

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

**MINUTE OF MEETING**

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 19:01:2015

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Tim Langley, Karen MacRae, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, John A MacDonald, Kenny MacKay, CB Morrison, DJ Morrison, DJ Cunningham, Gordon Cumming, Matt Watts, Mick Blunt,

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Ian MacSween, Sheila Roderick		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were approved by Cathy B Morrison and seconded by Kenny MacKay.</li> <li><u>Mountain Festival</u>: This year's Mountain Festival dates have been confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li><u>Croft Mapping</u>: Steve asked if it would be beneficial to enquire as to whether assistance would be available for groups for croft registrations. Karen will write to the Registers of Scotland and the Crofting Federation to query this.</li> </ul>	Karen	Before next meeting
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <u>Matters arising from Staff Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Septic tank work has commenced at Quayside Cottages today. No insurance outcome has been reached with NFU as yet. Alistair is investigating the matter.</li> <li>Mick suggested approaching the Scottish Salmon Company and the Muaitheabhal Trust for Mountain Festival funding.</li> <li>Laurie Campbell would like more direct involvement with the collating of material for the book and will discuss with Calum and Matt before the book is progressed.</li> <li>The fence line for the Molinginish project will now run alongside Urgha Common Grazings. The Urgha crofters are in agreement and paperwork will be finalised shortly.</li> <li>HIE are now satisfied with the lease for the Buna Hydro Scheme.</li> <li>Two of the three business units have been allocated to tenants. The third unit shall be advertised more widely as is specified in the funding criteria that it needs to attract a family to the island. The unit will be advertised for a six month period and if there is no interest shown, shall be allocated locally. The units are due to be completed in 5 weeks.</li> <li>A Marina Steering Group meeting is to be held at the end of January.</li> <li>The final empty unit in Scalpay School, the canteen kitchen, has now been let to a tenant.</li> </ul>	Matt	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alistair will consider the changes to be made to the Memo &amp; Arts in order to register an expression of interest for the Scalpay Lighthouse.</li> <li>It was felt that Resumption would be the best option for the area of ground offered for parking at the start of the lighthouse path.</li> </ul>	Alistair	
4.	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A monthly finance report was circulated and discussed.</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>AGM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AGM will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Tarbert,</li> </ul>		
6.	<b>Whaling Station</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unfortunately the Heritage Lottery Fund funding application was unsuccessful. Karen has met with Chris Barrowman of Historic Scotland who advised an application to Our Heritage Programme for drainage and the boiler house chimney. He felt these were the main priorities. Karen asked whether the Board wished to proceed with this option and it was agreed to do so.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alistair had received a funding request from the Lewis and Harris Piping Society for a contribution towards the Donald MacLeod Memorial Competition. It was felt that the funding request was not relevant to the Trust.</li> <li>As calendar sales have been poor this year it was agreed not to produce a calendar for 2016.</li> <li>It was discussed whether to hold an annual anniversary event this year. It was agreed that rather than host an event the Trust would support the school children by providing the band for their annual leavers dance.</li> </ul>		
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AGM - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, Community Centre, 7.30pm</b></li> <li><b>NHT – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Tigh an Urrais, 7.30pm</b></li> </ul>		