

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 21:04:2015

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, David Wake, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, John A MacDonald, Gordon Cumming, Sheila Roderick, Ann-Marie Hewitt, Donald J Cunningham, D J Morrison, Karen MacRae.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Apologies	Alistair MacLeod, Matt Watts, Kenny MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Ian MacSween, Tim Langley		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Calum MacKay and seconded by Sheila Roderick. <u>Croft Mapping</u>: As there has been a recent visit from the Registers of Scotland it was decided that there was no need for another meeting at the moment. <u>Iomairt an Obain</u>: The Business Units have now been officially opened. 		
3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Reports were circulated and discussed. Historic Scotland are due to visit the Whaling Station site on 6th May and Karen will determine whether there is any possibility of funding to secure the site. Work will commence on the Croileagan building in the summer. Sheila suggested including a clause regarding the tenant being responsible for removal of any dead stock into the lease for the Scalpay Lighthouse park. Funding for survey and design for Langadale and Stuladale bridges was agreed. The Monan project is now near completion. The legal agreements for the Buna Hydro Scheme are now in place and are with solicitors. A company is interested in investigating the possibility of erecting wind turbines at Carragreich. There were no objections from the board to them investigation the possibility. Another company was also interested in the Marig Hydro Scheme. It was felt that further information was required before proceeding. David has also had a request from an individual interested in surveying Loch na Ciste and Skeudale rivers for a renewable energy project. The board agreed in letting him undertake the survey. 		

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4.	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A monthly finance report was noted. 		
5.	Scalpay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last night's public meeting in Scalpay was well attended and felt to be beneficial. The lease extension of both the school and care unit will be discussed by CnES tomorrow. The tenants have now moved in to the care unit. The possibility of reopening the unit was discussed at the public meeting and the Scalpay Community Association will investigate further. A local family have also expressed an interest in renting the unit on a long term basis. This option cannot be agreed until a firm decision regarding the future of the care unit is made. It was agreed to proceed with the condition survey of the school as soon as possible. Ann-Marie was asked whether there were any Trust directors willing to join the Scalpay Lighthouse Steering Group. No directors were able to commit. It was suggested to request the Conditions of Sale document for the lighthouse from the Lighthouse Board for information. 	Ann-Marie	
6.	Mick Blunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mick Blunt has resigned as an employee of the John Muir Trust and as a director of the Trust in order to concentrate on his own business. NHT appreciates his input on the board and will present him with a Laurie Campbell print at the earliest opportunity Mick is available. Calum will write to the JMT board to express that the Trust would still welcome an input from them. 		
7.	JMT Work Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The JMT work party will be arriving on the 10th May and will be undertaking fencing, beach clean ups and gunnera removal. Gordon will speak to Duncan at West Harris Trust to ask if they are planning to organise a barbeque for volunteers. 	Gordon	
8.	Hushinish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The boundary registered for Hushinish Common Grazings was disputed by a neighbouring grazings and brought to the Trust's attention. After various documents of evidence were presented and discussed it became obvious that the Trust did not have evidence to dispute the boundary. The Trust will not contest the registration unless further evidence comes to light in the next week. 		
8.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No directors are available to attend the annual Community Land Scotland Conference in Inverness. 		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 25th May 2015, 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais 		