

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 16:03:2015

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Tim Langley, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, John A MacDonald, Kenny MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Matt Watts, Ian MacSween, Sheila Roderick, Ann-Marie Hewitt

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies CB Morrison, Karen MacRae, DJ Morrison, DJ Cunningham, Mick Blunt		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Steve McCombe. <u>Croft Mapping</u>: A reply has been received from the Registers of Scotland about the query put to them regarding benefits of group croft mapping. The costs were clarified and Rhona Elrick, Crofting Register Manager, offered to attend a board meeting to provide further information. It was decided to accept this offer and to also invite crofters to attend as this would be of community benefit. 		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calum was re-elected by the Board as Chairman and Cathy Bell as Vice Chair. They are both willing to continue in their positions. Tim, Steve, Ian and Barbara will continue to represent the Trust on the Board of the Trading Company. 		
4.	Staff Reports and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff reports were previously circulated and discussed. A meeting with HIE and various local agencies will take place in the NHT boardroom tomorrow (17th) to discuss development plans in Harris There are minor changes to be made to the Heads of Terms in relation to the Buna Hydro Scheme. Approval was given to sign off the document once the changes have been made. The new business units at Iomairt an Obain will be officially opened on Saturday 28th March at 11am and everyone is welcome to attend. The road to the Monan turbines is near completion and the two remaining turbines should be operational this week. 	David/Tim	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Rory Putman has completed the draft report for the UHMP and is hoping to return to Harris soon to present it. • Gordon has been investigating Gunnera removal with SNH and the option of employing a contractor to spray the plant was discussed. SNH have offered to match fund the costs. It was suggested to involve other community bodies to make the project more effective. Gordon will submit a proposal and costing to SNH • The John Muir volunteer working party will be here in the second week in May. • A Scalpay resident called into the office to express his gratitude for the completion of the handrail on the footpath he uses regularly. • Funding was approved for this year's enterprise day. 		
5.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly finance report was noted. 		
6.	<p>Harris Marina Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter of support for the Harris Marina Project was circulated and approved by the Board with the wish to also name Scalpay in the letter. 		
7.	<p>Scalpay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann-Marie pointed out that the long term prospects of both the school and care unit would need to be given consideration. AM suggested proceeding with a condition survey of the school in the first instance and this was agreed by the board. In the meantime, it was decided to hold a public meeting in Scalpay on Monday evening to consult with the community about the future of both buildings. Letters were received from a local resident and the Scalpay Community Council expressing their concerns about the letting of the Care Unit. • Ann-Marie will contact CnES for an extension of the school lease from August due to the tenants delayed entry. A written lease will be requested. 		
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request has been received from a local group for use of the boardroom on Sundays. It was felt that the room was unsuitable for the purpose and there was also a privacy issue with the main office being the only entrance and exit. • Alistair circulated the Consultation on Review of the Croft House Grant Scheme and asked for submissions from directors. • HIE will be filming a short piece for their website on Wednesday and would like a Scalpay director to participate. Sheila is available and willing to take part. 		
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 27th April 2015, 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais 		