NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 28:05:2018 **TIME : 7.30pm**

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Ian MacSween, Karen MacRae, Tim Langley, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, Phil Bertin, DJ Morrison, Donnie MacLeod

It was noted at the start of the meeting that since the Board last met both Lorna Wheeler and Kenny MacLeod have resigned from their roles as Scalpay Directors. We thank them for the time and effort that they dedicated during their tenure.

Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	**Apologies**	• Cathy Bell Morrison, Diana MacLennan, Kenny MacKay, Daryll Brown, David Wake		
2.	**Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**	• Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Donnie MacLeod. • The discussion of the rotation of Directors will be discussed at the next Board meeting. • BBC Alba plan to visit the Scalpay Care Unit properties and Hushinish Gateway on Wednesday 30th May.		
3.	**Staff Reports**	• Gordon and Tim attended a working lunch on the 22nd May with the Chair and CEO of Highlands & Islands Enterprise. HIE were very supportive of the Trust and indicated that they would like to see an updated Business Plan for the future, work on this will continue. • HIE have also indicated that they are interested in looking at a potential business unit/housing development at the back of Scott Rd. The land in question forms part of Tarbert common grazing and so Gordon will contact the grazing committee to see if this is something they might be interested in. • It was agreed to offer the Harris Stalking Club 12 Stags this year within the Kyles fenced area. ACE will be offered 30 as has been the norm in recent years and their lease area for this Stag season will be temporally extended to include Langadale. • CNES/HHP have yet to make any decision on potential sites for housing development although the decision with regards to the Scalpay school site is expected imminently. • Seas of the Hebrides – The board felt that as there was currently some the free office space in Tigh an Urrais that it the Trust would be willing to host the Seas of the Hebrides Project Officer. Gordon will relay this to SNH. • Gordon met with stakeholders at the footpath at Eilean Glas to discuss access issues and to ensure that no motorised vehicles are used on the new footpath. An ATV vehicle track from the former hyper fix site was agreed as an alternative	Gordon Gordon	Next Meeting Next Meeting

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		• Karen met recently with Mairi MacIver and Kate Langley as they look to restart the project to create a Youth Hub in Tarbert. NHT currently hold £3000 from the YPI project winners in 2016 to go towards this project. A suitable area of land us currently being sought to locate the development. It is hoped to extend the group to include other stakeholders such as the Scouts, Brownies and local sports groups. • The leases at Iomairt an Obain are in the process of being revised and the rent increased in line with CPI. • David is currently seeking funding to cover the cost of a feasibility study at Marig slipway. It is hoped that the local community will come forward with their ideas/aspirations for the slipway. It is currently gated and locked to ensure we have some control over its use. • Hushinish Gateway has generated over £2000 in donations up to mid-May.	Karen David	Ongoing Ongoing
4.	**Pay Review**	• Calum, Cathy Bell & Tim will meet and arrange the process for Staff pay reviews in the coming weeks.		
5.	**AOCB**	• It was agreed that a sign be placed on the gate next to the Hushinish Gateway to advise those walking the path to Cravadale to begin their walk over at the gate near the jetty as a number of people have been using the gate at the gateway and fallen on the slippery grass slope in recent weeks. • It has been discovered that the Ardvourlie Viewing Hide needs planning permission and so this may delay progress slightly. • Another JMT work party will be visiting Harris in July. • The idea of having a fundraising dance over the summer was discussed but it was agreed to wait and see what the pupils at SES were planning to do as it is understood they are also planning a similar event with a big-name band. • There will be Governance Workshops held in the Tarbert Community Centre on 6th June and an open invitation has been made to any Directors who might be interested in attending. • Board members from the Crown Estate will be visiting the office on Tuesday 29th as part of a set of visits across the Western Isles to discuss the possibility of devolving the management/ownership of Crown Estate assets to community land owners. • Scottish Water have changed some technical details of the proposed treatment plant on the Hushinish Road which they have passed onto NHT. They will also send the proposed route of the pipes in coming days. No answer has been received from the Leoasvay/Govic/Beadersaig Common Grazing about the proposed pre-emption option but Gordon will contact them again. • A draft muirburn code has been sent by the West Harris Trust for our consideration. The intention would be that this code be sent to all Grazing Committee ahead of muirburn season. The document was agreed in principle with slight changes to be made to point 5 in the document.	David Gordon	ASAP ASAP
6.	**DONM**	• **NHT Board Meeting – Monday 25th June 2018**		