



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2016

7.30PM – COMMUNITY CENTRE, TARBERT

1. Apologies: Kenny MacLeod,

Present: Calum MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Kenny MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Tim Langley, John A MacDonald, Donald J Morrison, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Donald J Cunningham, Ian MacSween, Gordon Cumming, David Wake, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Steven Morrison, Robert MacKinnon, Calum MacDonald, Calum MacAulay, Margaret Hewitt, Donald A MacSween, Richard Barrett, Shaun Hayes, Mairi MacDonald, Jean Mills, Geoff Stear, Chris Griffiths, Morag MacLeod

2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by Tim Langley and seconded by Cathy B Morrison to be a true account of that meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Calum J Mackay, welcomed everyone to the 13th Annual General Meeting of the North Harris Trust. A copy of the previous minute and the 13th annual report were distributed to everyone in attendance.

The Chairman's Report was circulated in the 13th Annual Report and Calum highlighted a number of items from his report; the Business Units at Urgha are now fully occupied, Scalpay School and Care unit are leased from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and a decision needs to be made to the way forward, the Mountain Festival and the success of the Isle of Harris Distillery.

Calum expressed sadness at the recent passing of Simon Fraser. Simon's wise advice and experience has proved invaluable to the staff and directors of the Trust throughout the years.

Calum finished by thanking the staff for their hard work throughout the year.

4. Staff Reports

Staff reports were circulated in the 13th Annual Report and Alistair MacLeod, Manager, spoke about various projects which had been undertaken in the past year and invited any questions raised from the staff reports.

At present the Trust has received confirmation from SNH that they are willing to fund a Ranger post for 6 months. This will take the post through the busy summer period of walks and further funding avenues will be investigated.

Funding for the Scalpay Development Officer has come to an end but HIE have approached the Trust with the possibility of a part funded Community Account Manager being based at the Trust. This post will also be available for projects in the wider community and its need will be investigated further before committing.

Alistair also stressed that area directors and staff are available to be approached with any issues or ideas throughout the year.

5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Calum MacDonald, CIB Services, gave a brief financial report and informed that the Trust had a positive set of accounts with a clear audit trail. This reflects well on the Trust. Calum also highlighted that the main outgoings were on wages which is of benefit to the local economy and a positive for the community. The audited accounts were approved.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

CIB Services to be retained as auditors.

7. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS

Confirmation of directors approved. There is still a vacancy for the Tarbert area.

9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Margaret Hewitt asked whether the Trust intended to replace the shed at Meavaig but after a discussion with Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate, it was felt that a replacement was not necessary.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm