

## MINUTE

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**Special Shetland Islands Council  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick  
Wednesday 11 January 2006 at 2.15pm**

**Present:**

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| L Angus       | B J Cheyne           |
| R G Feather   | B P Gregson          |
| L G Groat     | I J Hawkins          |
| J H Henry     | J A Inkster          |
| W H Manson    | Captain G G Mitchell |
| J P Nicolson  | W A Ratter           |
| F A Robertson | J G Simpson          |
| W N Stove     | W Tait               |

**Apologies:**

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| A J Cluness | C B Eunson |
| F B Grains  | J C Irvine |
| E J Knight  |            |

**In attendance (Officers):**

L Adamson, Committee Officer

**Also:**

N Grant, General Manager - Shetland Development Trust

**Chairperson**

In the absence of the Convener and Vice-Convener, Mr W N Stove was elected Chairman, pro-tem.

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

**In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, the Council resolved, on the motion of Mr W N Stove, seconded by Mr B P Gregson, to exclude the public during consideration of the following item of business.**

01/06     **Appointment of Non-Member Trustees to Shetland Development Trust**

The Council considered a report by the Head of Legal and Administration (RECORD Appendix 1).

Members noted that a Member had agreed to act as a referee for one of the applicants. The Member explained that when he agreed to be a referee, he had not been aware of the use of the reference.

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The advice received from the Head of Legal and Administration was that should the applicant be shortlisted for interview, the Member should withdraw from being a referee and ask the applicant to nominate another referee. Members noted the advice received and would bear it in mind should the applicant be shortlisted for interview.

On the motion of Mr J P Nicolson, seconded by Mr W H Manson, Members agreed that the four current non-member Trustees should automatically be included on the shortlist for interview.

Members noted that three of the current non-member Trustees had served one term of office, and the fourth non-member Trustee had served two terms. It was suggested that the SDT Constitution should be looked at to clarify how many terms of office non-member Trustees can stand. It was reported that the Council is totally responsible for appointing Trustees to the SDT. Members agreed that the Council be asked to prepare a report to clarify whether there are any constraints on the number of terms of office, and the recommendation from the Council be passed to the SDT.

Members agreed that one of the remaining applicants would be shortlisted for interview.

It was established that five applicants would be interviewed at the Special SIC on 27 January.

The meeting concluded at 2.25pm

W N Stove  
Chairman