

## **Minutes of Meeting of Yell Community Council**

**Monday 23rd October 2023, 7pm, Mid Yell School**

Present: Mr L Odie(Chair), Mrs S Williamson, Mr R Jamieson, Mr K Jenkins, Ms J Lyth, Ms H Hart.

Apologies: Mrs A Jamieson, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), PC Dana Jamieson (North Isles Police).

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

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **10/23/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr R Jamieson and Ms H Hart declared an interest in the Energy Isles update.

Mr K Jenkins declared an interest in the Mid Yell Church planning application.

### **10/23/02 MINUTES**

18th September 2023 - The minutes of the September meeting were approved by Mrs S Williamson and Mr L Odie.

### **10/23/03 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **BRECKON BEACH**

A site meeting to be held at Breckon regarding the beach steps with Liam Drosso on Tuesday 31st October.

#### **ABANDONED VEHICLE**

The abandoned vehicle reported has been registered for uplift with Shetland Amenity Trust.

#### **WHITE WIFE/BOHUS ANNIVERSARY**

A conservation assessment is being undertaken at the moment by a local conservator, SAT are aware of the upcoming anniversary and would like to attend a community council meeting to share the information and a proposed plan.

#### **CATALINA**

SAT installed the way markers but are in the understanding that they don't have a maintenance obligation or indeed a budget.

### **10/23/04 POLICE REPORT**

PC Dana Jamieson will be working at Yelloween and will be attending at Toft along with Dogs against Drugs team for the 2015 and 2105 ferries and will be back and forth at the event during the evening.

### **10/23/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES**

Recent disruptions on Yell Sound & Bluemull Sound were discussed and it was agreed to ask for a meeting with Sellaness or ask the team to come to a YCC meeting. Staffing issues, complaints about service lately, training programme, single vessel bookings or shuttle timetable, agency staff/local pay rates, advertise that travellers with appointments to make themselves known to crew. If cones are out please use an unbooked queue. Bluemull Sound affects Yell as well as Yell Sound as workers and businesses using the service.

#### Community Hire Ferry

The crew are unable to accommodate the late hire that was requested by the Yell Show Committee on 19th November. reply to be sent to Sellaness that we are disappointed with this and what happens if there is an emergency in Unst or Fetlar that evening.

#### 6.2 ROADS

No update has been received regarding recent issues reported but some of the work has been carried out.

Road at West Yell from Nortaburn to Ulsta hall was shelved from tarring this year, email Roads that this road gets priority in 2024.

The Wart, Mid Yell road is closed during the evenings for the fibre works to be carried out.

A copy of a letter sent to SIC Roads by Jennifer Christie regarding the Gossabrough road, it was noted and we await the SIC's response.

An update on new Cullivoe road was requested

#### 6.3 NET ZERO CARBON NEUTRAL ISLAND (YELL) PROJECT

A new Community Development Officer Barry Nisbet has been appointed,

#### 6.4 FIXED LINKS - YELL TUNNEL ACTION GROUP

The crowdfunding campaign has been extended to the end of the year, local businesses have pledged and local fundraising in Unst & Yell. Unst & Yell TAG groups visited Faroe earlier in the month to view tunnels; they are now preparing a report.

#### 6.5 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE MEETING

An update from Lisa Watt that 2 candidates with limited contracts have shown an interest in the GP position but are still to visit.

#### 6.6 WEST SANDWICK BEACH

A good report has been received from the beach awards.

#### 6.7 ENERGY ISLES UPDATE

Representatives were unable to attend the meeting as was planned, A press release update has been received and planning permission has been granted. A CLG meeting will take place in November

### **10/23/06 NEW BUSINESS**

#### 7.1 WINTER/RURAL BUS SHELTERS

Following an email to roads from Capt Gray regarding the bus stop at Aywick with the base crumbling, no ramp and no gate to keep the sheep out and cracked panels. Roads have placed a purchase order for the provision of a new concrete base and ramp, the cracked panels will also be replaced. Following discussion it was agreed to investigate gates for the bus shelters that require them to keep out the sheep. New bus shelter was proposed for Mid Yell pier for folk using the east route, perhaps it's something that could be included in the Mid Yell Development Group's new toilets.

## 7.2 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW

This term has been extended by 12 months

Consultation on a new scheme for Community Councils in Shetland was opened on 20th October and the SIC is asking for views and representations on five different proposals. The first phase of the consultation will run until 12th January. Surveys available online and in local shops. Drop in Sessions will be confirmed.

## 7.3 CHILDCARE PROJECT FOR NORTH ISLES & WEST MAINLAND

Email from Frances Brown received with an update on childcare for North Isles and West Mainland.

## 7.4 HEALTH CARE IN RURAL & REMOTE AREAS - SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

This was noted at the meeting.

## 7.5 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

Complaints of dog fouling throughout Mid Yell were reported.

## **10/23/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### 8.1 DEMOLITION OF MUCKLE HOUSE, LINKSHOUSE

The meeting discussed and agreed that it was important to make the area safe and no further comments.

### 8.2 THE OLD CHURCH HALL, MID YELL

Meeting agreed that there were no further comments and the previous comments still stand proposed by Mr R Jamieson and seconded by Mrs S Williamson.

## **10/23/08 FINANCE/GRANTS**

Cullivoe Hall Committee accepted the offer of £3000 CDF grant.

Community payback team to be investigated to paint the picnic benches.

## **10/23/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 10.1 COMMUNITY ROADSHOW

SIC Employability Pathway and the Community Learning and Development team will be in Cullivoe Hall on Monday 13th November 4pm to 6.30pm, free transport and childcare available.

## 10.2 NATIONAL ISLANDS PLAN REVIEW - WORKSHOPS

Workshop in Brae hall on 2nd November for National Islands Plan, Community Councillors encouraged to attend the event.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 20.45HRS.**

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 20th November 2023, 6.15pm. Mid Yell School with John Clarkson from Home Energy Scotland attending.**