



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

7.30PM – Tigh an Urrais, Tarbert

1. Apologies: DJ Morrison, Diana MacLennan

Present: Calum J MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Kenny MacKay, Tim Langley, Steve McCombe, Barbara MacKay, Lorna Wheeler, Ian MacSween, Gordon Cumming, David Wake, Karen MacRae, Robert MacKinnon, Calum MacDonald, Daryll Brown, Calum MacAulay, Mairi MacDonald, Ruth Hamilton, John Henry, Maria Keane, Roddy Ferguson, David Sanders, Finlay Ewen MacLeod, John Murdo Morrison, Phil Bertin, Andrew Bartlett, Theresa Bartlett, Shaun Hayes, Gordon Ness, John Mitchell

2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by John Henry and seconded by Kenny MacKay to be a true account of that meeting.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Calum J Mackay, welcomed everyone to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the North Harris Trust. At the outset of the meeting Calum expressed his sadness at the passing of Scalpay director Donald J Cunningham February 17. Donald John joined the Board of Directors when Scalpay became part of the North Harris Trust and was a much respected member of the team

A copy of the previous minute and the 15th annual report were then distributed to everyone in attendance. Calum opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the AGM and the Chairman's Report was circulated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, Calum highlighted a number of items from his report; once again it has been a busy year with involvement in a wide variety of projects and a lot of work going on daily. In July 2017 Alistair MacLeod retired from his position of Manager. Alistair was the first Trust employee when it was established in 2003 and over the years he made a huge contribution to the work and development of the Trust, Calum thanked Alistair for his hard work and dedication over the years and wished him a long and happy retirement.

John Archie MacDonald retired as the Director for the Kyles area this year and Calum thanked him for his contribution in his time as Kyles Director. Finlay Ewen MacLeod has come forward to take up the position of Kyles Director. Steve McCombe decided not to stand for reelection as a Tarbert Director this year. Steve has been involved in the Trust since its inception and was involved in the purchase process prior to that. Calum again thanked Steve for his contribution. Steve will remain a Director of the Trading Company. For the first time in the history of the Trust a Directors Election was held this year for the Tarbert area and Mr Phil Bertin and Mrs Barbara MacKay were the successful candidates.

John Mitchell congratulated the Trust on the project recently completed at Hushinish and the annual Mountain Festival. He then asked for further details as to how NHT were going to pursue housing provision in the North Harris area. Gordon provided him with the relevant information.

Calum finished by thanking the staff for their hard work throughout the year and also the directors for their support and attendance at meetings.

#### **4. Staff Reports**

Staff reports were circulated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Calum invited any questions raised from the staff reports.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

Calum MacDonald, CIB Services, gave a brief financial report and informed everyone that the Trust had a positive set of accounts with a clear audit trail. This reflects well on the Trust. The main income for the Trust is the rental income which is very important. Calum pointed out that the increase in income over the financial year was mainly due to the Hushinish and Scalpay Care Unit projects. The main expenditure over the year was on Staff wages which is very positive as this feeds back into the local economy. The accounts show the Trust to be in a positive and healthy position moving forward.

John Henry asked a question about the relationship between the Trust and Trading company which was answered by Calum MacKay. Maria Keane asked about whether the Trust could help with funding for gates next to cattle grids, Calum answered and suggested she contact the technical services dept. of the local authority. Gordon Ness asked a question regarding the grants received for the Scalpay and Hushinish projects and how they are reflected in the accounts, this was explained by Calum MacDonald.

Calum MacKay thanked Calum MacDonald for his work in preparing the accounts and Diana for keeping the daily accounting system in order. The audited accounts were approved.

#### **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

CIB Services to be retained as auditors.

#### **7. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS**

Confirmation of directors approved.

#### **9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

David Sanders asked what happens to the money received from the Amhuinnsuidhe Hatchery and was informed by Gordon that it is included in the lease income.

John Henry asked whether the Trading Company had a separate Board of Directors and what its purpose was, David Wake provided an answer.

Maria Keane asked about the plans for this year's Mountain Festival and whether local young people had been consulted Daryll informed her that they had and that plans were well underway and the programme will be published soon.

Gordon Ness raised the issue about whether the Trust had a policy for working with children and vulnerable people, Calum said that we would look into this and confirm. David Sanders also mentioned that the Trust should have a responsible person who ensures our policy is up to date.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm