

# **Minute of the Special Meeting of Shapinsay Community Council held in The Smithy, Shapinsay, on Monday, 23 April 2018 at 19:00**

## **Present:**

Mr C Leslie, Mrs L Bews, Mr S Garson, Ms L Leslie and Mrs E Phillips.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been intimated on behalf of Mr C Muir and Mrs F Summerfield.

## **2. Smithy - Lease**

The Chair advised members that he had received a letter from an interested party, who had instructed that they wished to withdraw their previous note of interest. The Chair had offered assistance with setting up but they felt they did not want to pursue it.

Members also heard that Shapinsay Heritage Trust had advised that they would like to see the Smithy continue to run in some capacity and, should it be necessary, would be willing to use the premises for serving teas and coffees.

A member reported that she had approached local residents, who had previously expressed an interest in The Smithy, and that they had since expressed an interest in running it as a café. It was proposed that they be offered the premises the period, from 29 April to 24 September. It was reported that they planned to begin with a limited menu, and would open from 11:00 until 15:15, with the possibility of expanding and doing evening meals or functions in the future. They did not plan to offer a take away service, as this was now being offered by the shop.

Members discussed that, initially, a licence would not be required, but it may be sought in the future. It was agreed that the Community Council still needed to investigate keeping the premises licence "live", as discussed at the last meeting. The lease would also need to be altered accordingly and put in the new operators' name. It was agreed that the arrangement would involve a 5-month lease, to tie in with the summer ferry timetable, and for the lease to be reviewed on 3 September 2018. The Chair agreed to liaise with the Interim Clerk with regard to the lease so that progress could be made and the premises opened again in time for summer sailings commencing.

It was also agreed that the Interim Clerk should look into the purchase of a refrigerator, as there was not one currently provided in the kitchen, and it was resolved:

- A. That the Interim Clerk would be asked to draft a new operator agreement to cover a six-month period from 29 April 2018 to 24 September 2018.
- B. That the draft operator agreement would be circulated to members for agreement.
- C. That the operator agreement would be reviewed on 3 September 2018.
- D. That the Interim Clerk would be asked to provide options on the purchase of a suitable refrigerator.

## **3. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 19:17.