

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 04:03:2014

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

TIME : 7.30pm

Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Karen MacRae, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Mark Lazzeri, Sheila Roderick, Donald J Cunningham, DJ Morrison, Ian MacSween, David Wake, Kenny MacKay, Tim Langley, CB Morrison, Kenny MacLeod

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies Matt Watts, Mick Blunt, John A MacDonald		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Kenny MacKay and seconded by Cathy B Morrison.<u>Amhuinnsuidhe Cairn</u>: Structural work at the Cairn is basically complete and Jim Crawford will soon be completing the pointing.		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none">Calum was re-elected by the Board as Chairman and Cathy Bell as Vice Chair. They were both willing to continue in their positions.Tim, Steve, Ian and Barbara will continue to represent the Trust on the Board of the Trading Company.Ronnie Morrison has resigned as Vice Chair and director of the Trading Company. Calum will write to Ronnie to thank him for his service to both the Trust and Trading Company over the years.		
3.	Staff Reports <u>Matters arising from Staff Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">There has been a problem with the chimney in one of the Quayside Cottages. Two contactors have had a look at the chimney and identified the problem. Further quotes will be sought from local contractors.A discussion was held regarding deer stalking practice on the estate after the deer count return numbers received. Mark will liaise with neighbouring estates to better manage the deer herd.In his report, Mark had asked whether the Board supported his continued involvement in National Nature Reserves and the Board agreed Mark's attendance as long as it did not have an effect on his daily work.Steve asked when the people counters were going to be placed on the Cravadale path at	Alistair Mark	ASAP ASAP

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	<p>Hushinish and Mark assured him that this will be a priority. Calum also suggested the start of the Strath Leosaid path was confusing and that a finger post would be helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair advised Mark to discuss the Invasive Weed spraying training with John Archie as he has the relevant information. • Common Grazings maps have now arrived in the office and the Crofters Commission will hold a meeting with crofters in Tigh an Urrais on the 9th April. • Karen will arrange a meeting with local residents in Bunavoneader to inform them of progress to date on the Whaling Station Project. • Ann-Marie has still not received a lease from CnES for Scalpay School or Care Unit. Various people, including a science technology club, have contacted her regarding space for businesses but the lease would need to be seen before any tenancy agreements were made. 		
4.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . A monthly finance report was circulated. Staff will meet to discuss future project budgets. 	All Staff	TBC
5.	<p>Scalpay Wind Turbine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David raised the issue of security required for the funding of the Scalpay Wind Turbine. After discussion, it was decided that Alistair will check the options suggested with ██████████, BoS, and proceed with the most secure option. • David explained that when the turbine is operational there should be a surplus of 10kw which would need to be burned off. After an initial discussion he had with Matt, the possibility of an other observatory near the site was suggested. 		
6.	<p>Update on Community Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballot papers have been posted out by CnES to everyone in the North Harris and Scalpay area who are presently on the Electoral Register. The Ballot Count will take place in the Tarbert Community Centre on Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm. 		
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed to Dan Morrison being approached as to whether he would be willing to undertake clerk of works for the Business Units. • David asked approval for £5000 to progress with planning and preparation for the Hushinish Gateway Project. After this stage further funding can then be sourced. This was agreed. • Calum had thought of placing an interpretation panel with information about Scarp near the jetty with funds he had received from the <i>Place Names of Scarp</i> book. • ██████████ is to be invited back to the next Community Development Fund meeting to answer questions raised about her application at the last meeting. 		
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 28th April 2014, Tigh an Urrais, 7.30pm 		