

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 26:8:2019

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

- Present: , Tim Langley, Gordon Cumming, Phil Bertin, Robert MacKinnon, Kirsty MacKay, D J Morrison, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Finlay E MacLeod, Donnie MacLeod

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kate Lewis, Barbara MacKay, Calum Mackay, Ian MacSween.		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Phil Bertin and seconded by Kirsty Mackay.NHT still has a vacancy for Scalpay Director. There is nothing in NHT's Memo & Arts regarding the situation whereby a Director could be nominated by Scalpay Community Council. If Scalpay CC suggested a representative, that person would need to be proposed by two NHT members within the Scalpay Area and elected to the Board following the standard process for appointment of NHT Directors.No further updates have been received from HHP regarding the Scott Road Feasibility work.Scottish Water are negotiating with us and considering the revised terms offered relating to the Urgha WTW. Recent email correspondence was passed on to the DJ Morrison.Following the complaint received from an ACE staff member. Calum Mackay wrote a formal response to the individual presenting the Board's opinion.Gordon and Michael attended the Harris Forum Meeting on 21st August. NHT's support for a Tourism Levy was reported. The Forum agreed to ask CNES for a study to be carried out into the support for a Levy and how it might be implemented.HIE's consultants were informed that NHT would have no further input into the feasibility work on the provision of seasonal accommodation.The proposed buyer has not responded to NHT's offer to sell a requested parcel of land.JMT have agreed to send over a representative to attend two of our Board Meeting per year. It is up to NHT to suggest dates.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">The cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.All the standard securities on the Quayside Properties have either been removed or transferred. Solicitors have now advised that NHT can proceed with the sale. Gordon will inform the neighbouring tenant and prepare for putting the other properties on the open market.Referring to his report, Gordon summarised recent issues regarding local fishermen accessing Scaladale Jetty by passing through the Scottish Salmon Company's Compound. SSC's lease does not require them to allow access. SSC are tightening their H&S and security rules on the site and locking the gates is within their rights. Gordon is suggesting a local solution may be	Gordon	

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4.	Mountain Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft outline for the 2020 Mountain Festival was circulated. It was agreed that the Mountain Festival should run again. The programme of activities was considered low risk and generally supported. Costs are to be sought for speakers and suitable bands, before the final line up is decided. The preferred dates were 6th – 9th May. 	Michael	
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Scalpay resident has requested the installation of a sign directing visitors to the lighthouse to be situated at the junction to Ardnakille. The lack of a sign is causing confusion with tourists heading the wrong way. The resident has come up with a design and a quote and is asking NHT to contribute. David Wake has spoken to the CNES Roads Dept., they have agreed that a sign is required and they have accepted responsibility for the installation. Donnie pointed out that the signs for the lighthouse installed by HDL's project had to meet certain design criteria before they could be approved. The Board did not approve payment for the sign proposed by the resident. Directors were invited to attend a reception with the Historic and Environment Scotland Board on Wednesday 25th September at Lews Castle. 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Directors were invited to a one-day workshop, facilitated by the James Hutton Institute: 'Community Landowners and Development Trusts on the Western Isles: Aspirations, Challenges, and Future Prospects' September 10th, 2019, Isle of Lewis (exact location to be confirmed). 	Directors Directors	
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 23rd September 2019 in Tigh an Urrais at 7.30pm 		