

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 03:12:2018

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween, DJ Morrison, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Robert MacKinnon, Donnie MacLeod, CB Morrison, Finlay E MacLeod, David Wake, 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 Calum MacKay and seconded by Phil Bertin</li></ul>		
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.</li><li>Anderson MacArthur have informed Gordon that the missives for the Scottish Water ground at Urgha will be completed by the end of the year.</li><li>John MacIver, HHP, has contacted Gordon as a result of his and Calum's meeting with Elinor Mitchell and Catriona MacLean from the Government's Rural Affairs Committee. Concerns were raised at this meeting regarding the lack of progress in housing development in North Harris despite a comprehensive list of prospective sites being presented. Gordon has resent this list to John MacIver. Other community groups seem to have the same issue as it was brought up in a general discussion at the Community Land workshop held in Talla na Mara recently.</li><li>There will be a Mountain Festival meeting held in the office on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December which Barbara, Phil and Daryll will attend.</li><li>[REDACTED]</li><li>Scottish Water have cut off the supply to the old main for the Scalpay Lighthouse which should alleviate the flooding problem.</li><li>Karen is collating a newsletter to be sent out to Friends and Members which will include Community Consultation outcomes and information about projects undertaken by the Trust since inception in 2003.</li></ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a problem with the thermostat in one of the Creag Aonaich houses and a replacement has been ordered.</li> <li>• The Scalpay School lease came to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Gordon and Karen met with Gordon Kennedy for a final check and handed over the keys. The only issue was writing on the wall of one of the buildings which Gordon Kennedy would like removed.</li> <li>• Karen has now received the gunnera data from SNH and the next stage will be to plan how to tackle the gunnera problem. All reported sightings have now been mapped.</li> <li>• All the data has been gathered from the people counters. Three of the people counters stopped gathering data in August for some unknown reason.</li> <li>• The path survey work undertaken by the consultant supplied by JMT was discussed with an alternative suggestion made for the path beside Loch a' Ghlinne. Gordon will relay this back.</li> <li>• Daryll has investigated the NCH funding currently available and felt that the Whaling Station and Ardvourlie Woodland might fit the criteria. The Board felt that it would be best to concentrate on the funding options for the creation of mountain bike trails at the Ardvourlie Woodland and therefore Daryll should concentrate on this application. it was approved to fund the feasibility study for bike trails.</li> <li>• Funding for the feasibility study for the Marig Slipway was also approved but with the specification of what facilities required on site to be clarified. It was suggested to contact LHYCA to see if they are willing to work alongside the Trust and contribute financially.</li> <li>• Urgha Depot is now able to commence selling animal feed. It was agreed to start selling immediately and trial it to see what demand there is.</li> <li>• The commercial skip is now located at the Depot and there have been several enquiries already. Steven will report back to David on its management.</li> <li>• David is awaiting funding proposal suggestions from Highland Housing for the Ardvourlie housing option.</li> <li>• Calum has been given a document detailing the history of Hushinish from the family of Angus MacLean, who wrote it. It was agreed that the document should be displayed in the Huisinis Gateway building.</li> </ul>	<p>Gordon</p> <p>Daryll</p> <p>David</p> <p>David/Steven</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>
4.	<b>Community Consultations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Consultation meetings were reasonably well attended with positive feedback received at each meeting. The display materials will be used to compile a special edition members' newsletter which will be produced before Christmas.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Community Conversations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calum attended the recent CNES Community Conversations meeting. There seemed to be proposals presented that Community Trusts would undertake roles that CNES are currently responsible for, eg gritting and maintenance. It was highlighted at the recent Community Land event that no community bodies had been consulted in this process. Calum and Agnes Rennie, as Community Trust chairpersons present at that meeting, have written to CNES seeking a meeting between representatives of the Community Landowning Trusts throughout the Western Isles and representatives of CNES to get further clarification on CNES thinking on this matter.</li> </ul>	

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6.	<b>GDPR Privacy Notice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordon circulated the proposed NHT GDPR policy which the Board agreed they were happy to adopt.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>JMT Memorandum of Understanding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft JMT Memorandum of Understanding was circulated and agreed.</li> </ul>		
8.	<b>Rotation of Directors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The directors due to retire at the next AGM are Calum MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Robert MacKinnon and Donnie MacLeod. Phil Butterfield has come forward as a Scalpay director and will be invited to the next meeting. This leaves one Scalpay director vacancy to fill.</li> </ul>	Gordon	Before next meeting
9.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cameron Morrison, Lucky2BHere, has contacted Gordon requesting financial support in maintaining the defibrillator situated at Ardhasaig Stores. The Board agreed to support this.</li> <li>Gordon will attend the Harris Forum Meeting tomorrow night.</li> <li>We are still awaiting a reply to our request to seek Title to the Foreshore from the Crown Estate.</li> <li>Ian Jones has handed in his lease notice for 1 Quayside Cottages in Amhuinnsuidhe. The property will be vacant from mid-December and will be advertised for rent once maintenance checks have been completed.</li> <li>The AGM will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</li> </ul>		
10.	<b>DONM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in Tigh an Urrais at 7.30pm</b></li> <li><b>AGM – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></li> </ul>		