

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council
Monday 29th June 2026, 7pm, Mid Yell School

06/26/01 Members Present:

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

In Attendance:

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

Visitors:

Elaine Park (Transport Planning) via Teams

Luke Fraser (Community Led Housing) via Teams

PC Scott Raeside (Police Scotland - North Isles)

Alex Nicholson (Breckon Beach)

Chair Mrs A Jamieson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Elaine Park joined via Teams and gave an update following the Public and School Bus Business Case earlier in the year and the new bus contracts that will come into place on Monday 17th August. Elaine detailed the changes to the public bus timetables. Changes have been made to service 24V referred to as 'the overland service' to follow the shift vessel timetable; an additional bookable Sunday service is being introduced in which bookings need to be made by 4pm on Friday but only available to start/end on one of the isles. Alterations have been made to services 24Y (Yell Service), 30(East Yell Service Dial a ride), 71(North Yell Service Dial a ride) and 23(Lerwick to Toft/Mossbank). Information will be published soon with leaflet timetables, press releases also posters, Zet trans app and bus stop timetables will be changed nearer the time.

Contracts have been issued to the operators who will register the timetable with the traffic commissioners. R G Jamieson have been awarded services 24Y and 71, R Robertson & Son have been awarded the 24V, 30 and 23 services.

Journey planners, dial a ride and flexibility of bookings and the ferry connections were also discussed.

Elaine will send up the information to the YCC when it is published in the next few weeks.

Mrs A Jamieson welcomed the changes which had taken local feedback into account and appreciated the efforts to make the system more user friendly and thanked her for attending the meeting and she left at 7.20pm.

Luke Fraser joined the meeting at 7.20pm via Teams and gave a presentation on Community Led Housing.

The Shetland Community Benefit has contracted with housing consultants from Orkney (Luke Fraser and Davie Campbell) to support interested communities to undertake early stage enabling works in relation to community led housing. They have been supporting community development trusts in Orkney to acquire/develop/find funding for housing developments and have a track record in this work. More recently they have supported Shetland groups like Unst Partnership, NYDC. Luke gave a short presentation and suggested a housing needs assessment for the remainder of Yell (building on the north Yell one) could be a useful starting place if community led housing is an area YCC wish to explore. Mrs A Jamieson thanked him for attending the meeting and he left at 7.35pm

PC Scott Raeside was welcomed to his first YCC meeting, Scott has recently taken up the post of Police Officer for the North Isles and was introduced to members present at the meeting, he gave an update on his background and an update on his arrival in Yell. PC Raeside hopes to attend future YCC meetings.

PC S Raeside left the meeting at 8pm.

Alex Nicholson joined the meeting at 7.45pm to discuss the signage and potential additional parking at Breckon Beach. The recent issues raised regarding the quicksand and liability had been discussed with Liam Drosso (SIC Outdoor Access Officer). YCC has no funding available for additional signs, Alex will consult NYDC regarding this as he believes additional signage is needed.

Parking of overnight campervans at Cullivoe Graveyard was discussed as SIC Burials plan to erect a sign regarding the overnight parking.

The Beach awards were discussed, sponsorship for the awards this year has been funded by Robert & Anne Goodlad for the West Sandwick beach and NYDC for Breckon.

Sponsorship is acknowledged in the notice boards. Clerk to do a social media post regarding this. It was noted there is a need to explore views about the continuation or not of the Beach Awards in the longer term.

Mrs A Jamieson thanked Alex for attending the meeting and he left at 8.10pm.

06/26/02 Apologies:

Mr R Jamieson, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), and Ms Nicole Sim (Resources Officer, Community Planning & Development).

06/26/03 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Robert Thomson declared an interest in the Planning application.

Mr L Odie and Mrs J Henderson declared an interest in the Yell Show funding application.

Ms F Stirling and Miss M Johnson declared an interest in the Mid Yell Hall funding application.

Mr L Odie declared an interest in the proposed substation site in Burravoe as a tenant of the land.

06/26/04 Minutes

18th May 2026 - Mr L Odie and Miss M Johnson approved the minutes of the May meeting.

Clerk to send approved minutes to M Duncan.

06/26/05 Matters arising.

West Yell Bruck Bin

Replies were noted.

Youth involvement

Chair has been in contact with M Lawson regarding this.

06/26/06 Community Council Member

Yvonne Burns had previously indicated an interest to join the Yell Community Council; she was nominated as a co-opted member by Mr L Madden and seconded by Mr L Odie. A few constituents have suggested that they would like to join Yell Community Council. The

meeting agreed to advertise for associate members with the closing date 31st July. 06/26/07
NI Councillors Update

Clerk to resend unaddressed issues to all three NI Councillors.

Cllr Robert Thomson joined the meeting at 8.30pm and provided an update.

Island Communities Impact Assessments are available online on the SIC website for the Inter island transport connectivity programme.

Cllr M Lyall is organising a meeting regarding the resilience of the North Isles ferries.

It was agreed that an email is sent to all councillors stating YCC's support of the recommendation in the report on interisland connectivity and indicating that YCC request that Yell Sound be given priority as it serves the highest number of residents.

06/26/08 Community Involvement Update

Frances Browne gave an update on her community involvement with the family learning sessions that she has been supporting this term in Mid Yell.

Kit for all was held in MYJHS on 20th May and was very well supported with thirty-four people attending. Summer of Sport Activities are planned throughout the summer in the North Isles, transport is provided.

Frances has also been helping YCC members with the LPP which will be discussed later.

06/26/09 Outstanding Business

9.1 TRANSPORT

FERRIES

Questions follow up from the April meeting.

No reply has been received on suggestions for the potential new ferry booking system nor the queries to be actioned by Ferry Operations staff at the April meeting.

Shortage of Visible Sea staff

Mr A Inkster can confirm that he has received several complaints on this issue, and a directive has been sent to Masters confirming that this practice is unacceptable, and loading of vessels must comply with the procedures contained in the SMS (Ship Manoeuvring Simulator).

Ferry Operations will do their best to monitor the situation, and members are advised to contact them if the problem persists.

Community Ferry Hires 26/27

The 2 Community Ferry Hire applications were approved by Sellaness.

The YTAG application has since been cancelled. It was noted that UCC's application for a late hire on 4th July was cancelled due to lack of sea staff.

Blue Mull sound lashings

YCC welcomed the changes approved by the MCA.

Docking of Dagalien 16 May - 29 June

Throughout this period (and in general) communication has been extremely poor resulting in frustration for those wishing to travel; not all travellers are on social media.

Members comments were as follows.

This period has created extra costs for all residents and businesses, also businesses travelling to carry out work in the North Isles.

A local farmer has received a costly bill for a truck delivering a load of lime, unable to get on ferry and sitting in Toft in 3 hours. The truck was unable to book but was advised by the booking office to travel up to Toft and wait.

Hospital appointments, there is no process in place for who to contact as there are no crew members in the carpark. This would need to be advertised to what members of the public do in this situation.

No petrol at local outlets due to oil tankers not able to book and refused to come or having to wait. It was advised that Ian Taylor, Emergency Planning should be contacted if there are concerns about fuel/oil levels on the island. He has been contacted by UCC regarding these issues.

Can MCA be booked earlier to do the signoff?

Members agreed that, if a second vessel was not available during the summer docking schedule, that the docking period is carried out at a quieter time of year?

Could the docking period be reduced?

These issues were to be emailed to Ferry Operations issues and copy in UCC, FCC, Cllr M Lyall and NI Councillors.

Meeting with Cllr M Lyall and YCC Chair.

The Chair had an incredibly positive phone call with Cllr M Lyall regarding the ongoing ferry issues and in particular suggestions to improve communications, with which Cllr Lyall proposed organising a meeting with interested parties when they are available.

ROADS

Cullivoe Road

An update has been received from J Duncan on the project which is progressing well. The clerk will post to the YCC Facebook page.

White lines at Head of Mid Yell Voe

White Lines contractor is due in Shetland on 15th July and SIC Roads has prioritised the lines on Yell.

Burravoe Footpath

There is still no update on this project, Clerk to follow up.

Old Burravoe School Passing & Parking place

Colin Gair will give an update when it is available.

Dales' Leas restriction

An HGV restriction in Dales Leas is planned from 6th July for a twelve-week period.

FIXED LINKS

Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Drop-in Sessions - 26th May.

Several members attended the drop-in session and were impressed with the presentation and the proposals for fixed links. There was a lot of information presented and links are available online.

Special SIC Meeting - 30 June

Fixed links will be discussed at the Special SIC meeting tomorrow.

The YCC meeting discussed the Inter island transport connectivity session and noted that the SIC will be making decisions on how to proceed tomorrow. Considering the poor ferry service which has ensued on Yell Sound from the 16th of May to 29th June, causing untold disruptions to businesses, residents, and tourists, we urge elected members to vote in favour of proceeding with advancing the options of fixed links as described in the paper. Impacts have been felt everywhere whether the stress of trying to get to hospital appointments on time, travelling earlier than necessary to ensure work on time, postponing work in the North Isles, additional significant costs to business and delivering delivery of services.

Yell Community Council members request that Yell Sound should be given priority as it serves all the North Isles and will impact on the highest number of residents.

Cognisance should also be taken of the work the island TAG groups have done in gathering evidence to further the cause. Unless a robust sustainable option of interisland connectivity is established in future, the risk of a depletion of the population of Yell is inevitable. In the interim we also need a robust, reliable ferry service to ensure the retention of the current population. Clerk to send email to all councillors before the meeting tomorrow.

9.2 Renewable Energy Developments

Proposed North Isles Community Benefit Workshops 9-12 September

Ms F Stirling gave an update on progress to date on the organisation of the workshops in early September. Public information about these events should be ready to issue in the next few weeks.

9.3 Beach Awards 2026

As discussed above.

9.4 Local Place Plan for Yell

The Local Place Plan went online on 19th June. Questionnaires are available at local shops and the leisure centre for those unable to complete online.

The closing date is 13th July.

06/26/10 New Business

10.1 NYDC Report for year end 25/26 was noted.

10.2 ASCC meeting - 2nd July

Mrs A Jamieson will attend remotely and give feedback to the next meeting.

10.3 TWWCC proposal to the ASCC - clarification

Following Gary Robinson's comments at a recent Lerwick Community Council meeting, Andrew Archer has provided a brief clarification on Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council's proposal to the ASCC concerning energy developments in Shetland. The proposal is specifically about encouraging community councillors across Shetland to call on our MSPs to act. We fully recognise that the Shetland Islands Council does not have the power to halt or control what is currently happening with energy developments. That limitation is precisely why we believe national-level intervention is required.

The chair asked members for their thoughts for discussion at the ASCC meeting on 2nd July. Members were minded in supporting the paper.

10.4 Defibrillator list for Shetland

This item was deferred until the next meeting, Ms M Johnson to check out the list is up to date before the next meeting.

10.5 SSEN Housing request

Following on from discussions at the last meeting, Chair has been in contact with Neil Grant (SIC Director of Development) and Gordon Bell (Community Liaison Manager for Shetland - SSEN Transmission) to find out further detail regarding SSEN housing. Earlier in the meeting Luke Fraser said in his presentation that SCBF funding was available to complete a housing needs assessment for the whole remainder of Yell, (North Yell has already been covered by NYDC). The meeting agreed to request a housing needs assessment is conducted for Yell by the consultants working on behalf of SCBF. Chair to follow up.

10.6 Proposal of Application Notice - SSEN Transmission. Proposed Substation Near

Burravoe, South Yell, Shetland/ 10.7 Pre Application Consultation Notification (PAC 2

Alignment Options)- SSEN Transmission LT212- Energy Isles 132kV OHL, Yell. Shetland

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Consultations are being held in Mid Yell and Burravoe Halls on Wednesday 1st July, all members are encouraged to attend.

10.8 Island Conversations - exploring the new National Islands Plan

The clerk joined the online meeting on 18th June.

10.9 Health & Social Care recruitment in Yell

An update was requested and provided by Karen Erasmuson (Director's Personal Assistant & Business Support Officer - Shetland Health and Social Care Partnership)

Update for Primary Care / GP cover:

- One of the GPs in Yell is on maternity leave, with the rota covered for 24/7 GP hours until the end of August, and the Practice Manager will continue to work with our GP Joy colleagues to cover the remaining weeks.

Key updates regarding staffing at Isleshavn are:

- Recruitment for the Social Care Worker position is currently at the shortlisting stage with interviews taking place shortly.
- There is one more agency position to fill, the Team Leader is in the process of contacting potential agency staff.
- The Team Leader will be requesting more agency support in due course as they will have current agency staff who are ending their 3-month period with them soon.
- The Team Leader is submitting recruitment requests for current vacancies over the next few weeks.

The meeting agreed to ask that YCC is informed when there are any updates to this.

An update on the cover for Yell Ambulance was requested and provided by Drew Mayhew (Area Service Manager - Shetland, Orkney & Western Isles - North Region).

He said 'There is one application which we are currently reviewing. There has also been a return of a member that has been off for a while which has helped with some of the cover.'

10.10 Frequent power cuts in Yell

Frequent power cuts throughout Yell were discussed and the meeting agreed to ask when, why and where the issues were. Clerk to follow up.

10.11 Burravoe School Options Appraisal

Burravoe School Options Appraisal was agreed to proceed at the Education and Families Committee on 15th June, YCC will be consulted on this in due course.

06/26/11 Correspondence noted 18.05.26-29.06.26.

1. Island Digital Connectivity Resilience - Thursday 25th June
2. Scottish Islands Federation Events Bulletin
3. Newsletter 9 - New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils
4. Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service - Spring Drop in Events
5. 2026 SURF Awards Open for Applications
6. Shetland's Local Place Plans: Capacity Building Programme - June 2026 Newsletter
7. Grants and Funding Newsletter - June 2026
8. May Shetland Islands Council Update
9. Viking Community Fund - Bursary Fund
10. New Free Course on Preparing for Elected Office in Scottish Local Government
11. CLLD Funding open for applications

12. News & Updates from Scottish Rural Action - May

13. Newsletter eight, New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils

This correspondence was noted.

06/26/13 Finance/Grants

13.1 Funding Applications

Clerk, Mr L Odie, Ms M Johnson and Ms F Stirling left the room for the discussion due to a conflict of interest.

GROUP	PROJECT COST	FUNDING REQUIRED	FUNDING AWARDED
NORTH YELL CULTURE & HERITAGE GROUP SCIO	£1,388.52	£638.52	£309.00
YELL SHOW COMMITTEE	£1,500.00	£750.00	£375.00
YELL ART GROUP	£740.00	£740.00	£370.00
MID YELL PUBLIC HALL	£900.00	£900.00	£450.00
YELL SENIOR LEISURE CLUB	£300.00	£300.00	£150.00

Members are so minded holding back money to allocate later in the budget year, so offering 50% of applicable costs to each group.

06/26/12 Planning Application

Cllr Robert Thomson left the meeting at 10pm

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 supported this development. Clerk to contact marine planning.

06/26/14 Any Other Business

14.1 Community Council Training

Several members attended the Community Council induction training on 24th June.

The clerk attended the Clerk's training on 27th June and gave feedback to the meeting.

Subjects covered were Hybrid meeting equipment, agenda publishing, conflicts of interest, grant forms and the annual report which needs to be completed by 30th September and what was to be included in the report. Members agreed that the training was helpful.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 10.10pm.

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 17th August, 7pm, Mid Yell School with visitor Jonathan Duncan. There will be no July meeting.