

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 25:06:2018

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

**Present:** Calum MacKay, Cathy Bell Morrison, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Phil Bertin, Iain MacSween, Tim Langley, Finlay Ewen MacLeod, DJ Morrison, Gordon Cumming, David Wake, Daryll Brown, Karen MacRae

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kenny MacKay, Diana MacLennan, Donnie MacLeod</li></ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David pointed out that the minute referring to the Iomairt an Obain Units should read that the leases are “in the process” of being revised and not “have been revised”. This change was agreed.</li><li>Minutes were approved by Phil Bertin and seconded by Tim Langley.</li><li>Clause 5 of the draft Muirburn code received from West Harris Trust has been changed as agreed.</li></ul>		
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A financial report was circulated to Directors</li><li>The Crown Estate are due to launch a pilot project to give local authorities and community trusts the opportunity to manage the foreshore &amp; inshore waters. It was agreed that NHT would register an interest in taking part in the pilot but not lose focus on the aspiration to gain ownership of the North Harris Foreshore.</li><li>Gordon will write to Tarbert Common Grazings Shareholders to seek their consent to release an area of land behind Scott Road for the potential housing &amp; business development by HHP &amp; HIE.</li><li>Scottish Water have provided drawings and maps of the 4 areas of land they would like to purchase along with the proposed pipe line route for the new water main and treatment works at Govig. Gordon will send this to the Leosavay, Govig &amp; Bedersaig Common Grazing for approval. The land sales will contain a pre-emption order as previously discussed.</li><li>Calum, Gordon &amp; Karen attended a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss the potential of a future project at Scalpay School. Local councillors along with representatives from the current school tenants HIE &amp; CNES were also in attendance. Representatives from NHT will continue to be involved in these discussions.</li></ul>	Gordon  Gordon	ASAP  ASAP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNES have offered to extend the current lease of the Scalpay School complex to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The tenants are happy with this and so Gordon will respond to CNES and accept the lease extension.</li> <li>• David has received a quote of £15,800 for the cost of site preparation and the installation of a 32ft portacabin on the former gun club site for rental. It was agreed to carry out some wider public consultation to ascertain what interest there would be for this.</li> <li>• The John Muir Trust Volunteers will visit Harris again during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>• An observatory similar to the eagle observatory in Glen Meavaig is being considered for the Ardvourlie woodland. Malcom Crate, surveyor will produce initial drawings which will then be used to publicise the project and ask for community input and comment.</li> </ul>	Gordon  David	By next meeting  By next meeting	
4.	<b>Rotation of Directors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following NHT's first Directors election last year the process of the rotation of Directors was discussed and the following points were agreed:</li> <li>• <i>Retiring Directors can stand for re-election if they wish but they will be required to submit a nomination form.</i></li> <li>• <i>Any publication of Director vacancies for an area will not name the current Director.</i></li> <li>• <i>Husbands, Wives, Sons or Daughters cannot propose or second a nomination.</i></li> <li>• <i>Directors that do not attend at least half of Board meetings each year will automatically trigger a review with the Chairperson.</i></li> <li>• The possibility of online voting for any future elections was discussed and will be investigated.</li> <li>• It was agreed to place an advert in the De tha Dol to invite nominations for the two Scalpay Director Vacancies on the Board.</li> </ul>	Karen	ASAP
5.	<b>Mountain Festival Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daryll gave an update as to progress with organising the upcoming Mountain Festival due to take place between 13<sup>th</sup>-18 August 2018. A steady number of bookings have come in for events with some like the boat trip to the Flannan Isles selling out so quickly that a second date has been added to the program.</li> <li>• There will be no music event at the end of the 2018 festival, Daryll will work closely with the local youth group who have received funding to host a music event in Harris in September instead.</li> <li>• Little advertising has been done for the festival up to this point but in the coming week the full program of the week's events will be published in the EVENTS newspaper which is widely circulated. An advert has also been placed on-board the MV Hebrides.</li> </ul>	Daryll	Ongoing
6.	<b>AOCB</b>		Gordon	By next meeting

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scalpay Seaweed- Hebridean Seaweed have been in contact as they have identified another site in Scalpay which they are interested to use to land their seaweed. The slipway in question is at the North Harbour, across from the newly installed pontoons. There are several houses on the access road to the slip way and so Karen will write to them for their feedback on this proposal. The slipway would only be used for a month every 2-3 years and would involve a lorry coming down once a day to collect the seaweed.</li> </ul>	Karen	ASAP
7	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NHT Board Meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b></li> </ul>		