

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 22:06:2015

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Karen MacRae, Alistair MacLeod, Matt Watts, Donald J Cunningham, Ian MacSween ,Kenny MacKay.
Tim Langley, Gordon Cumming, Kenny MacLeod, Sheila Roderick,

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies CB Morrison, Diana MacLennan, Ann-Marie Hewitt, 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 Calum MacKay. <u>Hushinish</u>: As agreed at the last Board Meeting Alistair did write to the Crofting Commission about our concerns as to the internal correspondence which took place within the Crofting Commission during our discussions about Hushinish Common Grazing. The Commission have responded to say that they do not feel they have done anything wrong and if we want correspondence to be confidential then we need to have this clearly marked on all e-mails and letters. It was agreed not to take the matter any further. <u>Business Units</u>: A new poster has been produced to advertise Unit 2 which is currently vacant, this was handed round to all directors. 		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subject of Scalpay School was discussed and it was agreed that it would be useful if Ann-Marie were to produce an interim report on the sub lease of the school to various craft producers. It was agreed that information such as this will be useful when it comes to making a decision on the future use of the School. Kenny MacLeod volunteered to chase up information about whether the Scalpay community still plan to investigate the feasibility of opening the Care Unit as a care home in the future. It was agreed that there would be merit in inviting the various committees on Scalpay to a meeting to try and rationalise the number of committees on the Island will take this forward for the end of the month. Gordon gave an overview of his proposed gunnera eradication pilot project. SNH have committed to contribute £2500 towards the project. The Board approved Gordon's suggestion to appoint OHMEET to carry out the cutting and spraying work. The Board also agreed that Gordon appoints OHMEET to carry out the strimming and weed killing in the Biomass. The Board also approved the proposal to collect seeds from Native Trees to Lewis and Harris in conjunction with the Kew Gardens National Tree Seed Project. 	Ann-Marie Kenny MacLeod	ASAP By next meeting

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4.	Forward Planning Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure of the Forward Planning Day on the 5th September was discussed. David has spoken to Diane Campbell and she is happy to attend the session. The possibility of Staff attending the meeting was discussed and it was decided that the meeting was mainly for input by NHT Directors. It was agreed that it would be very useful if a draft business plan was produced before this forward planning day where it could then be discussed and revised as required. A proposed time of 9:30-12:30 was set for the forward planning session. 		
5.	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIE have indicated that the money left over from David's salary funding will be available to us. It was agreed that Ann-Marie will contact the Scottish Land Fund to find out whether there was any possibility of the funding of the Scalpay Development Officer post being extended for another year. Alistair will discuss with David in the next week or so how the handover of his post will be dealt with. 	Alistair	By next meeting
6.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Coal Yard Urgha</u> The current owner of the coal yard has indicated that they are willing to sell the site. It was agreed that the yard would be very useful for the Trust and so Alistair will liaise with the owner and other interested parties. 	Alistair	By next meeting
7.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th August 2015 		