meeting with Pete Mogridge regarding a Local Place Plan for Yell, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

The most recent Pop-In session was held in Mid Yell with 10 attendees, and it is hoped that funding will be available to continue these sessions next winter.

The team has also been involved in delivering family learning at Mid Yell School and contributed to the school inspection last week.

03/26/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

9.1 TRANSPORT

New Bus Contracts

It was noted that the new bus contracts have been awarded. From August, additional Sunday services will be introduced.

Ferries – Attendance at March Meeting

The meeting noted with regret that Mr A. Inkster and his team from Ferry Operations were unable to attend for a second time. Although answers to the questions submitted to Sellaness on 9 February were received earlier today, members felt more time was needed to consider the responses.

A possible meeting in Sellaness was discussed, but members' views were that the meeting should take place at the next CC, enabling all CC members (and any interested public) to attend. Andrew Inkster and his team will therefore be invited to the April meeting, to enable full discussion on the questions raised and any additional.

Serious concerns were expressed about the resilience of the North Isles considering ongoing ferry service issues. The disruption is having a major impact on the workforce and wider community. The meeting agreed to raise these concerns formally with the head of the council, highlighting the uncertainty created by the situation and its contribution to depopulation in the North Isles.

Roads

- **New Cullivoe Road** – Cabins are being energised at the Cullivoe Industrial Estate in preparation for the works team starting.
- **Lines on road at Head of Mid Yell Voe** – The lines remain outstanding; Clerk to follow up.
- **Meadowbank Road ditch** – The ditch has been cleaned out and is no longer a hazard.

Fixed Links

No update.

9.2 RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

Ms F. Stirling provided an update on progress regarding the plan to hold a public event with invited experts to share information about setting up community benefit fund and related matters. There have been discussions with Foundation Scotland and Local Energy Scotland

who are willing to help. It is planned to hold a meeting with UCC and FCC to discuss this approach and hoped this will take place before next YCC meeting.

9.3 BEACH AWARDS 2026

Applications for the Beach Awards are ready to be submitted.

Funding has not yet been confirmed as the Clerk has been unable to obtain a response from SSEN.

It was proposed to apply to Scottish Sea Farms' *Heart of the Community* fund for £500, with the remaining £256 to be covered by Community Council funds. Clerk to submit the application.

9.4 ASCC MEETING – 10 MARCH 2026

Ms F. Stirling attended the meeting in person and provided an update on the topics covered, including:

- New office bearers
 - Pre-election guidance
 - Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust
 - Defibrillator awareness raising
 - Hybrid meetings project update
 - Format of ASCC meetings
 - Future agenda items
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9.5 LOCAL PLACE PLAN FOR YELL

A meeting was held with Pete Mogridge and Frances Browne on Monday 9 March. Ms J. Eunson updated members on the discussion. Pete will begin pulling together information using available resources to start work on a Local Place Plan for Yell.

The deadline for deciding whether to proceed with an LPP is 30 April, so a decision will need to be taken at the April meeting.

03/26/06 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Dog Fouling

Ms J. Eunson raised the ongoing issue of dog fouling in Mid Yell and suggested involving schoolchildren in creating laminated posters to raise awareness.

The Clerk will contact Billy Mycock for an update on the bins previously requested.

Ms Eunson agreed to make enquiries with the school to ascertain if it's something they can get involved in. Such an approach was also suggested by SIC Environmental Health.

10.2 Seafield Seafront Trust

The Seafield Seafront Trust has returned £41 to Yell Community Council relating to a grant awarded in 2020. The original grant of £1,200 supported legal fees for establishing the Trust.

10.3 Social Impact Study of Salmon Farming in Rural Island Communities

An email was received from Romesa Khawaja of AECOM, who is part of a team conducting an independent review for Salmon Scotland on the social role of salmon farming in rural and coastal communities.

They are seeking input from community members and noted that our knowledge of Unst and Yell would be valuable.

Miss M. Johnson is scheduled to take part in an interview tomorrow.

03/26/07 CORRESPONDENCE NOTED (17.02.2026 – 16.03.2026)

Correspondence included:

- Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks – Powering Community to Net Zero Fund
- SSEN Transmission – Annual Infrastructure Stakeholder Engagement Survey (Reminder)
- Scotland Beach Award 2026 – Beach Managers Forum Post-Debrief
- Shetland Climate Conversation Survey 2026
- RNID Sessions Shetland 2026
- SIF Events and Consultations
- Event: *Cruise Forward – Maximising Shetland's Potential* (12 March)
- National Lottery Community Fund – Climate Action Fund (Food Systems)
- People's Postcode Trust – Reopens 25 March
- Young Start Programme – Refreshed scheme now open.
- Shetland Charitable Trust – New schemes open.
- SRA News – March events
- Voluntary Action Shetland – Service feedback request
- Newsletter No. 4 – Invitation to survey local community

Ms Frances Browne left the meeting at 8.40pm.

03/26/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12.1 Planning Ref: 2026/039/PPF

Proposal: Construct sauna, upgrade access road, and parking area, and form new section of footpath

Address: St Olaf, Sellafirth, Yell, Shetland ZE2 9DG.

The meeting was supportive of the development but noted that a right of way passes through the property.

03/26/09 FINANCE / GRANTS

13.1 Community Council Funding 26/27

The budget for 2026/27 was reviewed and noted to be extremely tight, requiring careful financial management to ensure all YCC activities can be delivered. It was agreed that the Clerk will submit the funding application based on the figures approved at the meeting.

03/26/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Register of Interest Forms

Clerk to follow up with members who have not yet returned their forms.

The meeting ended at 20:55 hrs.

Next meeting: Monday 13th April, 7pm, Mid Yell School

Visitors: Andrew Inkster and his team (Ferries)
