

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 29:10:2018

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Robert MacKinnon, Barbara MacKay, David Wake, Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacKay, Ian MacSween, DJ Morrison, Finlay E MacLeod, CB Morrison, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, Daryll Brown

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No apologies</li></ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Kenny MacKay.</li><li>Barbara has contacted Mairi MacIver for an update on the Youth LEADER funded music event and is awaiting a response.</li><li>Progress is being made towards completion of the Scottish Water acquisition for the area of ground at Urgha. It is hopeful that the missives will be signed imminently which will allow us to proceed with the Land Court application.</li><li>Gordon has been in contact with Martin at Hebridean Seaweed and has made him aware of concerns regarding the amount of seaweed left on the shore in Scalpay.</li><li>There has been no response received after locally advertising NHT's opposition to the proposed kelp dredging. It was agreed that the Trust would formally object to the proposal.</li><li>David is still making enquiries into stocking agricultural feed at the Urgha Depot.</li></ul>	David	
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.</li><li>HHP will now reinstate feasibility work on the proposed Scott Road housing development after receiving confirmation that Atlantic Land and Property are willing to support the development and Tarbert CG's agreement in principle to release the land.</li><li>Gordon and Karen attended the Stalking Club AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> October and NHT have offered to undertake admin support for the club.</li><li>[REDACTED]</li><li>Gordon met with and briefed Rob MacKinnon on the Trust's projects and activities.</li><li>Gordon attended a session on the £5million, Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund. The session was focussed on the creation of visitor information centres. It is possible that this could be incorporated into the Ardvourlie Woodland but would need to be discussed further as the</li></ul>		

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	<p>deadline for applications is April 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calum and Gordon met with Elinor Mitchell and Catriona MacLean from the Government's Rural Affairs Committee today to give them a background into the Trust's activities.</li> <li>• Steven is the only employee now at the depot as there is currently no OHMEET funding available and no one has met the CJS requirements.</li> <li>• It was agreed that a sub group would be set up to organise the Mountain Festival with Daryll. Phil and Barbara offered to help and it was suggested to contact Kate at the Volunteer Centre to involve school pupils. A discussion took place regarding the dates of the festival and whether it would be best held over a weekend than a full week. It was felt this was a better option and June being possibly a better time for school pupils to engage in activities.</li> <li>• Funding applications have been submitted to LEADER and the Muaitheabhal Community Wind Farm Trust for the Ardvourlie Woodland Observatory. If the applications are successful a 5% contribution, amounting to the sum of £3182.26, would be required from NHT. Directors are happy to commit this amount of funding towards the project. Gordon thanked David and Daryll for their hard work in submitting this application.</li> <li>• Daryll has received a quote of £4500 ex VAT for a feasibility study into the creation of mountain bike trails in North Harris. This amount was included in the submitted MCWFT application for the Ardvourlie Woodland Observatory.</li> <li>• Daryll requested approval to attend a Mountain Bike Festival in Aviemore in November. It was felt this would be beneficial and was approved.</li> <li>• Funding has been received for Paths for All for signposts in Scalpay. Scalpay Community Council have agreed to match fund but have not had a meeting yet to release the funds.</li> <li>• The Gunnera Project had been widely advertised and Karen awaits data returns from SNH.</li> <li>• The lease for Scalpay School comes to an end on 30<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>• The annual Christmas dinner will be held in the Harris Hotel on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm.</li> </ul>			
4.	<b>Community Consultations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display boards for the Community Consultation meetings were on show and Gordon asked for feedback from directors. The meetings will be held in Tarbert on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Hushinish on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Scaladale on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Scalpay on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Some directors and staff will attend each meeting.</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>Marig Slipway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David emailed the 4 interested parties in the Marig slipway asking for confirmation of the desire to develop the site and only 2 responses were received. It was decided to gauge interest at the Scaladale Community Consultation meeting before progressing with the project.</li> </ul>		
6.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Batchell, JMT, has offered assistance in path survey work from a consultant from the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland. Innes from ACE has provided accommodation for the week and the survey work will commence this week on the Hushinish/Cravadale/Leosaid paths.</li> <li>• Gordon and Diana met with Brenda Ford Sagers, at her request, to discuss working together for funding for improvements at the Lighthouse. Gordon relayed to Brenda that NHT would not</li> </ul>		

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	<p>have any involvement with her funding application. A letter has been received from Alasdair Allan offering his help with improvements to the Lighthouse after he had visited there recently. Gordon replied to Mr Allan informing him that the Lighthouse was not in NHT's ownership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request has been received by an individual wishing to shoot rabbits in Meavaig. Cathy Bell gave permission for him to contact her directly.</li> <li>• DJ had received a letter from a company regarding wayleaves on his croft. Gordon will investigate the legitimacy of the claim.</li> </ul>		
7.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm, Tigh an Urrais</b></li> </ul>	