

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

**MINUTE OF MEETING**

**TITLE** :The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 11:07:16

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Kenny MacKay, Steve McCombe, Tim Langley, Gordon Cumming, Donald J Cunningham, Ian MacSween, Robert MacKinnon,

Calum welcomed Lorna Wheeler to her first Trust meeting. Lorna will be representing the Scalpay area on the NHT Board.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, John A MacDonald, D J Morrison, Daryll Brown, David Wake, Karen MacRae		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were approved by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Ian MacSween.</li> <li>The new Trust vehicle and suitable trailer have now arrived.</li> <li>Daryll has organised a beach clean on Teilishnish beach on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and a number of people have expressed an interest.</li> <li>Daryll and Steven went out to Cravadale and Traigh Mheilein last Friday to prepare for the removal of rubbish with the landing craft.</li> </ul>		
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alistair met with the tenants of Scalpay School recently and they are awaiting a decision as to whether the Trust intends to acquire the school. More information is required before a commitment can be made and it was agreed to proceed with the feasibility study in order to make an informed decision. Alistair will speak to HIE and Estates at CnES to progress the matter.</li> <li>Calum suggested holding the next meeting in the Scalpay Community Centre as it would give the Board an opportunity to visit the Craft Village in the school. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and Alistair will book the Community Centre.</li> </ul> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alistair asked for approval to investigate costings to upgrade some of the office computer network. This was agreed and Alistair will come back to directors with a cost.</li> <li>Gordon is currently looking at reviewing the agricultural park leases as many of them have no formal leases.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordon is still awaiting confirmation of Gunnera funding from SNH and will start the eradication programme soon.</li> <li>As there has been an increase in campervans in Harris, waste disposal has been an issue. It was felt that facilities should be improved and that one waste disposal unit in Harris is not sufficient. Gordon is investigating possible campervan sites and Alistair will speak to Ruth MacAskill, Environmental Health at CnES, to discuss funding options. It was also suggested that figures for campervans arriving on the island would be an advantage to support a case for funding for the Huisinis Gateway project.</li> <li>It was also suggested that the locations of donation posts be reviewed.</li> <li>The installation of the turbine in Scalpay is due to commence today.</li> <li>The Buna Hydro Scheme is now operational.</li> <li>The Ranger funding has been extended for six months with the possibility of a further six months yet to be confirmed by SNH. We will hopefully be informed in August whether the funding application has been successful.</li> <li>Daryll is hoping to refresh the Guided Walks programme for next year to try and increase numbers on the walks. The Eagle Walk still proves to be very popular.</li> </ul>			
4.	<b>Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The monthly finance report was circulated.</li> <li>An up to date spreadsheet has been compiled by all staff and Alistair will circulate to directors.</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>HIE CAM Officer/ Account Management</b>			
6.	<b>Amendment to Bye-Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The changes to the Bye Laws to include 16 year olds in the Trust's membership were approved by the Board.</li> </ul>		
7.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert asked why there had been no communication for plans for this year's stalking. Gordon had drafted a letter to Steve for approval before sending out to Stalking Club members. Steve approved the letter and Gordon will circulate to the membership tomorrow.</li> <li>The Crofting and Land Group met on 27<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the Land Court decision regarding the Meilein grazings dispute. The CLG recommended to the Board that the Trust should accept the Land Court's decision and the Board ratified this. Alistair will now organise a meeting, as specified by the Land Court, with representatives from both grazings involved to try and resolve the boundary issue.</li> </ul>		
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm, Scalpay Community Centre</b></li> </ul>		