

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 30:05:16

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

**Present:** Calum MacKay, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Karen MacRae, Gordon Cumming, Donald J Cunningham, Ian MacSween, Daryll Brown, Robert MacKinnon, Steve McCombe, Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod

Calum welcomed Donnie MacLeod to his first Trust meeting. Donnie will be representing the Scalpay area on the NHT Board and will remain on the Trading Company board of directors.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Apologies	Cathy B Morrison,, Tim Langley, John A MacDonald ,D J Morrison, Lorna Wheeler, David Wake		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Kenny MacKay.</li><li>Ewen Morrison will commence employment at the Urgha Recycling Depot tomorrow as part of the OHMMET scheme. Ewen will be employed for a year.</li><li>Karen has received detailed costings for the Scalpay Care Unit conversion and will email the project costs and design proposal out to directors along with the Business Plan which has been submitted.</li><li>The replacement vehicle, a Skoda Yeti, has been ordered and a discount was received after ordering through Crown Commercial Services. The vehicle will be leased through VW finance and should be available to be picked up in Glasgow or Inverness in the next couple of weeks. Karen has organised for the Trust livery to be in place before the vehicle arrives. Gordon has made enquiries regarding a suitable trailer.</li><li>The staff liaison committee met with staff and a pay increase was agreed.</li></ul>		
3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The lease for the Marine Harvest site at Rhenigidale is still with Anderson MacArthur.</li><li>The Business Units at Urgha won first prize in the Business/Non Domestic category at the recent Outer Hebrides Design Awards. Calum thanked Alistair for attending the ceremony.</li><li>Alistair met with Jane MacIntosh, HIE, today to discuss the possibility of Account Management or a CAM officer being hosted by the Trust. Alistair will compile a report and send it out to directors before the next meeting.</li><li>Alistair attended the annual Community Land Scotland Conference which was held in Stornoway this year. He felt it was a worthwhile event and he and Duncan MacPherson, West Harris Trust, gave a presentation on the Harris Plan. It emerged that the CnES planning office are revisiting their criteria for building outwith a settlement after a couple of recent cases which fell into this category. They have taken account of the objections raised and this will be reflected in the new plan. There was also an indication that new housing units for Harris might</li></ul>		

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	<p>be possible in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A short section of the fence at Trolamarig was made live the week the JMT volunteers were here. All that is needed for completion now are some connections and the setting up of the wind turbine to power it.</li> <li>• Once again the JMT volunteers did a power of work when they were here and will be back in September.</li> <li>• Gordon spoke to Angus MacKay to remove the rubbish from Traigh Mheilein and Cravadale with his landing craft. It was suggested to clear another few areas to make this trip worthwhile. The beach at Teilishnish is badly in need of a cleanup and Daryll will look into organising a volunteers day for this. Calum thanked Steve for taking the time to pick up the rubbish left at Hushinish and bring it to the depot.</li> <li>• After meeting with representatives from the Crown Estate, Karen presented three options in her report for the Trust to obtain the foreshore. These options were discussed and the Board felt that the next step should be to contact Bill Lawson to enquire as to whether he has any historic information regarding Title to the foreshore in North Harris. Alistair will also ask Maggie MacKay at Anderson MacArthur if they have any further information. It was also agreed to ask the Crown Estate for a valuation of the foreshore.</li> <li>• Alistair and Karen met with Susan Rabe and Isla MacArthur, CnES, to discuss the future of the Eilean Glas Lighthouse after the findings of a condition survey. They are going to liaise with the owner and will report back to the Environment and Protective Services Committee in September. It was felt that the Trust should have no involvement at this stage.</li> <li>• Daryll has replaced a couple of the planks on the boardwalk at the Eagle Observatory which had deteriorated.</li> <li>• The people counters are now in place and the data obtained will be interesting and should be useful for future funding applications.</li> <li>• A discussion took place regarding the paths network across the estate. Gordon and Daryll hope to survey the paths in order to assess the condition of them and with a view to source funding for repairs.</li> </ul>			
4.	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The monthly finance report was circulated.</li> </ul>		
6.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was decided to change the Bylaws to include 16 year olds in the Trust membership.</li> <li>• The Eagle Observatory carpark is very busy and the white lining needs relined. Alistair will get the spray paint in Stornoway and Daryll will redo the lines.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, Tigh an Urrais.</b></li> </ul>		