

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 22.06.2020

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, Kirsty MacKay, D J Morrison, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Finlay E MacLeod, Kate Lewis, Robert MacKinnon, Paul Russ, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Finlay E MacLeod and seconded by Calum MacKayNo matters arising.		
3.	Covid <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board agreed that Karen would return to work full time tomorrow (23rd) and David would return on a part time basis for 2 days a week and remain on furlough for the other 2 days from 1st July.Michael presented the Board with a suggested route map for a phased return to work following the Government guidelines. The Board agreed Michael's proposals and Michael will update at the next meeting.A request was received from someone who would like to stay in the Hushinish campervan hook-up site while visiting family when travel is allowed. This led to a discussion as to whether the site should be open for tourism this year. It was agreed that the site should not be open for tourism but exceptional circumstances will be considered. This would be managed by a coded padlock. It was agreed that the Huisinis Gateway Building remain closed for this season. Signage will be installed at the Ceann an Ora junction to notify the public that the sites are closed.	Karen	1 st July
4.	Management & Business Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Michael updated the Board on progress so far. Kate suggested it would be better to for directors to meet to revise the plan once current social distancing restrictions were lifted slightly. Hopefully this will be able to happen in July.		
5.	Tenancy, Unit 1 Iomairt an Obain <ul style="list-style-type: none">The tenants of Unit 1 have advised that they wish to terminate their current lease at the end of July. Their lease states that a 6-month notice is to be given but the Board agreed that the lease		

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	<p>be terminated at the end of July as requested. The unit will be re let and outcomes from the 2019 Business Needs survey will be taken into consideration.</p>			
6.	Foreshore Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board agreed to proceed with the proposal Michael received from Anderson MacArthur in relation to the Trust's foreshore claim. It is proposed that the Trust retain ownership to the foreshore but to lease areas with existing third party lease to the Crown Estate. Michael will contact Anderson MacArthur to proceed on our behalf. 	Michael	ASAP
7.	Ranger Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bòrd na Gaidhlig have expressed an interesting in part funding a Gaelic speaking Ranger post. The Board were happy to pursue and Michael will liaise with SNH. 	Michael	
8.	Gobhaig Stags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two stags have already been taken with no noticeable change in behaviour. Mark at ACE has expressed an interest to Finlay to undertake the control on his behalf under the general authorisation. Michael will contact both parties to confirm an agreeable solution. It was agreed that no further stags were to be taken until the beginning of the season on the 1st July. It will be discussed with ACE whether this will form part of their annual stag allocation numbers. 	Michael	Before 1 st July
9.	YPI Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust still holds the sum of £3000 of YPI money for youth benefit in North Harris. The group who had won the award have moved on and suggestions were made on the best way to make use of the money. It was agreed to invest the money in Ranger led youth activities in North Harris. 		
10.	HVS Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HVS have requested financial assistance from the Trust for grass cutting and maintenance of public areas around Tarbert. They have a shortfall of £500 in their fund and it was agreed to contribute this amount. 		
11.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donnie asked whether there was an update on the Eilean Glas path damage by SSE. Karen had contacted D MacKay's before lockdown but will look into it again. Karen asked whether the same allocations of 5 stags within the Mollinginish fence line and 5 out with were to be applied this year. This was agreed. 	Karen	By next meeting
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 22nd June 2020 		