

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 02:10:2017

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Gordon Cumming, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween, Steve McCombe, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Lorna Wheeler, D J Morrison, David Wake, Daryll Brown, Tim Langley, John A MacDonald		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Calum MacKay and seconded by Steve McCombe.Gordon thanked Calum for organising the barbeque held for the John Muir volunteers at the Huisinis Gateway. It was a successful event enjoyed by all who attended.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly P&L papers and the cashflow spreadsheet were presented and current cashflow was discussed.CnES have extended the lease for Scalpay School until August 2018. Gordon will notify the school tenants of this decision. Gordon and Karen met with the tenants after the last Board meeting to keep them updated with a progress report.The feasibility study for the school has gone out to tender on the public procurement website and Diane Campbell has also recommended another website to publish it on. Karen will set this up. The deadline for the consultants' reports will be the 20th October and Gordon suggested a sub group of directors meet to discuss the tenders.CnES would like a decision from the Trust regarding the purchase of the school by Easter 2018.A Health and Safety advisor visited the office last week and the H&S Policy will be reviewed and risk assessments adopted for outdoor activities.The Stalking Club and ACE are both on track to meet their cull quotas for the coming year. A discussion took place regarding the allocation of stags to both parties. The Stalking Club AGM is on 12th October.A guide for visiting campervans has now been published on the NHT website which helps identify suitable parking laybys throughout the estate.Work at the former Scalpay Care Unit is progressing well with the project on schedule.The condition report of the beehive dwellings at Both a'Chlàir Bhig was circulated amongst directors. The dwellings are surveyed annually by Historic Scotland and as they are on NHT land we are informed of the findings.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen attended a meeting in Scalpay with the Scalpay Community Association & Councillors regarding the play park refurbishment. Alasdair MacLeod, Surveyor, hopes to have the plans finalised this week and the Trust can then proceed with the resumption of the area. • It was suggested to speak to the local councillors to seek their help in resolving the ongoing issue with NHT paying for the school house water charges which are also being paid by the tenant. • David is still awaiting the Section 19a agreement from Anderson MacArthur for the area of ground the wind turbines are on in Hushinish. There are two turbines in place and the annual rental income for each machine is £500, therefore £1000 annual payment would be due to Hushinish Common Grazings. As the turbines have been operational for three years the Board agreed to compensate the Common Grazings with the amount they were due to receive for these years. 			
4.	Forward Planning Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates were agreed for Community Consultation meetings to be held in the community. The first meeting will take place in Tarbert in Tigh an Urrais on Tuesday 7th November, Huisinis Gateway on Thursday 9th November, Scaladale Centre on Tuesday 14th November and Scalpay Community Centre on Thursday 16th November. 		
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana and Karen attended the HIE Strengthening Communities Conference in Aviemore recently. There were around 250 at the conference from a variety of groups and it was good for NHT to have a presence there. • Calum attended the Oral History project exhibition at Talla na Mara which he said was excellent. • It was decided to have the Trust Christmas dinner in the Anchorage this year. Karen will confirm dates. • It was discussed whether to purchase a flag for the NHT flag pole but it was decided to leave it for the winter and to consider again next year. • Calum will lay the Trust's wreath at this year's War Memorial Service. • HIE have an area of land for sale in Scalpay but it was felt that NHT should not put an offer on it as it requires a business plan and the Trust doesn't have a purposeful use for it. • The Huisinis Gateway is proving to be very popular with visitors. • Ian asked whether the table and benches at the top of Marig were the Trust's responsibility as the top was missing off the table. Gordon explained that it was unsure who was responsible for these benches but the Trust had undertaken some repairs as they were unsafe. 		
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 6th November 2017, 7.30pm • Community Consultation Meetings: Tuesday 7th November – Tarbert • Thursday 9th – Hushinish • Tuesday 14th – Scaladale • Thursday 16th – Scalpay 		