

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council

Monday 16th May 2022 via Zoom Online Conferencing

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mr R Jamieson, Ms K Hannay, Mr J Nicholson

Apologies: Mr J Saunders, Ms J Lyth, Mr S Henderson, Mr Michael Duncan (SIC), Cllr D Anderson (Elected Representative)

In Attendance: K Lonsdale (Clerk), Cllr R Thomson (Elected Representative), PC Dana Jamieson (Police Scotland), Ms F Browne (North Isles Community Involvement and Development Worker)

L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5/22/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ms K Hannay declared an interest in the item SCBF.

5/22/2 MINUTES

18th April 2022- The minutes for the April meeting were approved by Mr R Jamieson and Mr J Nicholson

5/22/3 POLICE REPORT

No police report had been received this month.

5/22/4 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

4.1 TRANSPORT- FERRIES

Delays and disruptions- Members expressed dissatisfaction with the ongoing delays and disruptions to the ferry service due to staff illness and docking of vessels. Cllr R Thomson is asking for clarification on the Ferry Services policy regarding covid isolation which he will share with YCC.

When Yell Sound operates to a shift timetable on a Monday there is a long gap in the afternoon, between 15:30 and 17:00, with no runs which can cause a backlog of vehicles. Members have asked previously that a standard single vessel timetable be used in such events to ensure a more complete service.

Amended summer timetable- Members hoping to see an amended summer timetable in the next month.

Meeting with Ferry Operations (March 22nd)- Members have yet to see minutes from the meeting between Ferry Operations and Community Councils.

Community Hires- Members feel communications regarding the allocations of community hires have been entirely unsatisfactory. YCC are yet to have confirmation of all the hires requested in March. Members feel that a more prompt and clear response should be required from Ferry Operations.

4.2 ROADS

Members noted road markings for cats eyes in place in West Yell.

4.3 PICNIC BENCHES

The community payback team have begun work priming and painting the picnic benches. It is hoped that the work will be completed this week and the benches will be replaced as soon as possible.

4.4 DOG WASTE SIGNAGE

Members previously requested that a refuse bin and anti fouling signage be painted at the pier in Mid Yell. This request has been acknowledged by SIC but members would appreciate an estimated time frame for the work to take place.

4.5 SHETLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (SCBF)

Role of a director- YCC received correspondence from the SCBF regarding the role of the directors on the SCBF. The indication was that as a director of SCBF their priority should be as a director, not as a community council representative. Members felt that the information provided did not clarify if the YCC appointed director needed to declare an interest when discussing SCBF applications at YCC meetings.

Members have requested more information from SCBF on the issue and the chair will consult with SIC on the matter.

SCBF update- K Hannay, the director on the SCBF for Yell, provided an update on recent SCBF meetings. YCC have had difficulties considering the merits and benefits of Shetland wide applications received through the Advanced Grant Scheme. K Hannay indicated that other Community Councils have similar issues. One Community Council is creating a document to allow them to assess these merits according to criteria they lay out. YCC members would be interested to see this document once completed.

K Hannay reported that much of the discussion when considering applications recently has been regarding the legacy of a project. The conditions of the grants awarded are that they are one off grants and that any project awarded funds must be self-sustaining as reapplication for the same purpose is not allowed. Members will consider this aspect when approving future applications.

4.6 ASCC AGENDA ITEMS

Members reviewed the meeting papers supplied in advance of the 14th June meeting of ASCC. A Jamieson felt strongly that YCC should support the request from smaller community councils that their core funding be sufficient to cover administration costs and the salary of the clerk at a similar rate of larger community councils.

L Odie and A Jamieson will attend the meeting on behalf of Yell Community Council.

5/22/5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 SCBF SURVEY

Members reviewed the survey provided by the Shetland Community Benefit Fund. Members felt positively about the fund in general, feeling the information they provide and the communications with them have been good.

Members expressed their views that having a separate fund for Shetland wide applications would make allocation of local funds easier. Members have also expressed a desire to see a rolling, 6monthly application deadline that would allow YCC to consider a batch of applications every 6 months rather than as and when applications come in. Members feel this would make it easier to compare and contrast the merits of the applications and allocate funds more fairly.

5.2 YCC ACHIEVEMENTS

Ahead of the Community Council elections in November members were encouraged to think about the achievements Yell Community Council have had in the last five years in order to promote the role of a Community Councillor to those who might be interested in standing in the election.

Members highlighted achievements such as: the retaining of 2 jobs on the Essy Kert in the North Isles, input and consultation on ferry and road issues particularly the new Cullivoe road, the moving of the war memorials from Mid Yell Kirk to the East Yell Chapel, the beach awards, the skip scheme, positive impacts regarding Yell Ambulance staffing and the large amount of work done by the YCC subgroup during 2020 in response to Covid 19, amongst other things.

Members were encouraged to think of ways that being a community councillor has helped them to make a positive impact in their community.

5/22/6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/ MARINE PLANNING

2022/015/WL Proposal: To vary existing Works Licence 2018/021/WL of a tidal array by extending the expiry date by 1 year. Address: Bluemull Sound Cullivoe- Members had no objections.

5/22/7 FINANCE/ GRANTS

7.1 ROAD GRANTS

Seaside Cottage/Wart Croft, West Sandwick, Yell ZE2 9BH- L Odie and A Jamieson proposed a grant of £200 towards the cost of filling potholes.

Ceilidh, Cullivoe- L Odie and A Jamieson proposed a grant of £120 towards the cost of a new road.

7.2 SCBF ADVANCED GRANT APPLICATION

Shetland Bus Friendship Society requested a grant of £300 towards the cost of developing and conserving a Shetland wartime site as a new visitor attraction. L Odie and R Jamieson approved a grant offer of £300.

5/22/8 COMMUNITY WORK

F Browne informed members that the National Lottery Community Fund will be meeting with Yell groups on the 6th June in Cullivoe and 7th June in West Sandwick to discuss their projects. Meetings are by appointment only and all Yell groups have been informed of the sessions and have had the opportunity to schedule a meeting.

5/22/9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 HEALTH SERVICE

L Odie offered thanks to the health service for their efforts in ensuring that Yell had locum GP coverage all through the COVID Pandemic.

Recruitment of a regular GP for Yell is an ongoing concern and one of the most pressing issues facing Yell.

9.2 PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE

F Browne suggested that signage from the roads directing people towards the public playgrounds, especially Mid Yell, could be beneficial as in some areas their location is not clear from the road. This could be of benefit to visitors.

9.3 BOTTLE BANKS

Members reported a lot of broken glass left after the bottle banks on Yell have been emptied. This poses a significant health and safety risk as well as an environmental issue. Members would like to request that the team clean up the areas when emptying the bottle banks.

9.4 COUNCIL ELECTIONS- NORTH ISLES BY ELECTION

Two of the three North Isles SIC seats have been filled in the recent election and a by-election will be held to find a third candidate. Cllr R Thomson has also suggested to Jan Riise, SIC, that the count for the by-election be held at the Mid Yell School. The hope is that this will increase public interest in local elections. The SIC indicated that this proposal would be considered.

Cllr Thomson also indicated that he felt positively that the new council of elected representatives could be willing to take action on the introduction of fixed links for the North Isles. Cllr Thomson feels the SIC will be unable to reach its climate change goals without giving fixed links serious consideration.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.20 HRS

The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on

Monday 20th June 2022, 7:30pm via Zoom Online Conferencing.

Name	Item Number	Action	Completed
Clerk	OB 4.1	Submit issues log to ferry operations	/
	OB 4.4	Request and updated ETA for signage.	/
	F/G 7.1	Inform applicants	/
	F/G 7.2	Inform SCBF	/

	AOB 9.2	Request new signage for playgrounds, Mid Yell	/
	AOB 9.3	Contact waste management	/
L Odie	OB 4.5	Request clarification on the legal role of a director on SCBF	