

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 20:08:2018

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Phil Bertin, Tim Langley, Finlay Ewen MacLeod, DJ Morrison, Gordon Cumming, Daryll Brown, Kenny MacKay

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Diana MacLennan, Karen MacRae, David Wake, Iain MacSween, Robert Mackinnon & Cathy Bell Morrison		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Calum and seconded by Tim.A letter was sent to the shareholders of Tarbert Common Grazings seeking their approval for the release of land to allow housing development behind Scott Road. The response was very positive. HHP are planning to meet with the shareholders on Monday 27th August.Heads of terms and final plans for works on the Govig-Huisinis Main have been received from Scottish Water. Public consultation meetings are scheduled for the 4th September.The Scalpay School lease has been extended to 30th November and our tenants have been given an extension until the same date.Members of the community have approached one of the Trading Company Directors and suggested that plans to develop the 'Gun Club' area for business-use conflict with a commitment that the area is to be used for leisure activities only. DJM recollects that when the gun club requested a lease for use of the area from CNES, one of the proposed terms was that the area was to be used for leisure activities only. However, this requirement did not apply when the land was sold on to NHT.The vacant Directorships for Scalpay were advertised on De tha Dol, but we have received no responses. The Board agreed that the advert should be re-issued and in the meantime staff and Directors should consider approaching suitable candidates and encouraging them to get involved.Daryll and Barbara will approach Mairi Maciver to find out what is happening regarding the Youth LEADER funded music event and how NHT could assist. <div style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Karen Daryll & Barbara	ASAP ASAP

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3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon explained that NHT is now involved in two Gunnera projects. Firstly, the ongoing effort to eradicate Gunnera from Harris with assistance from OH-MEET contractors, and secondly. A feasibility study gathering information on current Western Isles Distribution and preparing a plan to clear Gunnera from the Butt to Barra. Gordon mentioned the potential for public backlash over the use of glyphosate, due to recent litigation in the United States. Local opinions will need to be monitored and respected, but for the time being the majority of scientific literature and the UK Government states that glyphosate is safe and the project will continue to use it. [REDACTED] Since the meeting on the 22nd, there have been no further developments regarding the future of Scalpay School. Calum offered to contact Kenny Macleod (HDL Chair) when he is back on the island. Daryll is to circulate drawings of the proposed Ardvourlie Woodland Observatory to Directors. Gordon is to circulate the CNES shortlist of projects put forward for RTIF 	<p>Calum</p> <p>Gordon</p>	<p>By next meeting</p> <p>ASAP</p>
4. Mountain Festival Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daryll presented a report on last week's Mountain Festival. The event struggled to gain support from local activity providers and was once again hindered by poor weather. 11 out of 29 events were cancelled. On the whole demand and bookings for the events were very good. Events provided by Scaladale were very successful and enjoyed by local and visiting children. No grants were received for running the event this year, but as little was spent on advertising and guest speakers, the festival will make a small profit. Staff and Directors are to consider options for next year. 	All	By next meeting
5. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An email has been received from Cllr. John Mitchell asking NHT if anything can be done to repair the steps linking the Calmac marshalling yard to the main street opposite Calum Mackay's house. Gordon was asked to put up warning signs, to seek advice from the council roads department and to consult Calum Mackay. 	Gordon	By next meeting
6 Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHT Board Meeting – Monday 24th September 2018 		