

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 10:08:2015

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Cathy B Morrison, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Steve McCombe, Karen MacRae, Kenny MacLeod, Gordon Cumming, Sheila Roderick, Ann-Marie Hewitt, Kenny MacKay, Tim Langley, Matt Watts,
Guest: Rory Putman

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?	
1.	Apologies	Ian MacSween, Donald J Cunningham, John A MacDonald, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Tim Langley and seconded by Sheila Roderick. Staffing: It was agreed that David would continue in employment for the next three months on the same terms as present. It was also suggested that the Trust would prioritise what they work they would like David to undertake in this time. <u>Coal Yard</u>: Alistair has spoken to the owner and there is still another party interested in the purchase of the Coal Yard. The Trust will await developments before taking any further action. 		
3.	Rory Putman Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rory presented his findings in the Upland Habitat Management Plan/Grazing Management Plan to the Board and a couple of questions were raised and answered. Directors are requested to study the report and get back to Gordon with comments so that it can be ratified, or otherwise, at the next meeting. 	Directors	By next meeting
4.	Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Reports were circulated and discussed. The Trust has been approached by a Scott Road tenant regarding a drainage issue. Gordon is investigation the matter and will try to clarify whose responsibility the drainage is. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is hoped to have the Croileagan building work completed by the end of August. The Rionnagan Og group has requested a financial contribution from the Trust towards fixed seating they would like to have installed in the building. It was agreed that as the Trust has already purchased tiles for the outside area at a cost of £2349.54, it would not contribute. It was also felt that fixed seating would limit the flexibility of use to other groups. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of amalgamating some of the community groups currently existing in Scalpay. Kenny clarified that certain groups would have to stand alone but there is the possibility of collaboration between groups. Kenny said that this will be discussed further at the next Community Council meeting. Kenny is willing to join the shop committee board to provide assistance. There is a meeting tonight of the Harris Locality Planning Group and it is expected that the matter of the possibility of the Care Unit being reopened as a care facility will be discussed. As an outcome of the Condition Survey of Scalpay School, a discussion regarding suggested rent increases for the units in the school took place. Sheila asked that the tenants be informed at the earliest opportunity as to whether the Trust proposes to purchase the school or not. It was agreed that more information would be required from the tenants regarding their long term prospects and what they feel would be a realistic sum of rent for the building they occupy before a conclusion can be reached. Steve asked whether there was any progress on the Hushinish Gateway Project. There has been no development due to the lack of funding available at present. 	Ann-Marie		
5.	Forward Planning Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Forward Planning Day is set for 5th September and it was agreed that it would not be necessary for Diane Campbell and Donnie MacKay to facilitate at this stage. If a further planning day be required after this event a facilitator might be required then. 		
6.	Business Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been a number of expressions of interest in the Business Units and it is hope that a decision on allocation will be made at next week's Trading Company meeting. 		
7.	Mountain Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mountain Festival planning is in the final stages and the leaflets are at Strathprint to print. Matt asked for any directors or staff willing to help out during the week to let him know as any help will be appreciated. 		
8.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter has been received from Donnie MacKay stating his wish to resign as a director of the Trading Company due to work commitments. The Board expressed their gratitude to Donnie for his contribution and assistance over the years. An approach has been made by a group in Scalpay for a contribution towards their annual outing. It was felt that the Community Development Fund would be the best avenue and Karen will sent out a CDF application form. Sheila asked whether any progress had been made with the proposed car park at the Outend. Ann-Marie will get a quote from a local contractor and following that begin Resumption of the land. 	Ann-Marie	ASAP

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9.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 21 st September 2015, 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais		