	TITLE	:	The North Harris Trust		
NORTH HARRIS TRUST	DATE	:	19.10.2020	TIME :	7.30pm
MINUTE OF MEETING	VENUE	:	Zoom		

• Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Kirsty MacKay, Phil Butterfield, Donnie MacLeod, Paul Russ, D J Morrison, Phil Bertin, Michael Hunter, Diana MacLennan, David Wake, John MacLean

Item		Summary and Action		When?
1.	Apologies	Finlay E MacLeod, Karen MacRae		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	 Calum welcomed John MacLean to his first Trust Board meeting and wished him success in his role as Ranger. Minutes were approved by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Kirsty MacKay Michael contacted Rionnagan Og regarding their rent and an agreement was reached to resume payment in November. 		
3.	Staff Reports	 John gave a report on his first week's activities as Ranger. He worked alongside the Scaladale Centre with pupils completing their John Muir Award and will be undertaking footpath work for the rest of this week. Scott & Rebekah MacLeod have been allocated the tenancy of Flat 2 and the tenancy will commence on 2nd November. The rent arrears for the report is near completion and will be submitted to NatureScot once finalised. Michael has received confirmation of funding from NatureScot which will allow treatment to start in early 2021 and will provide up to 50% of costs for a spraying training course (PA6AW). There are 6 places available on the course provided by Breacan Training and Michael will ask around for interested parties and will advertise in the De tha Dol for local tradesmen who would be able to commit to gunnera spraying in Harris in future years. Crown Estate Scotland have contacted Michael regarding progress with the foreshore claim. Michael will contact Anderson MacArthur to proceed with the affidavits already received. Michael, Tim and Kirsty met with local Marig residents through Zoom regarding proposals for the future of the slipway. There was opposition to the campervan site proposal. Michael proposed to further investigate the options of marine activity/development, a campervan site and a lease to a fish farm. Phil asked whether there was a possibility of using the site for 	Michael	

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		 housing. The Board agreed that this option should be investigated and included in the engineer's survey. have requested to purchase a bit of land between the Hotel and the Community Centre. The Board agreed to sell the land and Michael will get a valuation prepared. has contacted Michael with a request for land for a distribution centre to expand her business. An area behind lomairt an Obain was identified and Tarbert Common Grazings have been approached. The shareholders contacted are supportive and will discuss with the remaining shareholders before a decision is made. It is rumoured that Scottish Salmon Co are closing the hatchery at Amhuinnsuidhe imminently. No contact has been received from them regarding terminating their lease. Michael will contact them directly to clarify. David asked Robert whether he would have a look at the taping and filling at Unit 1 to determine whether it requires re doing. It was agreed to keep the main building at Huisinis Gateway closed. Urgha Depot has moved to reduced Winter opening hours. It is hoped that this will help with the availability of skips from CnES. An application to SCVO is being drawn up to employ a 16-24 year old involving both Ranger and depot work. There is an SSE pole in the middle of the proposed campervan site at Urgha Depot. David has asked SSE for a quote for removal. A formal offer of £70 000 has been submitted for the house site at Meavaig. The best way to progress the housing project was discussed. Porteous Architects had suggested the Trust set up a main contracting company in Harris, this was discussed and rejected by the Board. It was decided to contact Alasdair MacLeod in the first instance for advice and to see if he was interested in undertaking the project. If Alasdair is not interested other options will be explored. 	Michael	
4.	АОСВ	 Croft rents are due to be administered on 1st November but due to the current circumstances it was decided not to issue rents this year and issue 2 years in 2021. 		
5.	DONM	Monday 16 th November 2020		