

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust  
**DATE** : 30:05:2022  
**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais and Zoom

**TIME** : 7.30pm

Present: Michael Hunter, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Fañch Bihan-Gallic, Paul Russ, Lena Morrison, Robert MacKinnon, DJ Morrison.

Zoom: David Wake, John McDonald, Tim Langley, Kate Lewis, Kirsty Mackay

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finlay Ewen MacLeod, Donald MacLeod, Phil Butterfield, Diana MacIannan.</li></ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Calum MacKay</li><li>• Discussion on continued support of Ardhasaig Crofters in their aim to find a suitable route for the alignment of the new SSEN power line through the township. SSEN have indicated a proposed change to the original route but it still does not accord with the wishes of the crofters.</li></ul>		
3.	<b>Strategic Plan Approval</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Final Draft of the NHT Strategic Plan 2022-27 was submitted for review and approval. Board correspondence and a Strategic Plan meeting held on 09.05.22 has been incorporated in the final document which was approved unanimously by the Board.</li><li>• The plan will be published and publicised online and in the local press. It will be next reviewed when preparing for Community Consultations in the Autumn.</li></ul>		
4.	<b>Staff Reports and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A TiG feasibility study to the value of £4,000 shall be carried out on a potential housing site in West Tarbert.</li><li>• A vending machine shall be purchased for Huisinis Gateway once the local crofters have been consulted. Product options shall be explored.</li><li>• Advice from Harper Macleod has been sought on the possibility of NHT as landowner holding of a £75K reinstatement bond from CWE over Monan Wind Farm. This will be shared with the board before a decision can be taken.</li><li>• Charging meter software options for Huisinis Gateway were discussed, the meters will be installed this month.</li></ul>	DW DW	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first month of the newly re-established Ranger Service has gone well, with strong school engagement and events planned with partner organisations such as RSPB and CnaG.</li> <li>• The walks programme has begun with good public engagement to date, the possibility of offering walking trips to wider groups will be explored.</li> <li>• The Trust financial position was circulated and was determined to be healthy. There remains a need to invest to address the forecast annual deficit and options are being explored by the Economic Opportunity Group.</li> <li>• £4,000 remains outstanding on the NatureScot NRF claim relating to the supply of 5,000 local native trees. It was decided to keep the order and seek other means to fund this spend.</li> <li>• We hope to employ a Warden 0.7 FTE, through the NatureScot Better Places Fund, in order to improve management of visitor pressure at Huisinis.</li> <li>• Robert MacKinnon has volunteered to attend the next Harris Forum meeting along with MH.</li> <li>• A MOWI proposal to site a mast on the Clisham was rejected.</li> <li>• The Trust will contribute £10,000 towards an island wide helicopter deer count, this is a requirement of existing management agreements on the Deer Forest.</li> <li>• Finlay Ewen MacLeod and Donald John Morrison were appointed as Board Champions for Estate Management.</li> </ul>	FBG	06.06.22	
5.	<b>Draft Deer Management Plan Discussion and Approval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Draft Deer Management Plan 2022-2032 was submitted to the Board for discussion.</li> <li>• It was decided to re-draft the plan to broaden the scope and remove reference to specific third parties. This will be submitted to Estate Management Board Champions for review and discussion.</li> <li>• ACL sporting stags shall be limited to 30 this season under the current lease.</li> <li>• HSC shall be allocated stags at a reduced rate this season. Precise number and location to be discussed with HSC representatives.</li> </ul>	MH	ASAP
6.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A staff pay review had been undertaken and was approved by the Board.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>DONM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022</li> </ul>		