

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 02:05:2017

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Tim Langley, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Karen MacRae, Gordon Cumming, Robert MacKinnon, Kenny MacLeod, Donnie MacLeod, Lorna Wheeler

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ian MacSween</li></ul>		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were approved by Calum MacKay and seconded by Robert MacKinnon</li><li>The Community Asset event held recently in the Harris Hotel was very successful with community groups from throughout the Western Isles in attendance.</li></ul>		
3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diana worked with Innes, ACE, to compile a list of potential sites and private water supplies on the Hushinish water pipeline route which was sent to Scottish Water as requested.</li><li>A letter has been received from Theo Ford Sagers requesting representation from NHT on the Board of Trustees of Eilean Glas Trust. After discussion, the Board decided that although they are supportive of their aims that they are unable to put forward a representative.</li><li>The draft brief for the feasibility study for Scalpay School was circulated. Alistair will progress the study and once finalised it will be sent out to consultants for tender.</li><li>Alistair has been working with Jane MacIntosh in preparation for the forward planning day due to be held. It was felt that September would be preferential to hold the planning day. A discussion took place as to what the Board felt should be included in forward planning. It was suggested to include a community consultation article in the De tha Dol?, the NHT website and the Facebook page. Calum asked if there were website visit figures available and Gordon informed him that Daryll would have this information.</li><li>Gordon is happy with the work completed so far at the bridges and the army should arrive on 9<sup>th</sup> May to insert the bridges.</li><li>We will be accommodating a Glasgow University student for two months in the summer. Gordon has prepared a programme of work for her which will include survey work. Gordon asked whether the Board were happy for NHT to cover any costs she incurs while here. This was agreed.</li><li>The kit for a new 3m x 3m log cabin, that had been purchased by the late Paul Alliston</li></ul>		

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	<p>(Fisherman from Lochs) has been donated to the North Harris Trust. The family would like NHT to use the shed for the benefit of a community based project. Gordon is proposing to seek funding from the Muaitheabhal Wind Farm Community Trust to install the shed as a 'hide' on the Bogha Ghlas path, along with repairs to the path itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The JMT work, party once again, completed a week's volunteering on the estate. Work undertaken this time comprised of a beach clean, tree planting and footpath repairs.</li> <li>After a recent report of muirburn, Gordon will publish an advisory guideline to burning practises in the De tha Dol? next Spring.</li> <li>The Conservation Report from Addison's has now been received and Chris Barrowman, Historic Scotland, will meet with Karen at the Whaling Station on Friday. They will begin the process of clearing drains as specified in the report. Karen will now revisit funding options for preservation of the Whaling Station.</li> <li>The tendering documents for the Scalpay Care Unit are currently being prepared and should be available online on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Karen is hopeful that a contractor will be appointed 6 weeks after this date.</li> <li>The directors currently representing NHT on the Trading Company are willing to continue.</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul>			
4.	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The monthly finance report was presented.</li> <li>Cashflow due to current projects happening simultaneously was discussed. It was suggested to investigate a bridging loan from CnES to cover cashflow while waiting for grant income to reach our account. It was felt that this might be a better option than increasing the current overdraft with the bank. Alistair will investigate this option.</li> <li>The lease income profile is looking good for the year with a further payment to be received from BT for the mast at Gobhaig which was outstanding. Alistair has agreed new terms with BT for the mast lease and the grazings will receive a half share of the income.</li> </ul>	Alistair	
5.	<b>Unit 1 Iomairt an Obain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[REDACTED]</li> </ul>		
6.	<b>Picnic Area Maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenny asked whether the Trust would be willing to undertake the upkeep of the picnic area at Rhenigidale as he is no longer able to. It was agreed to do so for this year but Gordon is surveying all these areas across the estate at the moment and will consider what is the best way to maintain them in future.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a possibility of another Community Jobs Scotland placement available for the Depot.</li> <li>Diana asked whether anyone could attend the Community Land Scotland conference in Skye in May. No one can attend.</li> </ul>		
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais</b>		