

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 21:09:2015

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Karen MacRae, Gordon Cumming, Ann-Marie Hewitt, Ian MacSween, Barbara MacKay, John A MacDonald, Steve McCombe, DJ Morrison

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?	
1.	Apologies	Kenny MacKay, Donald J Cunningham, Kenny MacLeod, Tim Langley, Sheila Roderick, Matt Watts, David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Cathy B Morrison and seconded by Steve McCombe. <u>Donnie MacKay</u>: It was decided to present Donnie with a gift as a token of appreciation for his work with the Trust and Trading Company over the years. Calum will speak to Donnie to find out what would be suitable. <u>Mountain Festival</u>: This year's Mountain Festival has been a success with good attendance at events. Calum expressed thanks to Matt for his input leading up to and during the week of the festival. The subject of inclusion of Gaelic during the festival was raised and this will be looked into for next year. 		
3.	Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An email will be sent out to all Trust and Trading Co to remind them of the Forward Planning Day. Gordon has spoken to SNH regarding the proposed Stock Club. They are willing to support the venture but it would also need to be supported by SGRIP. Gordon will meet with SGRIPD to discuss further. Tenants in Scalpay School were quite happy with the proposed future rents if the School is acquired by the Trust. There is a problem with Scottish Water billing as the School House water usage is included in the bill. Ann-Marie has contacted CNES and SW regarding the issue and is awaiting developments. HIE are keen for the Trust to become involved in the Scalpay Development Trust and Butha Scalpaigh on an advisory capacity. HIE are conducting a full financial audit of the business and it was decided to await the outcome of the audit before agreeing to any involvement. It was also felt that the invitation to the Trust to become involved should come from the shop committee rather than from HIE. An answer from the Scalpay Community Council is needed on the outcome of plans for the 		

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	<p>future of the Care Unit. Ann-Marie will write to ask. A decision is needed from them as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Croileagan building is now near completion and looks great. Rionnagan Og have secured funding from SportScotland for the soft play area and they are hoping to begin installing the equipment at the start of October. The other group currently using the building are satisfied with arrangements for their continued use. • There was an issue with people using metal detectors on the Whaling Station site. Karen has made a sign with information regarding access to the site which should deter visitors. • The grid offer for the 100kw Marig hydro scheme was accepted but since then SSE have suspended all new grid connections over 10kw. David is investigating the possibility of securing the grid connection as the offer was accepted and paid for before the announcement. • Alistair raised concerns that the Carrageich turbines could prevent future developments on the Kyles ridge. • Calum asked whether a grid connection offer had been received for the Carrageich turbines. Alistair will clarify this point with David tomorrow. • Alistair and Diana met with Nick Cotton, BoS Business Advisor, who is satisfied with account management within the Trust. He also informed them that he could not see any problem with an increase in overdraft facility, if necessary, for future projects. 			
4.	Forward Planning Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forward Planning Day will take place on Saturday 21st September in Tigh an Urrais from 9am – 12.30pm. Directors will stay behind after the meeting to discuss the day's format. 		
5.	Upland Habitat Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon asked whether directors were happy to approve the Management Plan, directors agreed. 		
6.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alistair has received a letter from the Harris Tweed Weavers Association requesting financial support from the Trust. It was suggested that they should be invited to a meeting with the Trust and HDL to gain more information. • The Trust has received a business plan for a proposed development at Cliasmol School. This will be included in the director's pack for the Forward Planning Day for discussion. • Calum will lay the wreath on the Trust's behalf at the War Memorial Service on Saturday 7th November. • Karen will secure a date for the annual Christmas dinner in the Scalpay Bistro. 		
7.	Date of Next Meeting	2nd November 2015 at 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais		