

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 21:03:16

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Tim Langley, Alistair MacLeod, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Karen MacRae, David Wake, Gordon Cumming, John A MacDonald

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies Kenny MacLeod, D J Cunningham, Ian MacSween, Steve McCombe, D J Morrison		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Kenny MacKay. <u>Ceann an Ora</u>: Alistair has not heard anything back regarding the suggested improvements to the fencing to stop the sheep problem. 		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calum was re-elected by the Board as Chairman and Cathy Bell as Vice Chair. They are both willing to continue in their positions. Tim, Steve, Ian and Barbara will be asked to continue to represent the Trust on the Board of the Trading Company. 		
4.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>YPI</u>: Alistair will meet with the current group and also with the group who intend to carry the project forward for succession planning. <u>Deer Larder Damage</u>: Settlement has been reached with the insurance company and OMac intend to start work on the deer larder next week. <u>Deer Count</u>: Alistair expressed that the deer count had been very well organised and successful this year. Gordon expressed his gratitude to the people who attended and also to Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate, who provided the meeting venue along with tea and bacon rolls. It was felt that an article should be written for the De tha Dol to inform the community of the success of the deer count. <u>Whaling Station</u>: Karen is awaiting Krstyna Prytasz's report on what the best way to proceed with securing and improving the Whaling Station site. <u>Crown Estate</u>: Karen has provided the evidence required from the Trust and is awaiting a response. <u>Guided Walks Programme</u>: The Walks leaflet is now at the printers and should be available in a week to ten days. It was decided to start the walks at the end of April this year as there is no Ranger in position at the moment. As Gordon will be unavailable, Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate staff have kindly offered to lead the first walk of the season if a Ranger has not been appointed. 	Gordon	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon will ask Roddy McMinn at SNH if they are interested in attending the interview. 			
9.	Business Unit Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion took place regarding the lease for Unit 1, which has had a review after year 1. A couple of points were noted and it was decided to offer the lease for another year. 		
10.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Hushinish/Scarp Grazings</u> dispute: Calum excused himself from the meeting at this point due to a conflict of interest. For the upcoming Land Court hearing the Board agreed that the Trust's final submission should stress that the available documentary evidence points to the area outwith the Ard, including Meilein, to be deer forest. 		
11.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 25th April 2016, 7.30pm in Tigh an Urrais		