

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

**Monday 25th January 2025, 7pm, Mid Yell School**

Present: Mr L Odie (Chair), Mrs A Jamieson, Mrs S Williamson, Mr R Jamieson and Ms F Stirling.

Apologies: Mr K Jenkins, Mr Michael Duncan (Community Councillor Liaison Officer), Cllr Robert Thomson (Elected representative).

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

Visitors: Kjersti Bruserud (Manager Sites and Regulatory) and Anders Fjellheim (Chief Operating Officer) from SalMar Aker Ocean, Norway.

Mr L Odie welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.

### **01/25/01 SALMAR AKER OCEAN FARM**

Mr L Odie handed over the meeting to Kjersti and Andres from SalMar Aker Ocean who gave a presentation on a potential exposed aquaculture east of Shetland. They introduced SalMar Aker Ocean, Ocean Farm concept and operation, Ocean Farm potential at Shetland.

The presentation followed a few questions from the members.

Mr L Odie thanked Kjersti and Andres for attending and they left the meeting at 19.40.

### **01/25/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr R Jamieson declared an interest in the Statkraft Wind Farm.

### **01/25/03 MINUTES**

18th November - The minutes of the November meeting were approved by Ms F Stirling & Mrs A Jamieson.

### **01/25/04 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

The Community Police Report was noted for October/November with 6 incidents recorded in Yell.

PC Dana Jamieson left the Police on 17th January. Clerk to contact Police to see if there will be a replacement appointed for the North Isles.

### **01/25/05 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 TRANSPORT - FERRIES**

Saturday 18th January - Runs not available to the public.

The 845 from Toft to Ulsta and the 1130 from Ulsta to Toft runs were not available to the public on Saturday 18th January. No explanation was given for this. Due to no run from Ulsta at 11.30 the mail from the North Isles was delayed getting out of Yell and missed its onward connections out of Shetland.

The meeting was concerned regarding this and the Clerk to contact Sellaness regarding this issue.

Communication

Concerns were raised regarding updating of information when there are disruptions. Friday(17th) morning's message on the board was 'Call the Voicebank and no indication was made of what queueing vehicles were to do and that it was a single vessel on Yell Sound but did not mention bookings suspended. Vehicles were queueing in booked and unbooked queues in Ulsta and Toft.

Marshalling Area in Gutcher

The marshalling area in Gutcher has new signage.

Yell Community Hire request - Shetland Folk Festival

A Community Hire request has been received from Shetland Folk Festival Committee requesting a late community hire for their concert in Burravoe hall on the night of 2nd May. The ferry has been requested for 00.30am on 3rd May. The meeting agreed to allocate the ferry subject to getting an allocation for this year.

Community Hire allocation April 25 - March 26

Allocation of Community run ferries were discussed and it was agreed to ask Sellaness what allocation was for this year and that to find out in February was too late.

Out of hours ferry service requests

Following an out of hours ferry service request from the Shetland Times to the Shetland Islands Council. The Shetland Times has contacted Yell Community Council regarding this as it was noticed that several of the callouts had been requested by Yell Community Council, and they asked the sorts of reasons the community council asks for out of hours ferry requests. It was for Community Hire for events connected to the island. Clerk to reply.

Docking Schedule January 2025 - March 2026

The Docking Schedule has been published from now until March 2026 and was noted.

## 7.2 ROADS UPDATE

New Cullivoe Road

An update was requested and received. The project is now out to tender with tender's due back on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Tenders will be evaluated by Roads Service from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January and a report presented to full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 recommending which tenderer should be selected. The Contract will then be awarded on 24<sup>th</sup> February subject to full Council approving the project. This will obviously depend on the value of the tender total.

Planning permission for the project has not been granted yet. SEPA has requested more information be added to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Consultant, Atkins, are currently working on this and hope to have the draft of the EIA Addendum sent to the SIC by the end of this week. The EIA Addendum will address all the points raised by SEPA and SIC expect planning consent to be granted by Planning following its submission. Missives have been concluded for all the land acquisition.

#### Burravoe Footpath

An update has been requested and received earlier this afternoon from Alistair Hunter (Transport Policy and Projects Assistant). "He expected to be further forward, as Systra had already produced a design on our behalf and the Roads team came back with comments, Systra updated their design based on this, but Roads believe there are more tweaks required before SIC are able to meet with landowners to discuss the land purchasing required. Given the stage in the financial year, he thinks this project will likely slip into the next financial year (we have budget for it, so the financial side isn't a problem). We are now scheduled to have a meeting next week."

The meeting was disappointed with this update and requested that the team arrange a meeting with local landowners as soon as possible. Clerk to reply.

#### Cuppaster Road

Issue was reported to Roads and an update was received that SIC Roads are aware of the poor condition of the Cuppaster road; They plan to get a small paver in to overlay long sections instead of patching. They did hope to have this done by now but realistically, with the weather and time of year, estimate the works to be carried out towards the end of February, if possible, otherwise certainly before the end of the financial year.

#### Ulsta Ferry Terminal 20mph signs

Following consultation with SIC Roads in 2023 regarding the introduction of 20mph restrictions in the lead up to the Ulsta Ferry Terminal, nothing seems to have taken place. Clerk to contact Roads to investigate when work will be carried out.

#### Greenbank Turning point

Roads department were contacted regarding the Greenbank turning point but no update has been received, a reminder has been sent earlier today regarding this issue.

#### Bus Shelters in Yell

An update regarding the gates on several bus shelters throughout Yell was requested. A reply has been received from Mervyn Smith (Roads Engineering Technician) that they have been looking for commercially available suitable gates and have not turned up anything yet. So, it looks like they may have to have something made and he is looking into options for this.

#### Cullivoe Bus Shelters damage

It was reported to the meeting that the two bus shelters in Cullivoe were damaged. Both bus shelters have a hole in the Perspex. Clerk to contact Roads regarding this.

### 7.3 STATKRAFT WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS

#### CLG Meeting

A CLG meeting was held on 10th December, but no notes have been received from this meeting to date, next meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Community Benefit

A follow up steering group meeting was held with representatives of local community groups on Wednesday 20th November, an update was given regarding the meeting. No date has been fixed as yet for the next steering group meeting. Reps are hoping to meet with Statkraft on 12 February to hold exploratory discussions re options re shared benefit. These discussions are at a very early stage and are exploratory.

An email has been received from A Brockless regarding a transparency concern regarding the formation and conduct of the steering group and he also raised a number of issues to be considered. A reply was sent from the chair on 14th December and another email has been received on 5th January. A reply to be sent to thank him for his email and his concerns were discussed and noted. The chair has shared this information with the SIC legal department.

#### Drinking Water in Yell

A further discussion was held regarding the pollution risk to the drinking water for Yell, and possibility of contamination during the wind farm construction phase. It was agreed to ask at the next CLG meeting regarding this concern.

Clerk to write to Doug Wison asking about notes from the meeting on 10th December and concerns about the drinking water to be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to contact Scottish Water regarding the contingency plan in place to protect the water. Also, SEPA to check that they are closely monitoring this situation and raise the concern from the local residents.

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

A meeting was held on Wednesday 4th December organised by Cllr Robert Thomson. An update to be requested on the CNI Yell project from Cllr Thomson.

#### 7.5 FIXED LINKS - TUNNEL ACTION GROUP UPDATE

No further update.

#### 7.6 COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN YELL

Meeting with Jo Robinson

Mr L Odie & Mrs A Jamieson attended an online meeting with Jo Robinson on 28th November. Several issues were raised at the meeting but as yet no feedback has been received. Clerk to contact Jo for an update following the meeting.

GP's & Accommodation

Clerk has forwarded information discussed to Lisa Watt regarding possible properties available and has advertised the poster regarding accommodation required on our Facebook page.

Emergency Cover for the Three North Isles

F Browne said that Unst Community Council had the same questions regarding the ambulance emergency cover and who was notified.

CPR - Community Resilience

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) are working together through a partnership with the British Heart Foundation to equip people with vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest outside of hospital. Clerk emailed regarding holding a session in Yell, if possible, but no update has been received.

#### 7.7 SSEN MEETING

The proposed meeting was cancelled for 19th November. YCC agreed to invite representatives to another meeting. Representatives will attend the March YCC meeting on Monday 17th March at 6.45pm.

#### 7.8 COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCIES

Advertising of vacant seats on the Yell Community Council has been discussed with Anne Cogle (Team Leader, Governance & Law) as Yell Community Council has reached the limit of 3 for co-options already, so unfortunately, we are not able to advertise/fill the remaining three vacancies at this time. As

we are in a review period there will be no elections held. A new term will commence later next year, following completion of the review and implementation of the new Scheme. Mr L Odie had contacted M Duncan regarding increasing the membership for the 8-month period, but it is not possible.

It is difficult with small numbers and our meetings being quorate following the cancellation of the December meeting.

#### 7.9 COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT REVIEW - PHASE THREE CONSULTATION

The consultation and the options were discussed and the survey to be completed by 5pm on 31st January 2025.

#### 7.10 WHITE WIFE UPDATE CONSERVATION UPDATE

Shetland Amenity Trust are still awaiting the final condition report and proposal for works from Will Murray, however, at the minute it is Will's preference to travel up to Shetland and for the work to be carried out in the SAT workshop in Lerwick, where the White Wife is at present. At the last update, February was looking like a potential date for Will travelling up to Shetland to undertake the required work, but SAT are still awaiting confirmation from Will on costs and considerations.

SAT visited Burravoe in late November to look at the possibilities for locating the White Wife inside the Old Haa and confirmed two locations within the building that would be suitable. A final decision will need to be made once they are in receipt of the report from the Scottish Conservation Studio via Will Murray.

#### PATHWAY TO WHITE WIFE

An update has been received from Liam Drosso (Outdoor Access Officer) that work is being carried out on the path to the White Wife by Martin Leask. Two sections of boardwalk are being installed and some new hinges on the gates are being fitted. Some new way marker posts will also be added to the walk by Liam.

#### 7.11 WEST SANDWICK BEACH

A replacement step has been fitted at West Sandwick beach car park by Liam Drosso (Outdoor Access Officer).

### **01/25/06 NEW BUSINESS**

#### 8.1 SHETLAND MARINE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Newsletter has been received by email and was noted.

#### 8.2 MEETING DATES REQUESTED BY POLICE SCOTLAND

Meeting dates for the next 6 months have been requested by Lerwick office of Police Scotland. Dates have been sent as requested by the clerk.

#### 8.3 NEXT STEPS IN THE MARINE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACTION PLAN

An email has been received from Tanya Riley following attending the October meeting of YCC that their online survey is now live. The survey will remain open until the 14th of February, so they would be grateful if you could please complete it by then. They asked that YCC share the online survey link within your community and on social media. Clerk has shared on YCC Facebook.

#### 8.4 BURRAVOE POST-BOX

Following no meeting being held in December, Mr L Odie contacted the clerk to report that the post box at Burravoe Crossroads had been removed. Clerk contacted Bruce Crossan (Royal Mail Shetland Manager), who replied that The Burravoe Post-box came away from its pedestal. What remained of the pedestal was a hazard to the local Primary School at Burravoe, so our priority has been to remove the pedestal. I have been in contact with our Property and Facilities Team, and they are looking to have an engineer on isle in January to fix a number of outstanding Post-box faults so the box will be replaced. The nearest post boxes are at Hollygarth or at Hamnavoe. A lot of residents have been dropping off letters at the Burravoe Post Office. Clerk to chase up replacement box. Mr L Odie to check if the Hamnavoe Post Box needs repair as it was mentioned at the meeting that it may be needed.

#### LINKSHOUSE POSTBOX

Clerk has emailed Bruce Crossan regarding the moving of the Post box in Linkshouse, Clerk to follow up.

#### 8.5 SCOTLAND'S BEACH AWARDS 2025

Applications are open for the awards 2025 with closing date of the end of March.

The meeting discussed whether to apply for this or not, outside funding for the applications were discussed and the meeting agreed to apply for funding from SCBF to cover the cost of the applications.

Clerk to apply to SCBF.

#### 8.6 NATIONAL MARINE PLAN 2 - COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION - 21ST JANUARY.

An invite to the National Marine Plan 2 community drop-in session which takes place tomorrow was noted as no member was able to attend.

#### 8.7 INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF AQUACULTURE FISH FARM CONSENTING PILOT SITES

Aquatera are carrying out an Independent Evaluation of Aquaculture Fish Farm Consenting Pilot Sites. YCC has been contacted to gather feedback and potential areas of improvement in relation to the pre application process of community consultation. This email was noted.

#### **01/25/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications to consider.

Mrs A Jamieson raised that planning permission is being considered for the Isles Eat Van in the Ulsta Ferry Terminal Car Park, but we are not a consultee.

#### **01/25/08 FINANCE/GRANTS**

##### 10.1 CLERK'S SALARY SCALES 2024/25

Clerk left the meeting while this was discussed.

An increase in the salary was discussed and it was agreed to pay the rate proposed by the SIC.

##### 10.2 SCBF DIRECTOR

The SCBF Director post was again discussed as is still vacant.

##### 10.3 FUNDING AVAILABLE

Funding available was discussed, £500 in CDF to be advertised. SCBF funding available as well.

#### **01/25/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### 11.1 DOG FOULING IN MID YELL

It was reported that there continued to be dog fouling in Mid Yell, Clerk to report concerns to SIC.

##### 11.2 REMEMBERING TOGETHER

The info card to accompany the Tree of Life, Interrupted plaque to the Yell Leisure Centre.

The funders for the project were Greenspace Scotland, Remembering Together, Scottish Government, Shetland Islands Council and Shetland Arts.

##### 11.3 WATER PIPE IN CULLIVOE BETWEEN GREENSIDE AND MOARFIELD

Mr R Jamieson reported that the clay pipes between Greenside and the Moarfield garage were causing problems with a few bursts lately, with the most recent one yesterday morning. The meeting agreed to contact Scottish Water to ask to replace this section to avoid further outages.

##### 11.4 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

Frances gave an update on the Pop Ins for Mid Yell and North Ness. North Ness is well attended but please encourage everyone to attend, they are for everyone! A Community Diary was discussed for use through groups in Yell like the What's On which was used several years ago.

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 21.30HRS.**

**The next meeting of the Yell Community Council will be held on Monday 17th February, 7pm, Mid Yell School.**

**Action List**

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|----------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Clerk    | 7.1 | Contact Sellaness re 18 <sup>th</sup> January                   |  |
| Clerk    | 7.1 | Contact Folk Festival regarding Community Hire Ferry            |  |
| Clerk    | 7.1 | Contact re Community hire allocation                            |  |
| Clerk    | 7.1 | Reply to Shetland Times re Out of Hours Hires                   |  |
| Clerk    | 7.2 | Reply Burravoe Footpath – disappointment and landowners meeting |  |
| Clerk    | 7.2 | Update on 20mph signs at Ulsta Ferry Terminal                   |  |
| Clerk    | 7.2 | Damage to Cullivoe Bus Shelters                                 |  |
| LO       | 7.3 | Reply to A Brockless's letter                                   |  |
| Clerk    | 7.3 | Contact D Wilson – notes, drinking water query and next meeting |  |
| Clerk    | 7.3 | Contact Scottish Water re drinking water query                  |  |
| Clerk    | 7.3 | Contact SEPA regarding drinking water query                     |  |
| Clerk/AJ | 7.3 | Next meeting date for steering group                            |  |
| Clerk    | 7.4 | Contact Robert Thomson on update for CNI Project                |  |

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| Clerk    | 7.6  | Request update following meeting LO and AJ                                                 |  |
| Clerk/LO | 7.9  | Complete Consultation                                                                      |  |
| Clerk    | 8.2  | Contact Police regarding a replacement police officer                                      |  |
| Clerk    | 8.4  | Contact Bruce Crossan regarding update on post-boxes<br>Burravoe<br>Linkshouse<br>Hamnavoe |  |
| LO       | 8.4  | Check Hamnavoe Post Box                                                                    |  |
| Clerk    | 8.5  | Apply SCBF funding for Beach award applications                                            |  |
| Clerk    | 10.1 | Update pay and back pay                                                                    |  |
| Clerk    | 10.3 | Advertise CDF funding                                                                      |  |
| Clerk    | 11.1 | Report Dog Fouling concerns in Mid Yel                                                     |  |
| Clerk    | 11.3 | Write to Scottish water re concerns for clay pipes in Cullivoe                             |  |