



Shetland Islands Council

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**Executive Committee – Economic Development
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Tuesday 7 February 2006 at 11.50 a.m.**

Present:

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| A J Cluness | F B Grains |
| J C Irvine | J G Simpson |
| W H Manson | W N Stove |

In attendance (Officers):

W Shannon, Head of Economic Development
D Irvine, Head of Business Development
G Johnston, Head of Finance
J R Smith, Head of Organisational Development
M Smith, Development Officer
D Thomson, Viking Energy Project Officer
E Perring, Policy and Development Co-Ordinator
C Manson, Committee Assistant
A Cogle, Service Manager – Administration

Also:

S Saravanan, Shetland representative of Tamil Nadu
P Dryburgh, Director – North Atlantic Fisheries College

Chairperson

Mr W A Ratter, Chairperson of the Committee, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Minutes

The minute of meeting held on 6 December 2005, were confirmed.

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Tamil Nadu Shetland Exchange

The Committee noted a report by the Policy and Development Co-ordinator (Appendix 1).

Mr W A Ratter provided a summary of the report, accompanied by a photographic presentation of the places visited and people they met, and responded to various questions and comments made by Members.

Members commended the work done so far on this project, and agreed that establishing links with this region would also be of great benefit to the people of Shetland.

2/06 **Twinning Arrangements**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Economic Development (Appendix 2).

Members noted the terms of the report, and that a number of twinning arrangements had been established over the years on an ad-hoc basis.

After discussion, the Committee agreed, on the motion of Mr J C Irvine, seconded by Mr A Inkster, to approve the recommendations in the report, and that an officer be identified to co-ordinate activity in this area.

3/06 **Financial Update – End December 2005 – Shetland College/Train Shetland**

The Committee noted a report by the Director – Shetland College and Train Shetland (Appendix 3) .

4/06 **Shetland Economic Development Forum – 18 January 2006**

The Committee noted the minute of the aforementioned meeting (Appendix 4).

5/06 **Shetland College/Train Shetland Board of Management: (a) 17 November 2005; and (b) 19 January 2006**

The Committee noted the minutes of the aforementioned meetings (Appendices 5a and 5b).

6/06 **North Atlantic Fisheries College – Finance and Contract for the Provision of Services**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Economic Development (Appendix 6A).

Mr P Dryburgh, Director NAFC, gave Members a Powerpoint presentation regarding the College's achievements over the past year, and an indication of issues within the Business Plan for 2006/09. A copy of the presentation is attached as Appendix 6B.

The Committee noted the presentation, and adopted the recommendation in the report, on the motion of Mr J C Irvine, seconded by Mr A Inkster.

8/06 **“de minimus” Aid in the Agricultural Sector – Shetland Agricultural Business Scheme 2006/07**

The Committee considered a report by the Agricultural Assistant (Appendix 8) and approved the recommendations in the report, on the motion of Mr W H Manson, seconded by Mr A J Cluness.