

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 26:02:2024

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, David Wake, Phil Butterfield, Michael Hunter, Paul Russ, Kate Lewis, Fañch Bihan-Gallic, Diana MacLennan, Lena Morrison, Kirsty MacKay

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Finlay E MacLeod, Donald MacLeod, Tim Langley, Donald J Morrison		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay (BM), seconded by Kate Lewis (KL)No matters arising		
3.	Conflicts of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">Michael Hunter (MH) and KL both declared an interest in the Agricultural Park lets.		
4.	AGM Format Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">MH prepared a proposal document for this year's AGM. A timeline for draft accounts and pre-AGM meetings was discussed. Draft Accounts along with a new format Annual Report should be available for members three weeks prior to the AGM. Questions in writing for the Auditor will be invited. It is hoped to hold this year's AGM in the Harris Hotel, MH is awaiting confirmation of availability. The Board agreed to adopt the AGM format proposals.The four directors due to stand down by rotation are, Finlay E MacLeod, Donald MacLeod, Donald J Morrison and Barbara MacKay. It was agreed to hold an Open Day to attract new Directors on the Board.		
5.	Staff Reports & Matters Arising Manager's Report (MH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Insignis account is operational. MH will prepare a report for the next meeting to show Directors how the account works.Ian Strachan will take up his position as Estate Worker on Monday 4th March.All staff will undertake First Aid training on Monday 4th March.	MH	Next Meeting

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	<p>Ranger Report (FBG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NatureScot have approved Ranger funding for the year ahead but, unfortunately, Bòrd na Gaidhlig have withdrawn their funding. Other avenues of funding will be investigated. Community Land Scotland have asked for the right to share a digital copy of the Trust book “A Future for North Harris” on their website. The Board agreed. 			
6.	<p>AOCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CJM, BM & MH attended the Bhaltois Trust 25-year anniversary celebration in Uig on Friday night. An approach has been received to lease an area of ground behind Waterstein. The intention was to tidy up the area and plant some trees. The Board felt the Trust staff could keep an eye on the area, contribute to tidying up periodically and plant trees therefore there was no reason to lease to another party. 	<p>NHT staff</p>	
7.	<p>DONM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 1st April 2024 Monday 15th April – meeting with Auditor (tbc) Monday 22nd April – AGM (tbc) 		