

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 12:12:2013

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

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

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| 1. | Apologies | CB Morrison, John A MacDonald | |
| 2. | Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Kenny MacKay and seconded by Tim Langley. <u>Honorary Membership</u>: John Akkerman has been sent his Honorary Membership Certificate and David Cameron will be presented with his chosen Laurie Campbell print, framed by Black Lab, on Friday 20th December at the annual Christmas dinner. <u>Book of Laurie Campbell Prints</u>; a couple of directors have been asked when a book of Laurie Campbell prints will be published. Matt will have a look through the prints and narrow down some to be published. <u>Tarbert Sheep Issues</u>: The sheep are not in the village at present and, as far as we aware, the fencing repairs by crofters have not been undertaken. | Matt |
| 3. | Staff Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Matters arising from Staff Reports</u> <p>John Murdo Morrison has reiterated the Harris Historical Society's interest in a space for display material in the Croileagan Building and this will be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Mark attended a Marina Group meeting and it was suggested that the best way to proceed in order to take the project forward and to receive funding would be for a trading company to be set up under the North Harris Trust. Concerns were raised regarding how much staff time would need to be committed to the Project, what the cost implications may be and what involvement is expected of Trust staff. Mark will convey the concerns raised to the Marina Group</p> | Mark Marina Group meeting. |

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| | <p>Matt informed the Board that there will be a £5 charge for non Trust members and Friends on next year's Golden Eagle Walks. This is in accordance with RSPB guided walks and was considered appropriate.</p> <p>Matt has been investigating the possibility of developing the Ardourlie Woodland after the Woodland Trust offering to pay for 9000 trees.</p> <p>The interpretation board at Rhenigidale has yet to be put into its position and the board at Meavaig was blown away in the last gale.</p> | Matt | | |
| 4. | Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Reports were circulated and discussed and Mick asked if projection sheets could be produced from the reports to give directors a better idea of budgeting. | Alistair/Diana | |
| 5. | Scalpay Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal transfer documents for Scalpay were signed by Fred Taylor and Simon Fraser in Tigh an Urrais on Friday 22nd November. This now officially makes Scalpay a part of the North Harris Trust. Ann-Marie Hewitt has been appointed to the post of Scalpay Development Officer and will commence her employment on Monday 6th January 2014. An event will be held in January in Scalpay to celebrate Scalpay joining North Harris and Kenny MacLeod informed the Board that the Scalpay Community Council would like to be involved in organising the event. The costs will be shared. David asked for approval of the Board to proceed with a screening application for a wind turbine at the former MoD site, which was included in the Scalpay Feasibility Study. The Board agreed to proceed. | David | |
| 6. | Gaelic Language Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As various bodies now have a Gaelic Language Plan in place and Bord na Gaidhlig promote and encourage organisations to have a plan, Calum discussed whether it would be beneficial for the Trust to implement a plan. It was agreed that it would be beneficial and to investigate. | | |
| 7. | Monan Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David presented the board with a paper and informed them what the present situation regarding the Monan Windfarm is. Monan Wind Company, wholly owned by Windflow, wish to proceed on the original terms so there is no need to review the current lease with the crofters. The required documents were signed by Calum in order to proceed and David will represent the Trust on the Board of Monan Wind Co. The Grazings shareholders are to be informed of the latest developments. | David | ASAP |
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| 8. | Crofting Supplies at Urgha | <p>An account for supplies has been set up with the Lewis Crofters, but it will be cash sales only at Urgha to start with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As there is not sufficient storage at Urgha at the moment, David asked approval of the Board to source a shipping container to store supplies. It was discussed as to whether it was best to rent or purchase a container and the Board agreed that to purchase would be the best option. | David | |
| 9. | Publishing Minutes on Website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes are to be published on the website after being approved by the Board and any sensitive items removed. | Karen/Diana | |
| 9. | AOCB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust has been approached by someone requesting a bit of ground adjacent to the coal yard. Alistair has contacted both Urgha and Tarbert Grazings to determine which grazings area the site is in. Neither have any objections and Alistair will negotiate further with the contactor and grazings involved. The Trust has received a complaint regarding the dumping of mussel floats etc at Kyles jetty. Alistair will speak to the person concerned and to the Harbour Master to try and resolve the situation as quickly as possible as it has become a nuisance for local residents. That Trust has been approached and asked if we would be prepared to take over the organising of the Harris Half Marathon. After a discussion, it was felt that the Trust was not the best organisation to undertake this and it was suggested that it would be more in the Scaladale Centre's remit. | Alistair | ASAP |
| 10. | Date of Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 10th February 2014. AGM – Monday 24th February 2014 | | |