



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2024

7.30PM – Harris Hotel, Tarbert

1. **Apologies:** Donald Macleod, Finlay E MacLeod, Catriona Marshall, Phil Butterfield, Tim Langley

Present: Calum J MacKay, Kirsty MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Michael Hunter, David Wake, Robert MacKinnon, Diana MacLennan, Fañch Bihan-Gallic, Alena Polanská, Donald J Morrison, Ian Strachan, Kate Lewis, Paul Russ, Lena Morrison, David Cameron, Shaun Hayes, Gael Hogarth, Stuart Hogarth, Maria Keane, John Murdo Morrison, Bryony Coram, Michael Szakal, Teresa Bartlett, Rob Wilson, Hannah Wilson, Dawn Ferguson, Douglas Ferguson, Stuart King, John Moffat

## **2. Minutes of AGM 2023**

Shaun Hayes (SH) raised that the year, 2023, was not omitted from the date on the front page of the minute.

SH wished to include his statement from last year's AGM of "*SH observed that the Board should be looking to capitalise on the benefit of the FSCS's £85k allowance per institution*".

With these amendments, the minutes were proposed by Kirsty MacKay and seconded by Lena Morrison to be a true account of that meeting.

## **3. Annual Report**

The Annual Report was displayed on the screen and Chairman, Calum MacKay (CM), talked through the presentation. Questions would be welcomed after the formal business of the AGM was concluded. CM thanked the staff for their hard work throughout the year.

## **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

John Moffat, (JM) Auditor, Mann Judd Gordon, presented the Audited Accounts.

Teresa Bartlett (TB) raised a question regarding a land clawback in the accounts.

SH asked whether all the planting had been undertaken for the NRF project and if there was a financial liability to the Trust. Michael Hunter (MH) stated that there would be no financial output required from the Trust but that staff and volunteer time would be required until completion of the project.

Maria Keane (MK) asked for a breakdown of funders and grants received. JM guided MK to page 17 of the accounts for the information.

MK enquired as to who applied for grants and was informed that the Trust staff apply for grant funding.

MK said it would be beneficial if Directors and volunteers were made known to those present.

SH suggested having twelve paper copies of the AGM documents available in future rather than have all documents on the screen. Paper copies were available for collection in the office three weeks prior to the meeting and will continue to be available.

## **5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

Calum MacKay thanked John Moffat for his work in auditing the accounts.

The audited accounts were approved.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Mann Judd Gordon are to be retained as auditors

JM left the meeting at this point.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS**

Barbara MacKay (BM), Donald J Morrison (DJM), Finlay E MacLeod (FML) and Donald MacLeod (DML) were due to retire by rotation. These vacancies were advertised, and an open day held in the office to encourage new directors. No nominations were received for the Tarbert and Urgha/Carragreich areas and both BM and DJM have indicated willingness to stand again. These directors were proposed to members with a show of hands indicating all in favour of confirming BM and DJM as directors. FML had indicated his intention of retiring as a director for the Kyles area. Two directors nominations were received but one was withdrawn on the evening of the meeting. Stuart King (SK) was proposed to members as director for the Kyles area and confirmed by members with a show of hands.

DML had also indicated his intention to retire as a director for the Scalpay area. No nominations were received for this area therefore there is a vacancy for the Scalpay area.

Catriona Marshall was appointed as a director for Scalpay in August 2023 and members present confirmed the appointment with a show of hands.

In order to have a fairer representation on the Board, it was felt that the Bye-laws should be revised to include more general directors alongside area representatives.

The formal meeting closed at 20:10pm.

The second part of the evening was open to public questions and Michael Hunter, Manager, gave a roundup of projects carried out by the North Harris Trust throughout the year. Teas and coffees were served.