

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 09:06:2014

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Karen MacRae, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Matt Watts, Kenny MacLeod, Sheila Roderick, Ian MacSween, John A MacDonald, Kenny MacKay, CB Morrison, DJ Morrison

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1.	Apologies	Tim Langley, Mick Blunt, DJ Cunningham	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Steve McCombe and seconded by Kenny MacKay. <u>Amhuinnsuidhe Cairn</u>: There is a shortfall of around £3000 yet to be sourced to complete the work on the Cairn. John Murdo Morrison is currently seeking support funding to meet the shortfall. It was suggested that an article be published in the De tha Dol on completion to inform the community of the work that has been undertaken. It was also suggested that an interpretation board be placed at the roadside beneath the Cairn. <u>Hushinish Access Road</u>: CnES acted promptly in response to the letter written and cleared the road. This was only a short term solution but was the only option at the moment as further work would prove too costly. 	
3.	Staff Reports	<p><u>Matters arising from Staff Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Crofters Commission map for Tarbert had not included the proposed Co-op development site in the Tarbert Grazings area and search results were inconclusive. It was felt that the area would have originally been in Tarbert Common Grazings and that the map should be amended accordingly to include the area in Grazings. Work is progressing on Quayside Cottages but there has been a problem with the water system. Calum MacLean advised that the water system should be flushed out and the builders will do this before completion. Lewis Builders will be contacted to proceed with the chimney works quoted. As there has been no rent increase in a number of years it was decided that the rent on the flats and Quayside properties be raised in accordance with HHP rent increases. Alistair has contacted CnES regarding the electricity bill for the Croileagan as the Trust has not received a bill since the Title was transferred. Various groups are using the Croileagan but do not have leases as the premises would need to be vacated if funding is secured for 	

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	<p>refurbishment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Mountain Festival Programme is now available and Matt is hoping to have the programme finalised by the end of this month. The dates are 13th – 19th September. Matt met with the Segway Hebrides team to discuss the possibility of organising some events in Harris. Calum suggested incorporating an event into the Mountain Festival and Matt will investigate further. Parking at the Eagle Observatory access seems to be an issue and Innes at ACE has marked off parking spaces. It was felt that there was a need to expand the carpark and funding sources will be investigated. 		
4.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A monthly finance report was circulated. Alistair circulated a spreadsheet showing projections and project costs. The spreadsheet will be reviewed on a monthly basis. 		
5.	<p>Scalpay Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ann- Marie is hoping to have the final revised lease for Scalpay School this week. There will be a Volunteers Day for gunnera bashing on Scalpay on Saturday 21st June and Calum suggested that any directors who would like to visit the school could do so on that day. There has been an expression of interest in a short term lease of the Care Unit. Ann- Marie has discussed the possibility with CnES and lease terms will be agreed before progressing. 		
6.	<p>Scalpay Wind Turbine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the project could not proceed due to financial implications. Ecodyn have expressed an interest in undertaking the project and are investigating funding options including a community share offer. The Board felt that they should be allowed to progress with their investigations. 		
7.	<p>Monan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A machine for digging trial pits is now on site and the civils are out for tender. It is hoped that work will start on the access road to the site in July. 		
8.	<p>Land Manager Post</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors and the Manager will meet on Wednesday 25th June to discuss applications and draw up a short list. 		
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anderson MacArthur require proof of address for directors and it was asked that directors hand this into the office as soon as possible. Pairc Trust would like to meet with any available directors in the office at 5pm on Wednesday 18th June at 5pm. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of applications for the Community Development Fund and a meeting will be arranged in the next couple of weeks. • Two letters of complaint have been received regarding a neighbour dispute in the keeping of livestock on a croft. The Board felt that it would be inappropriate to get involved at this stage as the crofter concerned was in the process of securing planning consent for the development. • Calum and Alistair will meet with staff tomorrow to discuss salaries. • Steve thanked the Trust, on behalf of the Hushinish residents, for completing the fencing work. • A discussion took place regarding the prospect of incorporating campervan waste in the Hushinish development. This will be investigated. 		
10.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 18th August 2014, Tigh an Urrais, 7.30pm 	