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Chairman welcomes new councillor-trustees

Bobby Hunter, chairman of Shetland Charitable Trust (SCT), has welcomed the appointment of Allison Duncan and Amanda Westlake as councillor-trustees.

They were chosen by Shetland Islands Council on Wednesday following the resignations of councillor-trustees Peter Campbell and George Smith in April.

Reforms to the SCT's governance structure mean that seven councillor-trustees now serve alongside eight appointed trustees on the board.

Mr Hunter said: "The existing trustees and SCT staff look forward to working with the new trustees.

"We know they will make positive contributions to the business of the trust in working for the benefit of the people of Shetland."

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Notes for editors:-

Shetland Charitable Trust is an independent organisation set up in 1976 to manage income from Sullom Voe oil terminal on behalf of the community.

Its funds are currently worth around £220m, with £180m invested on the world markets and £40m in the local economy.

Each year it distributes around £10m to local groups and projects, including Shetland Recreational Trust, Shetland Amenity Trust, Shetland Arts Development Agency, the rural care centres, and voluntary groups.

It owns Shetland Leasing and Property Developments Ltd (SLAP), Shetland Heat Energy and Power Ltd (SHEAP) and Viking Energy Ltd.

SCT's policy is to pass on the oil funds to future generations by investing them in a self sustaining way.

More details about Shetland Charitable Trust can be found at www.shetlandcharitabletrust.co.uk