

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 06:11:2017

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Lorna Wheeler, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween, Steve McCombe, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Daryll Brown, Tim Langley, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacLeod, D J Morrison, David Wake, Cathy B Morrison, John A MacDonald		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Kenny MacKay and seconded by Calum MacKayGordon will lay the wreath at the War Memorial service on Saturday as Calum is unavailable.The rental income for the Hushinish turbines is ██████ per machine therefore ██████ annual share payment would be due to Hushinish Common Grazings not ██████ as stated in the previous minutes.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">It was suggested that a sign be erected at Huisinis Gateway carpark to advise the public that cars are parked there at their own risk. It is hoped to have a cattle grid installed by next season.Duncan MacPherson has been appointed as consultant for the Scalpay School Feasibility Study and plans to hold a community consultation on 20th November in Scalpay.CnES have agreed to install a sub meter in the Scalpay Schoolhouse to resolve the water charges issue.One of the tenants in the school has handed in her notice and the unit will be leased to the first interested party on the waiting list. As Lorna Wheeler is first on the original list the space will be offered to her. Karen will contact all other parties on the waiting list to ascertain their requirements and if any are interested in leasing the staff room.An urgent CDF application has been received from ██████ After reviewing the application, it was decided that more information was required before a decision could be made. Karen will contact them for the information then organise a meeting with DirectorsThe Anchorage has been booked for the Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December.The finance spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.With the Glen Meavaig Eagle Observatory proving so popular it was decided to consider a second observatory for the Ardvourlie Woodland.Daryll's wildlife walks throughout the season were very popular.The gunnera treatment has been completed for this year and SNH have asked the Trust to		

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	<p>request funding for continuation next year. Gordon has also been asked to draw up a 'Statement of Requirement' for a feasibility study into the establishment of a scheme covering the whole of the Western Isles. If approved there could be funding available to appoint a Gunnera Control Project Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon is currently reviewing staff contracts and job descriptions and will come back to the Board with these when completed. 			
4.	Mountain Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daryll presented his report of this year's Mountain Festival. He met with a couple of people who were interested in getting involved in next year's Festival and it was suggested to change the dates to the 13th – 18th August. The Board agreed these dates and Daryll asked for any suggestions for a band for the ceilidh. Several suggestions were made and Daryll will follow these up. A discussion took place regarding event providers input to the festival and what theirs and the Trust's contribution should be. This will be discussed further at a specific Mountain Festival meeting which Daryll will arrange. 		
5.	Community Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Community Consultation will take place tomorrow night (7th) in Tarbert. Gordon will attend every meeting along with two other members of staff at each. The format will consist of a power point presentation of the Trust's work along with our Aims and Objectives showing in the background. Gordon will open the meetings and give a brief background then open the floor for feedback from the audience. Directors were asked to attend meetings if they are available. 		
6.	Rotation of Directors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A third of Directors are due to retire in rotation. These are Cathy Bell Morrison, John Archie MacDonald, Barbara MacKay and one other. Rather than hold a ballot, Steve McCombe offered to retire and stand for re-election. As in previous years, these vacancies will be advertised in the De tha DoI. The Directors can retire or seek re-election at the next AGM. John Archie has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election, therefore there will be a vacancy for the Kyles area. Calum will write to John Archie to thank him for his contribution to the Trust over the years. 		
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site at the Marig Shore base will be cleared by Scottish Salmon Company in the next couple of weeks. There has been a lot of local interest in the site therefore it was decided to keep the services and the power supply has now been isolated. A letter was received from a local school group requesting money for a school trip. As the Trust has supported the school for various events throughout the year it was felt that a financial contribution could not be given at this time. A date for the SES Enterprise day will be confirmed on David's return. 		
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11th December 2017, 7.30pm Community Consultation Meetings: Tuesday 7th November – Tarbert Thursday 9th – Hushinish Tuesday 14th – Scaladale Thursday 16th – Scalpay 		