

MINUTE OF MEETING

- **Present:**, David Wake, Barbara MacKay, Gordon Ness, Iain MacSween

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies		
2.	Business Needs Survey update		
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
4.	Matters arising	TL BMK	Next meeting Next meeting
5.	Financial Report		
6.	Report from the Trust		
7.	Progress Report		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the Urgha Recycling Site, we have been unsuccessful in filling the Community Jobs Scotland post we were allocated. The criteria for candidates to match are proving too restrictive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Following receipt of a grant from CnES, a coin meter has been installed and is now allowing 24hour access to the Chemical Disposal Point • Gift Aid envelopes are now available at Huisinis Gateway (they were previously only at the campsite). This has significantly increased the number of donations that we can claim the tax back on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A number of maintenance tasks have been carried out including replacing toilet tissue dispensers, replacing a faulty hand-dryer and tap cartridge and resealing one of the showers. • Finger posts have been installed on the Scalpay path network. Posts have also been installed in Ardvourlie Woodland – but the fingers have been kept back until construction is complete. • A new donation post has been installed in the Bowglas car park. Signage on all existing posts has been updated • DW represented NHT at a presentation by architects working on behalf of Hotel Hebrides. Plans of their proposed developments in Tarbert were displayed 		
8.	Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Final version of the Feasibility Study into a housing development at Ardvourlie has been delivered and invoices settled. The study was forwarded to HSCHT, who has updated a business plan for the development. HSCHT has expressed its amazement at the high level of project cost that has been estimated by the QS. • Following discussions with CnES over the road/pavement/lighting requirements and the restrictions on water supply, a smaller 4 unit development was proposed, however even this was coming out at £289K per house. • The study has also been sent to representatives of the Rural Housing Fund for comment. A local builder has been approached for an opinion on costs. • A factory-build housing company has been approached for guide pricing. Having seen the Feasibility Study, they offered a price for two 3 bed houses, but was not significantly less than previous costs • HIE has picked up on the problems Harris faces in developing affordable homes. It is chairing a meeting of all interested parties to explore alternative ways forward. 		
9.	Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 		
10.	A.O.C.B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 		
11.	Date of Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday October 1st 19:30 		