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	<p>period of 6 years. The Board agreed the loan in principle but require warranty cover details before committing.</p>	DW	Before next meeting	
6.	<p>Staff Reports and Matters Arising</p>	<p>David Wake, Development Officer (DW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Urgha Aire is progressing and planned to be open for Easter. DW contacted the Auditors for advice on what the best structure for a Community Development Fund for the Monan Windfarm funds would be. It was recommended to proceed in the same way as the Trust's previous CDF was run, to include community representatives on a decision-making panel and to ensure that decision meetings are minuted for transparency. DW made the Board aware that as part of the conditions of the Rural Housing Fund grant for Meavaig Housing that he completed a Fairwork First training course. Directors will be involved in preparing policies and an Action Plan to meet the grant conditions. <p>Michael Hunter, Manager (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH had a meeting with an Insignis representative and was informed that a minimum of two directors were required as signatories. MH proposed four directors as signatories to allow for Board turnover and continuity. Paul and Kirsty have been consulted through the Finance group and will act as signatories, with Robert and Kate also volunteering. It was agreed to proceed with the application on these terms. Steven Morrison finishes his employment with the Trust on 18th December to take up new employment with CnES. MH had circulated a job advert for a replacement and the Board agreed the advert. MH will advertise the post with interviews hopefully held at the end of January. Two members of Trust staff, along with two local contractors and Stornoway Trust staff, completed the PA6 spraying course. This was seen as a positive for the Trust to help out local contractors with training. The course was funded by Community Land Outer Hebrides. HHP have approached the Trust requesting for more land to be released for the Scott Road housing project. This is to incorporate a Phase 2 of the development which would result in a total of 48 housing units. The Board felt that they were not in a position to make a decision without feedback from the Common Grazings shareholders and the community. It was agreed that HHP should be asked to undertake a Community Consultation. MH will consult with shareholders and inform HHP of the Board's decision. A dispute has arisen regarding a boundary between two crofters on the estate. Both parties have been in contact with the Trust to try to resolve the matter, but no agreement has been reached. MH has sought advice and it was agreed that the Trust should not take sides in the matter and let a decision be made by the Land Court if necessary. The Scaladale Centre have signed the lease, and now occupy, the Scaladale shorebase shed. A meeting will be held with the Hushinish croft tenants to discuss the income sharing for Huisinis Gateway site. It was agreed to set charges for campervans at the Huisinis Gateway, Huisinis Electric Hook-up and Urgha Aire sites to £20 per night. The £5 day charge for campervans at Huisinis Gateway will remain in place to discourage daytime parking. 	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

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	<p>Faíoch Bihan-Gallic, Ranger, FBG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBG and Steven Morrison had undertaken some repairs to the fence at Gleann Langadail. FBG asked whether to continue repairs but the Board felt it would be better to concentrate on other areas. • FBG had a meeting with an officer from the Architectural Heritage Fund with a view to applying for funding for a feasibility study to establish whether rebuilding some of the sheilings on the estate would be viable. FBG has identified a number of sites. This would allow NHT to do some heritage work along with providing shelter to walkers. The Board agreed that FBG proceed with the application. • FBG has created a YouTube channel for the Trust and has uploaded three of his talks so far. 	FBG	ASAP	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided to purchase a leaving gift for Steven before he finishes his employment with the Trust. • A request for office space was received from Robin Reid, Woodland Trust. The Board declined the request on office security grounds. 	DW	ASAP
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 22nd January 2024 		