

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 12:03:2018

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Tim Langley, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, David Wake, Finlay Ewen MacLeod, Phil Bertin

Calum welcomed Finlay Ewen MacLeod and Phil Bertin to their first Board meeting as directors of the Trust. Calum also introduced Andrew Bachell, CEO of the John Muir Trust, who was in attendance.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Donnie MacLeod, D J Morrison, Cathy B Morrison, Lorna Wheeler, Kenny MacLeod, Ian MacSween, Daryll Brown		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Tim Langley.The Community Land Gathering to be hosted by NHT is hoped to be held in late April.David received a quote [REDACTED], to install a slot meter for waste disposal at Urgha Depot. The Board felt that this wasn't feasible and Gordon will report back to the Harris Forum and ask for funding suggestions.		
	Andrew Bachell, JMT <ul style="list-style-type: none">Andrew introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his work with JMT. He indicated that he is keen for JMT to work with community landowning groups. Barbara suggested meeting with school pupils to share information about the John Muir Award. Calum asked whether it would be possible to work alongside JMT on a specific project such as a footpath project. Mr Bachell agreed that this could be possible and will investigate.		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none">Barbara nominated Cathy Bell as Vice Chair and was seconded by Tim. Calum was proposed as Chair by Finlay Ewen and seconded by Phil. Both directors are willing to accept these positions.		

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4.	Appointment of Trust Directors on NHTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara and Tim will represent the Trust on the Board of the Trading Company. There is one more space available and David will speak to Donnie and Ian to ask if they wish to remain as directors of the Trading Company. 		
5.	Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed. The need to revisit the bylaws was highlighted at the recent election of directors. This will be discussed soon. Tenants have been allocated the two care unit properties and will take up residence at the beginning of April. The BBC have indicated that they wish to promote the completion of the units with a local news article. They will be invited down when the new tenants are in place. Keys can be picked up from the office if any director wishes to view the properties before they are tenanted. HHP have increased the rents in their properties and it was suggested that NHT should also review rents in line with this. There are two new tenants in Scalpay School replacing the two who have surrendered their leases. Duncan MacPherson intends to have a completed Business Plan by the end of March. Directors will meet on 16th April to discuss the outcomes. Ian Hart has contacted the Trust requesting to collaborate a book on the Whaling Station. The Board were interested in receiving further information before committing and it was suggested to refer him to the Island Book Trust as well. A Deed of Gift agreement has been received from Rivergen which will see the Trust receive an annual donation over and above the rent. David has been in contact with CnES and TIG re the possibility of housing on the Scalpay School site. TIG will undertake a feasibility study on the site. The Mountain Festival website is near completion and Daryll will publish it this week. The John Muir work party will be with the Trust in the first week of May. 		
6.	Forward Planning Day Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David compiled a spreadsheet of the outcomes of the Forward Planning Day which was circulated and discussed. The spreadsheet categorises the level of importance of suggested projects. 		
7.	Marig Slipway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a request for commercial use of the Marig slipway but as a community group is hoping to develop the slipway it was decided not to allow commercial use currently. There was also a request from someone wanting to keep their boat on the slipway. This was agreed. 		
8.	Scottish Water Pipeline Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calum met with representatives from Scottish Water regarding the water pipeline from Govig to Hushinish. They walked the proposed route from the loch to the two locations where the 		

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		intended pumping station and the storage tanks are to be. Scottish Water will prepare revised plans and will have a site meeting with the planning dept. The plans will need to be agreed with the Govig, Leosavay and Bedersaig Grazings and Scottish Water will hold a public meeting in the Huisinis Gateway to discuss the plans with local community.		
9.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Smart wishes to renew his Naked Acres lease for another year. This was agreed. • Gordon has received communication from Mike Donald from the Distillery asking for promotional assistance but it was felt that this wasn't possible at the moment due to staff commitments. • A Trading Company director has asked to see the options for Scalpay School. It was agreed to circulate the documents amongst Trading Company directors on a confidential basis at this stage. • David asked for approval to employ Ewen on a part time basis for 10 weeks when his OHMEET contract ends. This would allow Steven and Luke to continue with maintenance throughout the estate. This was approved by the Board. • Calum, Gordon and David will attend a tele conference with consultants appointed by HIE tomorrow morning. 		
10.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 16th April 2018 – to discuss Scalpay School Business Plan • Monday 23rd April 2018 – NHT Board Meeting, 7.30pm @ Tigh an Urrais 		