

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 12:08:2013

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Tim Langley, Karen MacRae, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacKay, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, John A MacDonald, Ian MacSween, Alistair MacLeod, Mark Lazzeri, Donald J Morrison, Donald J Cunningham

Roddy Cunningham, Scalpay, was present filming for a French documentary for the first 10 minutes of the meeting

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies Matt Watts, CB Morrison, Mick Blunt, Sheila Roderick, Kenny MacLeod		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Calum MacKay and seconded by Ian MacSween.<u>Photography Exhibition:</u> Gordon MacDonald's photography exhibition was successful, but it was agreed that if a similar event is to be held in the future, entry through the main street door would be more appropriate. Mark informed the Board that Ailsa has donated a golden eagle chick photo for display in the office.<u>Amendments to Memo and Arts:</u> Anderson MacArthur have advised Alistair that the memo and arts require to be amended to allow the number of elected directors to increase from 10 to 13. This will require an EGM to be called and it was agreed that the EGM will be held on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais.<u>Anniversary Booklet:</u> The booklet has now been printed and was distributed to the Board. Calum thanked directors for their contributions and Karen for collating the material. The Board were pleased with the appearance and content of the booklet.<u>Election of Office Bearers:</u> Kenny MacKay proposed Calum to remain as Chairman and Cathy Bell to remain as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Steve. Calum agreed to remain as Chair and Alistair will ask Cathy Bell if she is willing to continue in the position of Vice Chair.<u>Scalpay:</u> DJ Cunningham asked whether there was any further information regarding the Scalpay land transfer. Alistair informed that the matter was still with the solicitors.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff reports had been previously circulated and staff talked in more detail about their individual reports. <u>Matters arising from Staff Reports</u> Manager's Report: Rosie Bugler has requested desk space in the Trust office for one day a week for the month of October. The Board agreed to this for a trial period.		

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	<p>Kerri Ramsey is to be asked to attend the next Board meeting. A Crofting and Land Meeting will be held on Monday 19th August at 5pm in Tigh an Urrais. Land Manager's Report; Tim and Barbara will represent the Trust on the Harris Marina Development Group. Ranger's Report; It was agreed that Matt should investigate the possibility of funding from the "Climate Challenge Fund" for managing Crofting Connections in the polytunnel. Energy Development Officer's Report; The Board agreed to employ a 16-19 year old at the Recycling Depot through the Community Jobs Scotland scheme. The post will be fully funded.</p>		
4.	<p>Nomination of NHTC Directors by NHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve, Barbara, Ian and Tim will represent the Trust on the Trading Company Board of Directors. 		
5.	<p>Special Resolution, Memo & Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This matter was dealt with under Item 2 (Matters Arising). 		
6.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An up to date cash flow spreadsheet, circulated previously by email, was discussed and the Board were pleased with the information presented. Alistair will organise Sage training for himself, Diana, Karen and David when the trainer recommended by CIB returns from annual leave. 		
7.	<p>Community Broadband</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion took place regarding the provision of community broadband. David informed the Board that Sandra Holmes had been seconded to the Rural Community Broadband Programme. Alistair also reported that two BT Openreach representatives called in the office to discuss the provision of fibre optic broadband for North Harris. Alistair will contact Sandra Holmes to clarify the situation. 	Alistair	
8.	<p>Anniversary Ceilidh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen will research what the preferred format and entertainment for the next ceilidh should be. 	Karen	
9.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calum informed the Board that a cheque for the sum of £1600 had been received from Christine Morrison of Corcadal Productions for the Trust's participation in the programme Chi Mi'n Tir, which was filmed on Harris. The first of the series of six programmes will be aired on Monday 16th September. There will be a preview in the Harris Hotel on Wednesday 28th August to which the Board and staff are invited. 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCVO have offered the Trust the possibility of hosting an internship. A discussion took place regarding whether this was desirable at the moment due to the volume of other commitments. • The Board agreed to offer Karen a full time contract of employment with the Trust. 		
10.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGM and Board Meeting, Tuesday 24th September 2013 at 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais 		