

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 08:01:2018

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Lorna Wheeler, Ian MacSween, Steve McCombe, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Tim Langley, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacLeod, Cathy B Morrison, David Wake

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Donnie MacLeod, D J Morrison, Kenny MacKay, Daryll Brown</li></ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Robert MacKinnon.</li><li>No matters arising from the previous minutes.</li></ul>		
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The current cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.</li><li>It was agreed to close the CDF currently and to review it later in the year.</li><li>Gordon asked for approval to circulate the campervan survey to members of the Harris Forum. The survey was prepared by Hannah Baird and reviewed by her supervisor. Luke then collated the figures to produce the completed version. The Board felt it was important to circulate the report in the public domain.</li><li>Gordon reported that the stalking season is going reasonably well with the numbers on target.</li><li>There have been no director's application forms returned yet for the vacancy on the Board or for the retiring directors. Gordon will clarify whether a director can stand against a new nominee if they express a wish to be re-elected or whether they must stand down.</li><li>Gordon is appealing the sporting rates valuation.</li><li>The Scalpay Care Unit is behind schedule and Karen has doubts that it will be completed by the hand over date of 26<sup>th</sup> January. Karen will check with Calum MacLean this week.</li><li>The houses will be advertised and Karen will send out application forms to applicants. Karen will then inform the Board and an allocation process will be decided.</li><li>Initial drawings for the Scalpay School project have been received from the consultants and circulated amongst directors. Karen had asked for feedback to be presented before the next public meeting which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Several suggestions were made and it was decided to meet with Duncan MacPherson on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January to discuss these.</li><li>Steven and Luke have both completed their PAT testing and will test electrical items at the Depot and in the office.</li></ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David asked for the Board's approval to install a cattle grid at the Huisinis Gateway to address the livestock issues around the building before the season begins. This was approved.</li> <li>Appropriate re seeding of the area will be undertaken in the Spring.</li> <li>Community Energy Scotland are trying to establish Stornoway Community Windfarm and are looking for interested community groups to get involved. They hope to have 10 community owned turbines on the site. It was decided to express an interest in the project as there is no risk at this point and David will report back when he has further information.</li> <li>David will meet with CnES and HHP to discuss potential social housing sites which were highlighted at the Community Consultation meetings.</li> <li>It was decided not to repair the NHT telescope as it is not used.</li> </ul>			
4.	<b>Community Consultations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calum thanked directors and staff for attending the Community Consultation meetings. The meetings were successful with a lot of information and ideas gathered from each area in the community. Gordon has written a summary of the meetings and will streamline it to a list of priorities for use at the Forward Planning Day which will be held in the office on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All Trust and Trading Company directors are invited to attend.</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AGM will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm with a directors meeting to approve the accounts at 7pm.</li> <li>The Trust is to host the next Community Land event for community groups throughout the Western Isles. It was felt that it would be better to host the event in March rather than the initial suggestion of February. Gordon will email the other groups involved for suggestions of discussion topics for the day.</li> <li>Settlement for the Scottish Water treatment works at Urgha has not yet been received [REDACTED] has asked for this to be chased up and Gordon will pursue with Anderson MacArthur.</li> <li>As an outcome of the Community Consultation meetings, an approach has been made by a local couple regarding a proposal of a café in the Scaladale Centre area. The couple were planning on setting up something similar but have suggested they would like to work alongside the Trust. This proposal will be considered at the Planning Day. [REDACTED]</li> <li>It was asked whether there was a way of extending the opening hours of the waste disposal point at Urgha Depot. David will investigate.</li> <li></li> </ul>		
6.	<b>DONM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AGM – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7.30pm @ Tigh an Urrais</b></li> <li><b>Forward Planning Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am @ Tigh an Urrais</b></li> <li><b>NHT Board Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b></li> </ul>		