

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 20.07.2020

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Kirsty MacKay, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, DJ Morrison, Finlay E MacLeod, Donnie MacLeod, Kate Lewis, Robert MacKinnon, Paul Russ, David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved by Kirsty MacKay and seconded by Barbara MacKay• No matters arising.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen has received a progress report from Porteous Architects regarding the Meavaig housing site feasibility study. The site is sufficient for 2 semi-detached houses but there could be additional land required for parking. Porteous are awaiting a quote from SSE but hope to have completed costings in around 4 weeks.• Karen emailed D MacKay's and copied in SSE for an update on when they hoped repairs would be undertaken on the damage to the Eilean Glas footpath.• All staff have returned to work with David currently returning on a part time basis. Michael hopes to open the office to the public from the 31st July with restrictions in place. There will be a staff rota system with two staff in the office and the remainder working from home.• It was decided that Huisinis Gateway would remain closed for the time being & will be reviewed as things develop. An enquiry has been made to the Community Resilience Fund exploring the possibility of employing a cleaner to meet the current requirements. We await the outcome.• It was discussed whether the electric hook ups at Hushinish should be opened as things are busier with more visitors in the area. It was felt that as the decision to close the site had been publicised that it was best to remain closed at the moment. The situation will be monitored and reviewed. Both chemical disposal points at Urgha Depot and Huisinis Gateway remain open.• It was agreed to postpone the meeting for the Management & Business Plan until Autumn when directors would have more availability to meet.• Clara, JMT Ranger, has returned to outdoor work and has produced a habitat monitoring report from the Trolmarig fenceline area. Clara will commence guided walks on the 27th July under restrictions.		

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4.	Estate Maintenance Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of funding has been received from the Crown Estates fund with the possibility of further funding from the Western Isles Development Trust if the application is successful. It was agreed to advertise initially for two maintenance workers for a 30-hour week for an initial two-month contract. 	Michael	ASAP
5.	Tenancy, Unit 1, Iomairt an Obain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five expressions of interest have been received for the tenancy of Unit 1, Iomairt an Obain. A question had been raised to whether the Board would consider advertising further afield but it was decided to send out application forms to the interested parties in the first instance. The forms used previously will be circulated to directors for comment before being distributed and a sub group of directors will meet to discuss the applications once returned. 		
6.	Foreshore Dispute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael talked through the proposal for the foreshore claim and the options were discussed. It was decided that the best option would be to ask our solicitors to respond to Crown Estate solicitors with an adverse claim, under Crown Estate guidelines, as and when evidence is in order. This would involve collecting affidavits for each area in questions and Michael has already started collating evidence. 	Michael	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth Shannon has handed in her notice for the tenancy of Flat 2. Beth will be leaving at the end of August. Flat 2 will be advertised for rent. 		
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 24th August 2020 		