

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 21:01:2019

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Calum MacKay, Gordon Cumming, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Barbara MacKay, Donnie MacLeod, Kenny MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, Robert MacKinnon, Donnie MacLeod, Finlay E MacLeod, Phil Butterfield

Calum welcomed Phil Butterfield to his first meeting as a representative for Scalpay and introduced him to everyone present. Calum thanked Kenny MacKay and Cathy Bell Morrison for their input and commitment to the Trust over the years. Kenny and Cathy Bell are both retiring at the AGM and have been on the Board for many years. Kenny was involved in the buyout steering group and joined as an area representative when Seaforth became part of the Trust. Cathy Bell joined the Board when the Trust was formed after the buyout.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CB Morrison, Ian MacSween, David Wake, Daryll Brown		
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved by Kenny MacKay and seconded by Barbara MacKay.• Gordon has emailed re progress with the missives for Scottish Water, Urgha. He hasn't received any further information.• Gordon will meet with John MacIver, HHP, on Wednesday to discuss progress with suggested housing sites.• Work will commence on the former Police Station at the beginning of February.• The writing has now been removed on the wall at Scalpay School after Gordon contacting the tenant.		
3. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There has been one nomination for a director for the Rhenigidale area.• There have been two nominations for the Meavaig to Hushinish area therefore a ballot will be held. There was contact from an interested party for this area who hadn't seen the vacancy advertised. The Board agreed that as this was out with the deadline for nominations no further submissions could be accepted. The vacancies had been widely advertised.• It was agreed as member numbers were small in that area a postal vote would be held with a closing date of 15th February.• The three remaining directors that were up for election remain unopposed.• Gordon and Calum will meet with Ron MacEachran from the Distillery on Thursday to discuss potential areas of land for siting a warehouse the one in Ardhasaig.• Gordon has been approached by members of the Rhenigidale community looking for the Trust		

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	<p>to support them in improving access to the shore. It was felt that it would be best approached by holding a meeting with the community to gauge interest before progressing further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara reported a couple of bad patches on the Urgha – Rhenigidale footpath. Gordon will speak to Daryll and they will investigate. Gavin Leask, Shelter Scotland, has asked if they could host an event to showcase the success of the former Care Unit project. The Board agreed. The stalking season is now closed and it was suggested to bring the closing date forward to the 31st December next year. This will be discussed with the Stalking Club. Daryll is currently reviewing the application to Muaitheabhal and trying to source match funding for the Ardvourlie Woodland Observatory. Calum suggested investigating the Prince's Countryside Fund. Donnie enquired as to when Daryll hoped to commence work on the Scalpay signage. Daryll hopes to start in the coming weeks. Donnie informed the Board that a donation had been received from the people that had lost their dog in Scalpay to contribute towards improvements on the Scalpay footpath. Daryll will speak to the Scalpay Community Association in relation to a bit of ground that has been identified as a potential parking area 	<p>Gordon</p> <p>Karen</p> <p>Daryll</p> <p>Daryll</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
4.	AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trust and Trading Company AGMs will be held on Monday 25th February in Tigh an Urrais. 	
5.	Quayside Cottages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently an empty property at Quayside, Amhuinnsuidhe. The property requires renovation before leasing to any tenants. An offer to purchase both properties has been received and it was decided to have the empty property cleaned and both properties valued before progressing further. 	
6.	Marig Slipway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Scaladale Centre are no longer interested in using Marig Slipway and it was felt that the feasibility study should not be undertaken. It was decided to meet with the local community to discuss what the best way to make use of the site would be. 	David/Gordon
7.	Husinis Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed 	
8.	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David has received indicative costs for the Ardvourlie Housing Development. It was suggested forming a subcommittee to undertake the housing developments but the Board felt that the Housing projects should be handled by the Trading Company. This was agreed. 	
9.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scaladale have contributed £250 towards mountain bike track consultant work. We are grateful for this contribution. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The section 19 for the Hushinish turbines and the Resumption for the Gateway building have now been completed. • Gordon, Phil Bertin and Ian MacSween will meet with SNH and the Department in Stornoway on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of forming a Stock Club • Gordon met with Duncan MacIntyre to review our annual insurance policy. This has now been renewed. • Calum and Diana met with Kathy Auld, Scottish Water, who informed them that it is hoped to commence work on the Govig to Hushinish pipeline at the end of January. 		
10.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 4th March 2019 in Tigh an Urrais at 7.30pm • AGM – Monday 25th February 2019 		