

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 18th May 2026, 7pm, Mid Yell School

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

Apologies: Ms F Stirling and Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer).

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

Visitors: SSEN - Gordon Bell (Community Liaison Manager for Shetland) and Stewart Gilfillan (Project Manager for SSEN Development projects on Yell); NYDC - Alice Mathewson & Kate Lonsdale; SIC Roads - Jonathan Duncan (B9082 Cullivoe Road Project Manager)

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

1. SSEN Update

The SSEN team introduced themselves and provided an update on development projects for Yell related to the connection of two planned windfarms. A public drop-in event will take place in Mid Yell on 1st July, with advertisements to follow. Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Odie gave an update on the last CLG meeting.

2. NYDC LPP

Alice Mathewson and Kate Lonsdale updated on the proposed Local Place Plan (LPP) for North Yell and its progress. Housing needs in Yell were discussed with SSEN. Mrs A Jamieson thanked them for their attendance and asked to keep YCC updated, and they left at 7.40pm.

3. New Cullivoe Roads Update

Jonathan Duncan provided an update on the B9082 Cullivoe Road works, now in week twelve. Diversion of services is ongoing, some areas have been stripped in preparation, and Portland Quarry is being readied for peat. Archaeologists and ecologists are on site; some areas require further investigation. Regular updates will be sent to YCC and shared on the YCC Facebook page.

Other outstanding road issues discussed included:

Whether the Dales Leas weight restriction would be extended, Lines on new tarred road at Head of Mid Yell Voe, Cullivoe Road patching, Passing place at Burravoe Old School Flats and Burravoe footpath.

Clerk to contact Roads and copy Cllr Thomson regarding ongoing road issues. Mrs A Jamieson thanked Mr Duncan for his attendance; he left at 8.20pm.

4. Declarations of Interest (05/26/01)

- Mr R Jamieson – Renewable Energy Developments
- Cllr Robert Thomson – Planning application
- Mr L Odie and Mr L Madden – Late ferry application for Yelloween
- Mr L Odie and Miss M Johnson – Late ferry application for the YTAG fundraiser

5. Minutes (05/26/02)

The minutes of the April meeting (13th April 2026) were approved by Miss M Johnson and Mr R Jamieson.

6. Matters Arising (05/26/03)

- **New Bus Contracts:** Elaine Park will attend the June meeting to update on changes.
- **ASCC Questionnaire:** A summary has been received from the chair, and a meeting of CC Chairs will be held on 3rd June
- **Dog Fouling:** Noted that Lerwick CC received SCBF funding for posters; the issue persists in Mid Yell.

7. Community Council Member (05/26/04)

The chair will contact an interested constituent to attend the next meeting.

8. NI Councillors Update (05/26/05)

Cllr Thomson reported the Geira is back on the slip with unresolved issues; no return date is set. The Bigga is operational after recent issues. Discussions with Sellaness regarding communications continue. Members were encouraged to attend Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Drop-in Sessions next week in Mid Yell Hall. No update on Tombstone repairs; Cllr Thomson will follow up.

9. Community Involvement Update (05/26/06)

Frances Browne updated on her work supporting family learning sessions in Cullivoe and Mid Yell. "Kit for all" will be in MYJHS on Wednesday from 17:00 to 19:00 with Active Schools. Frances has also been assisting YCC members with the LPP, to be discussed later.

10. Outstanding Business (05/26/07)

9.1 Transport

Ferries: Questions from the April meeting were compiled and will be emailed to Sellaness by the Chair and Clerk. Stowing of the ferries, breaching MCA guidelines, will be raised by the Clerk. Two Community Ferry Hire applications for Yelloween and YTAG Fundraiser were supported and approved (with interested members leaving the room for discussion). Clerk to forward applications to Sellaness for approval. Additional ferries for Yell Show Day have been requested and approved directly with Sellaness by the Yell Show Committee this was noted.

Roads: Already discussed with J Duncan. The SSEN team left at 8.55pm.

Fixed Links: Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Drop-in Sessions in Mid Yell Hall on 26th May.

9.2 Renewable Energy Developments

A CLG meeting was held on 6th May in Cullivoe Hall, attended by Mrs A Jamieson and Mr L Odie, who provided an update. Plans are progressing to design sessions to inform, inspire and engage community members from all three North Isles regarding community benefit and community ownership in September.

9.3 Beach Awards 2026

An application for Scottish Sea Farms Heart of the Community fund (£500) was unsuccessful. Anne and Robert Goodlad of Quam B&B pledged funding for West Sandwick, for which they were thanked; Clerk to contact them. The Clerk has asked NYDC to fund Breckon Beach application; update to follow. Funding applications to be discussed with local areas before next year.

9.4 Local Place Plan for Yell

The Local Place Plan is progressing. A meeting with Diane Cassidy (Planning Aid Scotland) was held in early May, with a project plan discussed (notes awaited). Mr L Odie and Ms J Eunson have since met with F Browne, produced a draft questionnaire, and will meet again to finalise it and work on the map.

9.5 West Yell Cemetery Bruck Box

YCC suggest a sign should be installed, by a local resident to respect the area with planted flowers. A bin has been installed within the churchyard for floral tributes and related items only.

9.6 Community Council Training

A list of proposed training for councillors has been received; members are encouraged to book places directly. Clerk training will be on 27th June, which Johnina will attend.

11. New Business (05/26/08)

- **Hazard at Breckon Beach:** Following a report from Mr Nangle about quicksand in the burn at Breckon Beach, a notice was erected by the landowner. Further permanent signage and posts are planned.
- **26/27 VAS Membership:** Renewal was agreed.
- **Yell Sound Marine Surveys:** Marine survey work will take place in the coming weeks to inform the subsea cable routing to Shetland mainland. All permissions are in place. An information session will be held later in the year.
- **Active Travel Update:** ZetTrans provided a paper update; noted.
- **Involving Young People in Leadership:** Chair will meet Mr M Lawson about a young person being involved with YCC.
- **Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Drop-in Sessions:** Members and public encouraged to attend on Tuesday, 26th May, Mid Yell Hall, 15:00–19:00.

12. Correspondence Noted (05/26/09) 14.04.26–18.05.26

1. New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils – Newsletter No.7
2. Scotland Beach Awards – Beach Managers Forum 2026

13. Planning Application (05/26/10)

Planning Ref: 2026/008/WL

Proposal: To install a submersible water pump in a protective rock gabion with associated pipework between MHWS and MLWS to supply water to a domestic water source heat pump system.

Address: Sand Lodge Foreshore, Cullivoe, Yell, Shetland

The meeting approved the development. Clerk to contact marine planning.

14. Finance/Grants (05/26/11)

- **Salary Scales:** Clerk left the room. Proposed increase to Clerk's salary approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mr L Odie.
- **Community Council Funding 26/27:** Budget discussed. Funding will be advertised to local groups. Mileage allowance budget to be increased from £380 to £500, office supplies to £200.
- **SCBF Funding:** SCBF VCF to be promoted; groups encouraged to apply.

15. Any Other Business (05/26/12)

- **Sandwick CC Funding Query:** Clerk to respond with the funding form.
- **Temporary Housing in Ulsta:** Residents are being decanted due to removal of temporary housing; Cllr Thomson to investigate.

The meeting ended at 21:45 hours.