

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 13th April 2026, 7pm, Mid Yell School

Present:

Mrs A Jamieson (Chair), Ms J Eunson, Ms F Stirling, Mr L Madden, Mr L Odie, Mr R Jamieson, and Miss M Johnson.

In Attendance:

Mrs Johnina Henderson (Clerk), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected Representative), Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), and Ms Frances Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker).

Visitors:

Mr A Inkster (Executive Manager, Ferry, and Airport Operations & Port Infrastructure), Ms S Summers (Team Leader – Engineering & Operations Support), Ms F Farquhar (Resources Manager).

The Chair, Mrs A Jamieson, welcomed everyone and thanked the ferry team for coming to the meeting.

The list of questions that were sent to them prior to their proposed attendance at the February meeting and answers received on the day of the March meeting were discussed at length and issues raised and queries answered.

. Topics covered included:

- Timetable under new work pattern
- Single vessel operation
- Proposed new ferry booking system.
- Communication
- Crewing & recruitment
- Ramp maintenance
- Lashing down on Bluemull Sound

The Chair thanked the ferry team for attending. They left at 8.20pm.

04/26/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in Renewable Energy Developments.

04/26/02 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2026 were approved by Ms J Eunson and Mr L Madden.

04/26/03 MATTERS ARISING

AECOM

Miss M Johnson gave an update on the online meeting with AECOM regarding the Social Impact Study of Salmon Farming in Rural Island Communities.

New Bus Contracts

Elaine Park will be in contact to arrange a suitable date to attend a YCC meeting to update members on the new bus contracts.

04/26/04 NI COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Cllr Robert Thomson provided updates on ferries, the New Cullivoe Road, and Fixed Links.

The issue of damaged tombstones was raised. Previous correspondence states that repairs must be completed and paid for before insurance reimbursement is issued. As many repairs are a four-figure sum, some families cannot afford this upfront. As the SIC is responsible, the meeting asked whether an alternative process could be introduced. Cllr Thomson agreed to investigate.

04/26/05 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

Frances Browne updated members on recent Easter activity days in Yell and Unst, and upcoming family learning sessions in Cullivoe and Mid Yell.

Michael Duncan updated members on proposed community council training. Sessions are planned for June, September, and November, including refresher training and training for new councillors, clerks, and chairs. Sessions will be delivered both in person and online.

The Chair raised concerns about the funding payment not being received and the standing order for the clerk's pay having to be cancelled.

- Standstill budget to be raised as an ASCC agenda item.
- Co-opted members not appearing on the Council website was raised; Michael to check this along with member contact details.

04/26/06 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

9.1 TRANSPORT

Ferries

Questions and answers were discussed with the ferry team at the start of the meeting.

Resilience of the North Isles

Following correspondence with Chief Executive Maggie Sandison regarding ongoing ferry issues and resilience, the meeting agreed that a response should be sent.

Community Ferry Hires 2026/27

There are four Community Ferry Hires available for 2026/27. The Clerk will advertise these.

ROADS

New Cullivoe Road

Jonathan Duncan provided the following update:

- Archaeological works are progressing as planned.
- The main phase of excavations is being completed this week.
- A smaller archaeological team will remain on-site as construction continues.
- Final findings and any required mitigation measures are awaited.
- Tulloch Developments, the contractor's sub-contractor, is on-site.
- Their current focus is diverting power and water utilities.
- Once complete, the fencing contractor will install all temporary fencing.
- Fence locations have been agreed with relevant landowners and occupiers.

Lines on Road at Head of Mid Yell Voe

No date yet for painting the white lines. It is hoped this will be done once weather improves and the lining trailer is out of winter storage.

Cullivoe Road Patching

Several areas require patching and are very rough. Clerk to report to Roads.

Old Burravoe School Flats – Parking & Passing Place

It was requested that this passing place/parking be followed up as plans were to be drawn up but have not been received yet. Clerk to contact Roads.

Burravoe Footpath

YCC is aware that plans were to be amended over the winter months, an update on the Burravoe Footpath was requested. Clerk to follow up.

Fixed Links

No update.

9.2 RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

Mr R Jamieson left the room for this item.

Ms F Stirling provided an update on the action plan.

- Workshops/public event moved from June to September.
- Online meeting held with Yell, Unst, and Fetlar Community Councils.
- Next CLG meeting: Wednesday 6th May, in-person at Cullivoe Hall.

9.3 BEACH AWARDS 2026

Applications have been submitted and acknowledged.

The Clerk has applied to Scottish Sea Farms' *Heart of the Community* fund for £500, with an outcome expected by 30th April. An individual/business has offered additional funding, but the meeting agreed to await the funding decision first.

9.4 HEALTH CENTRE – WHAT3WORDS

Yell Health Centre has begun using What3Words for housebound patients and some individual properties. They are happy for YCC to support this. The meeting agreed that the Health Centre should post information first, and YCC will then share it on Facebook.

9.5 DOG FOULING IN YELL

Ms J Eunson met with Mark Lawson to discuss dog fouling and involving children in creating awareness posters.

The school's children's council is already working on this and plans to display posters around the school grounds. Mark was supportive of the YCC request and happy for additional posters to be made for Mid Yell, helping children feel connected to the wider community.

Environmental Health also provided updates on possible approaches to reduce dog fouling.

No reply has been received from Cleansing regarding additional bins. It was noted that there is no bin in North-a-Voe, but members felt bins cannot be placed everywhere due to emptying requirements also due to cost implications.

9.6 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN YELL

Following an email to Maggie Sandison requesting maps showing areas sterilised for housing due to domestic turbines, she confirmed that SIC does not hold such maps for Yell or elsewhere.

Planning assessments are carried out case-by-case, considering turbine size, noise, topography, and other site-specific factors. Environmental Health is consulted where relevant.

Mr M Duncan left the meeting at 9.10pm.

9.7 LOCAL PLACE PLAN FOR YELL

Following the March meeting with Pete Mogridge, suggestions for a skeleton plan were received.

It was agreed to proceed with developing a Local Place Plan.

- F Browne will arrange an online meeting with Diane Cassidy (Planning Aid Scotland).
- Mrs A Jamieson to apply to begin the Local Place Plan process.
- NYDC is developing a plan for North Yell; an NYDC representative will be invited to the next meeting.
- Members to consider consultation ideas before the next meeting.

04/26/07 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 What Can the ASCC Do Better?

A questionnaire has been received from the new ASCC Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will complete it.

10.2 Shetland Partnership Plan – Participation Invite

A representative is requested to participate in developing the next Shetland Partnership Plan (current plan ends 2028). Clerk to resend invites; members to advise if interested.

10.3 SSMO Director Nomination

No nominations from YCC and no objections to the proposed nominees. Clerk to reply.

10.4 Police Reports

Dec 2025 / Jan 2026: 3 incidents

- Neighbour dispute
- Fraud
- Sexual offence

Feb / March 2026: 1 incident

- Concern for person

Recruitment update: It is hoped the Yell-based officer will start in May. Work continues on the potential co-location of Police and Coastguard offices in Mid Yell.

10.5 Beach Bruck Bin – West Yell Cemetery

A request was received for a bin at West Yell Cemetery due to rubbish from a nearby beach being left on flowers planted by a resident's family. The meeting agreed to forward the request to Burial Services and inform the constituent.

04/26/08 CORRESPONDENCE NOTED (16.03.26–13.04.26)

1. New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils? Newsletter 5
2. AED Spring Options
3. Scottish Rural Action – March Updates
4. Planning Fee Increase
5. Newsletter No.6 – New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils
6. Block Bookings up to 4th October 2026

04/26/09 FINANCE / GRANTS

13.1 Community Council Funding 26/27

Funding applied for; offer signed and acknowledged. Payment pending.

13.2 VCF Promotional Material

Promotional material received and circulated.

04/26/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 June / July Meeting Dates

It was agreed to move the June meeting to 29th June and hold no meeting in July.

The meeting ended at 21.40 hours.

Next meeting: Monday 18th May, 7pm, Mid Yell School.