

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 04:03:2013

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Harris Hotel

Present: Calum MacKay, CB Morrison, Tim Langley, Chrissie Gillies, Karen MacRae, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween, Alistair MacLeod, David Wake, John A MacDonald, Diana MacLennan, Mark Lazzeri, Steve McCombe, Matt Watts

Calum welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting to be held in Tigh an Urrais

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Apologies	D J Morrison, Linda MacDonald, Mick Blunt		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Cathy Bell and seconded by Ian. <u>Islands Book Trust</u>. John Randall will be in the office tomorrow (5th March) to meet with anyone that is available and interested in being involved in publishing the proposed book of Laurie Campbell's photographs. It had been suggested that the Island Book Trust would publish the book on the Trust's behalf. <u>Scottish Islands Explorer Magazine</u>. Matt will contact Mick regarding the article to be submitted to the magazine. <u>Members Consultation re Scalpay</u>. A couple of directors have been approached by members with comments as to whether a ballot to every member would have been preferable rather than the general consultation sent out. A decision had been taken that the same pattern as had been followed with Seaforth would be adopted. This decision had been taken based on legal advice. 	Mick/Matt	ASAP
3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calum thanked staff for providing their reports and matters arising were: Ranger funding is now secured for another three years from SNH and approaches for funding have been made to another couple of organisations. The issue of sheep in the village of Tarbert should be resolved in the coming weeks. The crofter is awaiting workmen to repair fencing in the area where the sheep are getting in and when completed should resolve the problem. It was decided to invite Kerri Ramsay to the next Board meeting to provide more information on her proposed Sommerville School project. 		

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4.	<p>Community Consultation Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors were satisfied with the outcome of the Community Consultation Review Day on Saturday 2nd March and felt that it was beneficial. Diane Campbell recommended following up by informing the community of the outcome and she will forward a report on the outcome of the day. 		
5.	<p>10th Anniversary Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posters will hopefully be displayed locally by the end of the week. It was felt that local people should have priority and then to advertise further afield. There will be different coloured wristbands for under and over 18's. Doors will open at 7.30pm and finish will be at midnight. HMIA will run the bar but directors and staff will help out with stewarding on the night. Matt will be leading a walk on the Saturday (27th April) to Cravadale and the Amhuinnsuidhe Castle tours will be advertised in conjunction with the walk. 	Chrissie	This week
6.	<p>NHT Booklet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Wilson will be at the Trust office on Monday 18th March to speak with any available directors and staff with a view to writing an article about the Trust's progress over the past 10 years. Calum circulated a paper which he had put together noting the Trust's progress since the buyout. Several directors and staff have agreed to write articles about their areas of interest and will send these to Karen to be collated. These will then, along with pictures, produce the NHT booklet. 	Staff & Directors	2 Weeks
7.	<p>Scalpay Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alistair has been corresponding with Ingrid Galbraith, from the Community Land Unit, regarding the Scalpay merger. HIE had initially suggested to the Scalpay Steering Group that there would be funding available for a Development Officer. Once the legal fees were known HIE were advised of these (£10 300) and the NHT Board request for 3 years Development Officer funding. Initial indications suggested that this might not be possible; however Sandra Holmes and Ingrid Galbraith will meet with Alistair on Tuesday 12th March in the Trust Office. A special resolution to the by-laws allowing representation for Scalpay was passed and will be submitted to the AGM. 	Alistair	12 th March
8.	<p>Business Units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David presented a paper on the Zero Carbon Business Units and talked through the progress so far. It is hoped that the units will be Lottery and HIE funded with a request for around £24000 to the Trust for the purchase of the solar panels. CNES do not have any funding available at the moment. £5000 compensation has been paid to the crofter for the resumption of the land. 		

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9.	Deer Larder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark met with a representative from Environmental Health to discuss the prospect of upgrading the old deer larder in Amhuinnsuidhe. They seemed satisfied that it could be achieved and recommended contacting SEPA for their advice. Mark has identified various funding avenues which he will pursue and he will also contact SEPA. 	Mark	ASAP
10.	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen's post was due to end at the end of March but OHMEET have secured funding until the end of April. Chrissie's post is due to end on 10th April but has asked the Board if they would consider extending her contract until the end of April. This was agreed. It was also agreed to enquire with HIE if it would be possible to employ another graduate placement. Staff appraisals will take place with Tim in the Trust Office on Friday (8th). 	Tim/Staff	8 th March
11.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Tarbert Pier Users</u>. The Board expressed their wish to continue to support the development of the marina project, but expressed concerns regarding the availability of staff resources required to help secure funding for the project. It was agreed that Mark would investigate funding for a Development Officer and if successful, NHT would provide office space for the person employed. The request for a Trust Director to join the Steering Group was discussed, but in view of the various other commitments that directors have undertaken, no one director felt able to take on another new commitment at this stage. This request will be left open until there is a director able to commit. <u>Mapping</u>. Steve suggested the possibility of the Trust undertaking a pilot project of mapping individual crofts while completing the common grazings mapping exercise required for the Crofting Commission. The matter will be discussed further at the Crofting and Land Group meeting to be held shortly. <u>Finance</u>. CB requested that a finance update be a regular Agenda item. It was agreed that a financial report would be available quarterly. 	Diana	Quartely
8.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 15th April 2013 at 7.30pm, Tigh an Urrais 		