

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 24:09:2018

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, David Wake, Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">D J Morrison, Finlay E MacLeod, CB Morrison, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, Daryll Brown		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Kenny MacKay.Barbara will contact Mairi MacIver for an update on the Youth LEADER funded music event.The Scottish Water payment for the area of ground at Urgha remains outstanding. Gordon contacted Scottish Water last week and was advised that the paperwork was now in the hands of our solicitors.	Barbara	Before next meeting
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">A discussion took place regarding the proposed housing development at Scott Road and questions were raised about the number of units HHP intended to build. Initial feedback was positive but there has been opposition to 40 houses being built on the site. It was felt that the site was not suitable for so many houses but a lesser number would be acceptable. The intention is for HHP to work alongside HIE to incorporate business space in the development. It was decided that Gordon, David and Tarbert directors would meet with Atlantic Land and Property, who own the access strip of land, to discuss the development and agree a proposal to present to HHP. Gordon will then contact HHP to arrange a meeting.After Gordon learning at the Harris Forum meeting that there were concerns about the future of the Tourist Information building in Tarbert, David contacted CnES to confirm ownership with a view to the Trust registering an interest. This enquiry raised concerns with another business which was also interested in leasing the building from Visit Scotland. They felt that NHT interest might jeopardise their proposal therefore the Board agree that NHT would not register an interest in the building at this stage.Aline Estate hope to establish a native woodland along a couple of sections of Scaladale river and have approached the Trust for assistance as the area of the land is in NHT tenure with two common grazings and two crofts also involved. It was agreed that the Trust would draw up the application for Aline and establish that they are willing to commit long term to running of the project.	Gordon, David & Directors	Before next meeting

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	<p>advertised. Daryll had prepared a list of suggestions on how to improve the Festival and it was agreed that a group should be formed to decide what the best way to take the Festival forward was. It was felt that possibly holding events throughout the year rather than over one week might prove more successful weather wise. This will be discussed further on Daryll's return.</p>			
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon was asked by Calum MacKenzie, CnES, if dumping of the spoil from the recent landslide at the West Loch was problematic. It was agreed that NHT did not have a problem with this matter. • Brenda Ford Sagers has asked to meet Gordon on Wednesday to discuss working together for funding for improvements at the Lighthouse. It was decided that NHT should not be involved and Gordon will relay this to Brenda. • The plans for the Scaladale Woodland Observatory have been received and circulated for comment. Gordon would like to see information points created in the car park and an expression of interest in creating a café and craft shop has already been received. • There will be a meeting at HIE in Stornoway on 2nd November to discuss Hotel Hebrides search for land to build seasonal staff accommodation. Calum and Gordon will attend on behalf of NHT. • Calum recently attended an event where the Island Deal, (CnES, Orkney and Shetland working together), was discussed and there is optimism that it will happen in the future. • Rob MacKinnon, OHTI, expressed to Calum that he is keen to interact with the Trust in relation to Tourism in the area. 		
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 29th October, 7.30pm, Tigh an Urrais 		