

MINUTES

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**Shetland Islands Council
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 10am**

Present:

M Bell	P Campbell
A Cooper	S Coutts
A Duncan	J Fraser
A Hawick	C Hughson
S Leask	A Manson
E Macdonald	R McGregor
A Priest	D Sandison
I Scott	D Simpson
C Smith	G Smith
T Smith	

Apologies:

None

In Attendance (Officers):

M Sandison, Chief Executive
C Ferguson, Director of Corporate Services
N Grant, Director of Development Services
J Smith, Director of Infrastructure Services
D Coupe, Executive Manager - Roads
A Inkster, Executive Manager – Marine and Airport Infrastructure
P Peterson, Executive Manager – Executive Services
J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law
R Sinclair, Executive Manager – Assets, Commissioning and Procurement
A Cogle, Team Leader - Administration
T Coutts, Team Leader – Business Development
H Tait, Team Leader – Accountancy
L Shearer, Executive Services Officer
P Wishart Solicitor
B Kerr, Communications Officer
L Malcolmson, Committee Officer

Chairperson

Mr Bell, Convener of the Council, presided.

Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Ruling to Permit Participation by Telephone

The Convener ruled that in accordance with Section 43(2) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, the attendance of Councillor John Fraser during the Council proceedings was permitted by remote telephone link.

Declarations of Interest

None

Obituary – Leslie Angus

All present in the Chamber stood whilst the Convener paid the following tribute to former Councillor Leslie Angus:

“We were deeply saddened to hear, a few weeks ago, about the passing of our former colleague Leslie Angus. Gussie, as we all knew him, passed away in hospital in Aberdeen aged 78, on 1 October 2019.

Gussie was born in Twageos and was brought up in Lerwick. After school, he initially found work first, as a taxi driver and then at the Lerwick Observatory. Marrying Elizabeth in 1964 they initially set up home in Edinburgh and then Cumbernauld when Gussie took up employment at BP Grangemouth. There, he saved up enough money to enrol in a course on social work at Jordanhill where, in 1970, he graduated as a probation officer. Reorganisation meant his job title changed to social worker and there followed a posting to Easterhouse in Glasgow.

The 1970's were a time of great change in Shetland. Gussie spotted an advertisement for Depute Director of Social Work at the newly created Shetland Islands Council Social Work Department. His application was successful and he returned to Shetland to take up the post under the then Director of Social Work and Gussie's former boyhood friend Peter Malcolmson. In this new role Gussie was heavily involved in a bold and ambitious programme of work transforming the landscape in social care and provision of services to the community of Shetland.

In 1992, having successfully beaten cancer, Gussie took early retirement but typically, remained active in the community taking up a role in the Shetland Fisheries Training Association.

In 1999, Gussie stood for election for the Shetland Islands Council Ward of Lerwick Twageos. He was successfully re-elected in 2003 and again in 2007 for the then enlarged multi-member ward of Lerwick South. He is remembered by all he encountered as someone who always took the side of those less able to fend for themselves or whom he perceived were being treated unfairly. Bringing the same skill and determination to the role of elected member, as he had done for so many years as a senior officer, he knew exactly how the system worked and used that to the benefit of his constituents.

Having served as Chair of Social Services and representing the Council on various groups, including the Shetland Development Trust, Town Hall Consultative Committee, Lerwick Port Authority and COSLA, to name but a few, Gussie did not seek re-election in 2012. His interest in serving his community, however, did not end and he remained active most notably, perhaps, with his involvement in bagpiping and as an active member of the Voluntary Action Shetland (VAS) Board and was instrumental in the establishment of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Shetland. Indeed, he was Vice-Chair of VAS when he passed away.

I know many in this chamber will have their own memories of Gussie. None will doubt his commitment and passion for the community he strove to serve over so many years. I know the Chamber will join with me in expressing our deep sympathy to Elizabeth and family.

I move that an extract of the minute of this meeting be sent to the family of Leslie Angus.”

The Council concurred unanimously.

Obituary – John P Nicolson

All present in the Chamber stood whilst the Convener paid the following tribute to former Councillor John P Nicolson:

"We were deeply saddened to hear, a few weeks ago, about the passing of our former colleague John Nicolson. John passed away on 9 October 2019.

John was born on 26 September 1937 and his early years were spent in Scalloway where his father was the village policeman. He left school at 15 and worked initially as a clerk at Lerwick Police Station before moving to the finance department of Zetland County Council and then back to Scalloway where he worked for the Co-op. John married Peggy in 1964 and they set up home in the flat above the Co-op store in the village. During his tenure as store manager there, John worked hard as a volunteer with, amongst others, the Fraser Park Trust, the badminton club, the scouts and of course, the public hall.

After 8 years as Co-op manager, John decided to build on his interest in community work and turn it into a career. He worked hard to earn and save up enough to enrol for a course at college. In 1969, John, Peggy and family moved to Edinburgh where John attended Moray House College. After gaining his qualification, the family moved back to Shetland where John commenced work as a youth and community worker. John became Director of the Leisure and Recreation Department on the formation of Shetland Islands Council in 1975. Through his drive, vision and use of resources available to him during a time of great change in Shetland, John embarked on the development of a strong framework of leisure facilities and services throughout the islands. The network of leisure centres we enjoy today are just one tangible example of that vision and drive.

At Leisure and Recreation John was remembered as a great boss to work for. One of our current members, Catherine Hughson, was John's PA in the early 80's. She recalls him telling her that if she were to "go under a bus" the department would collapse; if he went under a bus things would carry on just fine!

Following his retirement as a senior council official John entered elected politics and was returned as the member for Yell at a by-election in 1996. He was returned unopposed in 1999 and 2003 before stepping down at the election in 2007. John held office as Vice-Convener, Chair of the Resources Committee and Chair of the Licensing Board amongst other appointments. I particularly recall him as a member of the Northern Joint Police Board during my time as Area Commander. He was always supportive and mindful of Shetland's unique problems in a policing context. He battled Shetland's corner with tenacity and glee never missing an opportunity to push our case at Board meetings in Inverness. I often received telephone calls following Board meetings from an exasperated Chief Constable suggesting that, if I valued my career prospects, it was about time I got my Police Board member under control. I remember John's mischievous chuckle when I told him about this.

In 2011 he was awarded the lifetime achievement award at the Shetland Sports awards. This was particularly valued by him as it was given in the memory of his friend and former deputy at Leisure and Recreation, Rob Anderson. He was also chosen as one of the torch bearers during the visit of the Olympic torch in 2012. His reputation stretched well beyond our shores. George Smith and I attended a meeting with the International Island Games Association in Gibraltar earlier this year. The first name mentioned by the Chair was John Nicolson. Of course, John was instrumental in bringing the Games here in 2005.

I know the Chamber will join with me in expressing our deep sympathy to Peggy and family.

I move that an extract of the minute of this meeting be sent to the family of John Nicolson."

The Council concurred unanimously.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 were approved on the motion of Mrs Macdonald, seconded by Mr Campbell.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2019 were approved on the motion of Mr Leask, seconded by Mr C Smith.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2019 were approved on the motion of Mr Scott, seconded by Mr C Smith.

The Convener reminded Members of their obligations during the pre-election period.

61/19 Members Elected to Serve on the Shetland Islands Council

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-17-19-F), presented as a preliminary matter to the formal business of the Council, confirming the names of those persons elected to serve on the Council following the by-elections on 7 November 2019.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report and the Convener welcomed Mrs Lyall and Mr Flaws to the Council.

Decision:

The Council NOTED the report.

62/19 Appointment to Committee Vacancies - Shetland Central and Lerwick South Wards

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-12-19-F), seeking to make the necessary elected Member appointments to fill the vacancies as a result of the resignations of Councillors Wishart and Burgess.

In introducing the report the Executive Manager – Governance and Law referred to all appointment reports on the agenda and the Council unanimously agreed that all appointments would be made by secret ballot, if required.

The Council then proceeded to appoint Members to the following vacancies:

Development Committee

Shetland Central - Councillor Moraig Lyall was appointed on the nomination of Mr Sandison, seconded by Mr Scott.

Lerwick South - Councillor Stephen Flaws was appointed on the nomination of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr Duncan.

Education and Families Committee

Lerwick South - Councillor Amanda Hawick was appointed on the nomination of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr C Smith.

Town Hall Sub-Committee

Lerwick South - Councillor Stephen Flaws was appointed on the nomination of Mr C Smith, seconded by Ms Hawick.

Decision:

The Council:

- NOTED the following ex-officio appointments to be filled by the newly elected member for **Shetland Central**:
 - Shetland Islands Council
 - Burra and Trondra Community Council
 - Scalloway Community Council
 - Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale Community Council
- NOTED the following ex-officio appointments to be filled by the newly elected member for **Lerwick South**:
 - Shetland Islands Council
 - Lerwick Community Council
 - Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh Community Council
- RESOLVED to appoint:
 - Councillor Moraig Lyall as a member from **Shetland Central** to the Development Committee;
 - Councillor Stephen Flaws as a member from **Lerwick South** to the Development Committee;
 - Councillor Amanda Hawick as a member from **Lerwick South** to the Education and Families Committee; and
 - Councillor Stephen Flaws as a member from **Lerwick South** to the Town Hall Sub-Committee.

63/19

Appointment of Depute Convener and Other Committee Vacancies

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-13-19-F), seeking to make the necessary elected Member appointments to fill the vacancies as a result of the resignations of Councillors Wishart and Burgess.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report.

The Council then proceeded to appoint Members to the following vacancies:

Depute Convener

Councillor Cecil Smith was appointed on the motion of Mr Bell, seconded by Mr Coutts.

Harbour Board

Councillor Stephen Flaws was nominated on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr C Smith. Mr Flaws however declined the nomination.

Councillor David Sandison was nominated on the motion of Mr Coutts, seconded by Ms Hawick. Mr Sandison accepted the nomination.

Licensing Committee

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law advised that the Member appointed to the Committee would also be a Member on the Shetland Islands Area Licensing Board.

Councillor Stephen Flaws was appointed on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr C Smith.

Shetland College Board

Councillor Moraig Lyall was appointed on the motion of Mr Sandison, seconded by Mr Scott.

Substitute Member of College Lecturers Joint Consultative Committee/Joint Negotiating Committee

Councillor Moraig Lyall was appointed on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr Leask.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to elect:

- Councillor Cecil Smith as Depute Convener;
- Councillor David Sandison as a Member of the Council to the Harbour Board;
- Councillor Stephen Flaws as Member of the Council to the Licensing Committee;
- Councillor Moraig Lyall as a Member of the Council to the Shetland College Board; and
- APPOINTED Councillor Moraig Lyall as Member of the Shetland College Board, as a substitute Member of the College Lecturers Joint Consultative Committee/Joint Negotiating Committee.

64/19

Appointment to the Planning Committee

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-10-19-F), seeking to appoint one Member to the Planning Committee following the resignation of Councillor Theo Smith on 10 June 2019.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report and referred to the current position in terms of two Shetland North Ward Members holding the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair on the Board. He went on to explain that the third ward Member had expressed concern that to appoint to the current vacancy would leave the constituents without the support of an elected Members as advocate. Mr Cooper confirmed that he would not take up the appointment. The Executive Manager – Governance and Law advised that Members may wish to consider an appoint to the “Additional Member” vacancy.

Following brief consideration, Mr Duncan moved that Mrs Lyall be appointed as an additional member to the Planning Committee. Mr Scott seconded. Mrs Lyall said that unless the majority view was that the status quo should remain she would accept the nomination. Comment was made that the appointment of Mrs Lyall would create

an odd number of Members where votes are required, which could be advantageous. The Council unanimously approved the appointment. No further nominations were made.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Moraig Lyall, as a Member to the Planning Committee.

65/19 **Appointment to the Audit Committee**

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-11-19-F), that sought to appoint one Member to the Audit Committee.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law summarised the main terms of the report.

Mrs Lyall was appointed on the motion of Mr Duncan, seconded by Mr Leask.

In response to a question, the Executive Manager – Governance and Law confirmed that there was an error in the report and that Mr C Smith had previously been appointed as the Lerwick South Ward Member.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Moraig Lyall, to the Audit Committee.

66/19 **Shetland College Board – Student Member Appointment**

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-20-19-F), seeking to appoint Ms Tegan Patterson as the nominated student representative on the Shetland College Board, with full voting rights.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report.

The Council appointed Ms Tegan Patterson, as the nominated student representative on the Shetland College Board, on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr T Smith.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to appoint Ms Tegan Patterson as the nominated student representative on the Shetland College Board, with full voting rights.

67/19 **Appointment to External Organisations: Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board; Shetland Area Support Team; and Community Safety and Resilience Board**

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (GL-14-19-F), seeking to make the necessary elected Member appointments to fill the vacancies as a result of the resignations of Councillors Wishart and Burgess.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report.

The Council made the appointments to the following vacancies:

Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board

Councillor George Smith was appointed as a substantive Member on the motion of Mr T Smith, seconded by Mr Fraser.

Councillor Flaws was nominated as a substitute Member on the motion of Mr T Smith, seconded by Mr Duncan. Mr Flaws declined.

Councillor MacGregor was nominated as a substitute Member on the motion of Mr T Smith, seconded by Mr G Smith. Mr MacGregor accepted the appointment and no further nominations were received.

Area Support Team (Education and Families Committee Member)

Councillor Fraser was nominated on the motion of Mr G Smith seconded by Mr T Smith, and accepted the nomination.

Councillor Amanda Hawick, was nominated on the motion of Mr Campbell, seconded by Mr C Smith, and accepted the nomination.

Following a short statement by each nominee, voting took place by secret ballot and the results were as follows:

Mr Fraser	9
Ms Hawick	10
Abstentions	2

Ms Hawick was therefore appointed as an Education and Families Committee Member on the Area Support Team.

Community Safety and Resilience Board

The Council were informed that two appointments were required and the following appointments were made:

Shetland Central

Councillor Moraig Lyall was appointed on the motion of Mr Sandison, seconded by Mr Scott.

Lerwick South

Councillor Stephen Flaws was appointed on the motion of Mr Duncan, seconded by Mr Leask.

SOTEAG

Councillor Emma Macdonald, was appointed as an Executive Member of SOTEAG on the motion of Mr Coutts, seconded by Mr Campbell.

Councillor Cecil Smith, was appointed as a substitute member of SOTEAG on the motion of Ms Manson seconded by Ms Hawick.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to appoint:

- Councillor George Smith as a substantive Member to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board;
- Councillor Robbie McGregor as a substitute Member to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board;
- Councillor Amanda Hawick, Member of Education and Families Committee to the Shetland Area Support Team.
- Councillor Moraig Lyall, Member of Shetland Central, and Councillor Stephen Flaws, Member of Lerwick South, to the Community Safety and Resilience Board;
- Councillor Emma Macdonald, as an Executive Member of SOTEAG; and
- Councillor Cecil Smith, as a substitute member of SOTEAG.

68/19

SIC Overall Management Accounts 2019/20 Projected Outturn at Quarter 2

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Finance (F-054-19-F), that presented the overall Council projected financial position as at quarter 2.

The Team Leader – Accountancy introduced the report she highlighted the key issues at section 3, and advised that a draw on reserves would be required.

In responding to a question regarding the Gas Plant, the Director of Infrastructure Services explained that the reduction in income was due to throughput where the threshold was not reached and also as a result of the price of gas being lower than the threshold.

There being no debate Mr Coutts moved that the Council approve the recommendations contained in the report. Mr Duncan seconded.

Decision:

The Council:

- NOTED the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 2; and RESOLVED to
- APPROVED an increase in the contribution to ZetTrans of up to £0.099m to fund the delivery of business cases as part of the transport network re-design.

69/19

Communications Strategy

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Executive Services (CE-03-19-F) that presented the new Communications Strategy for the Council.

The Executive Manager – Executive Services introduced the report and advised on the process undertaken using internal and external data sources. He said that five priority areas were identified and an action plan had been produced to drive the work going forward.

In responding to a question on how the local community can influence decision making and whether the strategy can improve that, the Executive Manager – Executive Services confirmed that priority three picks up on the Council's action in regard to two way communication and listening. He said that this would be addressed through the action plan.

In terms of priority four, the Executive Manager – Executive Services said that it was important to be mindful that not everyone is connected electronically and that although it is the preferred option for communication not everyone has online access.

During debate comment was made that in terms of staff empowerment the best way to be motivated is to have accessibility to information but nothing was more important than face to face engagement between managers and staff.

In moving the recommendations, the Depute Leader said that she had done some work with the Executive Officer and discussed many ways to communicate the need to listen better. Mr Leask seconded.

Further comment was made that the strategy provided a good foundation as the Council moved to having ongoing regular communication on sustaining services into the future. This would provide a consistent two way approach including the conveying of difficult messages to maintain and deliver services.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to formally APPROVE the Communications Strategy.

70/19

Strategic Roads Network – Strategic Outline Programme

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Roads (RD-06-19-F) that presented the Strategic Roads Network, Strategic Outline Programme.

The Executive Manager – Roads introduced the report and advised that the Policy and Resources Committee approved the recommendations with an additional recommendation that a report be presented to the next cycle of meetings on the process and prioritisation of the remaining projects that will be appended to the Cullivoe Outline Business Case.

In responding the questions, the Executive Manager – Roads explained the criteria applied to the priority list and advised that this can be affected by matters such as population changes or usage. He therefore confirmed the list can be changed and refreshed.

Comment was made in support of the recommendations and the question was asked whether there would be an opportunity to discuss as a national priority with Government Departments and whether the programme was part of the case for funding. The Director of Infrastructure Services advised that the National Transport Strategy and representatives involved acknowledged the significance of this link.

During debate the Leader advised that Policy and Resources Committee had agreed that a report be provided on the robust process for decision making and the Roads Infrastructure was a matter to be considered further through open and transparent processes. Mr Coutts moved that the Council approve the recommendations, with additions, as approved at Policy and Resources Committee. Mr Cooper seconded.

During debate comment was made in support of a further report and some Members commented on specific roads within their ward areas. The Vice-Chair of Environment and Transport said he had been delighted that the pupils in Yell Junior High School had engaged with the Chair of Environment and Transport Committee, during a recent visit, on the Cullivoe Road and he was pleased to be able to report back to the pupils on the decision made today.

Reference was made to the previous Council and the lack of aptitude and ambition to maintain and enhance roads and that the decisions made had a financial cost for this Council. During further comment Members were reminded to consider the matter presented and also that the pre-election period should be observed.

Decision:

The Council:

- NOTED actions taken to date regarding the development and maintenance of Shetlands Strategic Roads network.
- ENDORSED the objectives and critical success factors set out in the Strategic Outline Programme including the proposed reporting arrangements;
- APPROVED the identification of the B9082 Cullivoe road as the priority project for resolution within the Strategic Roads network;
- DELEGATED authority to the Director of Infrastructure Services or his nominee to initiate the preparation of a Strategic Outline Business case for the B9082 Cullivoe Road again in January 2020; and
- NOTED the addition of the road to the West Burrafirth Ferry Terminal to the strategic road network.
- AGREE that a report be presented next committee cycle on the process and timeline to take forward the remainder of the strategic road network.

71/19

Crown Estate Income Distribution

The Council considered a report by the Director – Development Services (DV-35-19-F) that provided information on the current and future arrangements for the distribution of Crown Estate monies received.

The Director – Development Services introduced the report.

In responding to questions the Director of Development Services explained that there was guidance that set out the criteria for allocating the funds and that it had to benefit the coastal community. He said that it was important to identify schemes and that the Shetland Partnership Plan states the need to seek to enable communities to develop place and these may be both social and economic. In addition, he confirmed that time was needed to develop activity that would allow community involvement in the process.

During further questions, the Director of Development Services confirmed that the funding allocations would be provided to coastal areas. The Chief Executive also responded to a question advising that the process for this Council is to look at every consultation and respond. She added that the Council are engaging with the Crown Estate closely to create the best returns for the coastal communities.

Reference was made to the high level of coastal activity in Shetland and the question was asked what value was generated to the Crown Estate. It was agreed that the value would be provided to Members following the meeting.

The Chief Executive responded to a question on the use of participatory budgeting and advised that as a system would take some time to set up a transitional arrangement has been proposed for this year. She said that work would be done on the future financial management and include participatory budgeting being a positive way to engage that can be built on into future planning.

During debate, the Leader advised that the Policy and Resources Committee sought the addition of a paragraph 1.1.3 that the Chair's Group act as a sounding board in helping the working group around the transitional arrangements. He said that any future scheme would be approved by the Council. The Leader also noted that the change to the wording made by Councillor G Smith at Policy and Resources Committee did not match the decision, and that paragraph 4.6 should be amended to read "...promote inclusive growth, and support community capacity building and community development, and contribute to poverty reduction.". Mr Coutts moved that the Council approve the recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee with the amended wording at paragraph 4.6. Mr G Smith seconded.

Further comment was made in regard to community engagement, and on the benefits that greater funding would bring to coastal areas.

Decision:

The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to:

- GRANT delegated authority to the Chief Executive, or her nominee, to allocate £1,008,679 of 2019/20 Crown Estate funding allocation in line with priorities detailed in section 3 and para 4.6 (amend wording to read "...promote inclusive growth, and support community capacity building and community development, and contribute to poverty reduction."), subject to satisfactory business case evaluations and/or third party funding applications, and in accordance with Scottish Government conditions and guidelines;
- CONTINUE the Officer Working Group to develop a new scheme for future years Crown Estate monies;
- AGREE that the Chairs Group act as a Sounding Board during the development of the new scheme; and
- AGREE for an update report to be presented to Committee.

The Council considered a report by the Team Leader – Business Development (DV-32-19-F), that presented the Business Justification Case (BJC) on options to promote Shetland as an attractive place to live, work, study and invest through support of small scale events or the support of a bid for Shetland to Host the Tall Ships Race' in 2023.

The Team Leader – Business Development introduced the report advising on the process followed and that the options submitted were considered against economic benefits identifying two options for consideration, namely small scale events or the support of a bid for the Tall Ships Race in 2023. He referred to paragraph 6.5 and advised that the cost of supporting a bid would require a £1.39m commitment from the Council, the impact of which could be mitigated by drawing on disbursements to the Council from net revenue from the Crown Estate assets.

In responding to questions the Team Leader – Business Development advised that there was no information available to advise whether the two previous Tall Ships events had resulted in return visits. Reference was made to recent years and the increase in vessels visiting Shetland, six of which visited during the last Tall Ships event where there had been none prior to that. The Team Leader – Business Development also confirmed that the cost involved in submitting a bid would be a commitment of officer time within the Economic Development Services and that funds would only would be committed if a bid is successful.

During discussion comment was made in regard to visitor spend and on the constraints in external transport links, both air and sea during the summer period.

The Leader advised of a change to the recommendation made at the Policy and Resources Committee in that the addition of small scale events has the potential to grow economic and community development in Shetland. Mr Coutts moved that the decision at Policy and Resources Committee noting that the word “or” be amended to “and” at the end of paragraph 1.1 in order that both options can be pursued. Mr G Smith seconded.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to:

- INSTRUCT the Director of Development (or his nominee) to bring forward a detailed report on a Support for Smaller Scale Events Scheme which realises local partnership objectives; and
- to support a bid for Shetland to host the Tall Ships' Race in 2023, acting as the signatory to the Host Port Contract, and providing financial support for staging the event.

(Mr Fraser left the meeting)

In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, Mr Bell moved, Mr C Smith seconded, and the Council RESOLVED to exclude the public in terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following items of business.

Mr Priest declared an interest in item 14 “Contract Matter” and advised that he would leave the Chamber.

73/19

Asset Investment Plan – Business Case – Staff Travel Project

The Council considered a report by the Executive Manager – Assets, Commissioning and Procurement that presented information on a Business Justification Case - Staff Travel Project.

The Executive Manager – Assets, Commissioning and Procurement summarised the report and advised that Policy and Resources Committee approved the recommendations contained therein.

Mr Coutts moved that the Council approve the recommendation contained in the report. Ms Manson seconded.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to;

- APPROVE the proposal to adopt option 3 as described in Appendix A and section 4.3 of the report.

(Mr Priest and Mr Campbell left the meeting)

(Ms Hawick declared an interest relating to a family member, and left the meeting).

74/19

Contract Matter

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Manager – Marine and Airport Infrastructure.

The Executive Manager – Marine and Airport Infrastructure introduced the report and responded to questions from Members.

Ms Manson moved that the Council approve the recommendations in the report, Mr Coutts seconded.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.50am

(Ms Manson left the meeting)

The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm

*The following item contained **RESTRICTED** information*

75/19

Property Matter Review

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate Services.

Decision:

The Council RESOLVED to approve the recommendations in the report.

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