	TITLE	:	The North Harris Trust		
NORTH HARRIS TRUST	DATE	:	24.08.2020	TIME :	7.30pm
MINUTE OF MEETING	VENUE	:	Zoom		

• Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Kirsty MacKay, Tim Langley, Finlay E MacLeod, Kate Lewis, Donnie MacLeod, D J Morrison, David Wake, Michael Hunter, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies	Phil Butterfield, Robert MacKinnon, Paul Russ, Phil Bertin		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul> <li>Minutes were approved by Kirsty MacKay and seconded by Barbara MacKay</li> <li>No matters arising.</li> </ul>		
3.	Staff Reports	<ul> <li>After the Government announcement on Thursday specifying that no date has been set for non-essential offices opening a discussion took place regarding the best way for NHT staff to proceed. It was decided that working from home would be the norm with Michael based in the office. Staff will liaise to organise staged working in the office when required.</li> <li>Two applications for the Gaelic Ranger post have been received. Michael and Calum will translate the applications and email them to directors. It was decided to extend the deadline and further advertise the position to attract more candidates.</li> <li>Clara is continuing with the weekly guided walks.</li> <li>Michael asked whether the path work volunteering opportunity planned for this weekend should go ahead and the Board agreed as it is outdoors and guidelines are followed it will be safe to do so.</li> <li>There will be an initial meeting with candidates for the Artistic Project on the 9<sup>th</sup> September and Michael invited any directors interested to become involved. Kate expressed an interest.</li> <li>Contracts have been received and signed for the Crown Estate funding and we have until March 2022 to deliver projects. Michael proposed delaying the maintenance team recruitment until Spring 2021 and theBoard agreed. A subsequent round of funding should be open in October and potential projects will be put forward.</li> <li>Michael is making progress with the affidavits for the foreshore dispute and will contact West Harris Trust for advice as they have successfully completed foreshore ownership.</li> <li>There is a week's delay in receiving the feasibility study from Porteous Architects. Karen will distribute the report as soon as received. No further progress can be made until the report is received.</li> </ul>	Michael Michael Karen	Asap When report received

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		<ul> <li>D MacKay's have undertaken repairs to the damage to the Eilean Glas footpath.</li> <li>After confirming the caretaker was happy to commence cleaning duties it was decided to open the 24-hour toilet in Hushinish. The main Gateway building will remain closed. No assistance was received from the Community Resilience Fund.</li> <li>It was decided to open the electric hook ups at Hushinish which are operated on a first come first served basis.</li> </ul>		
4.	Iomairt an Obain	• Four applications have been received for the tenancy of Unit 1, Iomairt an Obain. Michael asked for three directors willing to meet and review the applications. Kirsty, Barbara and Finlay Ewen agreed. Completed applications will be emailed to the panel tomorrow for review.		
5.	Tidy Up Tarbert	• The £500 donation to HVS for tidying up Tarbert was returned as this project is not going ahead. Michael asked the Board's approval to reallocate this sum to tidy up the areas in NHT ownership around Tarbert. The Board agreed it would be best to employ someone to do the work.		
6.	NHT Position on Tourism Byelaws	<ul> <li>CnES have the power to create relevant byelaws for their area and the Harris Forum have suggested pushing for legislation to manage the level of tourism numbers in the community. Concerns have been raised due to limited facilities being open and increased levels of wild camping. After discussion, it was decided to wait to see what is proposed by the Harris Forum before commenting.</li> </ul>		
7.	AOCB	<ul> <li>Rionnagan Og are expecting to open the Softplay in mid-September but have requested a rent review to decrease the monthly rent paid. As the rent is affordable it was decided to offer to extend their current Covid rent holiday until September as a goodwill gesture.</li> <li>Michael has been negotiating some leases with BT but is not satisfied with the outcome. He asked for approval to meet with a third party, AP Wireless, for an initial discussion to see if they can maximise revenue on the Trust's behalf. It was agreed to explore the possibility.</li> </ul>		
8.	DONM	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020		