

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 4:11:2019

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

- Present: Gordon Cumming, Phil Butterfield, Ian MacSween, DJ Morrison, Robert MacKinnon, Karen MacRae, Phil Bertin, Donnie Macleod, Richard Williams (JMT), Kirsty Mackay

Gordon welcomed Richard Williams, Land and Operation Manager with John Muir Trust to the meeting.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diana MacLennan, David Wake, Finlay Ewen MacLeod, Tim Langley, Calum Mackay, Barbara Mackay & Michael Hunter		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was agreed that the wording of item number 4 be changed to <i>“He has also written with a request to purchase the Quayside Store at valuation price.”</i>• Minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Ian MacSween• Finlay Morrison has been contacted about the possibility of a commercial aspect to a housing project in Ardvourlie.• Now that all Directors have had an opportunity to consider the maps prepared by Crown Estate Scotland, Gordon will prepare a paper in response detailing NHT’s position.• All Directors were emailed regarding the request to sell the Quayside Store to the tenant of No 2 Quayside for valuation price. The majority of Directors agreed with this course of action and so the property will be offered for sale to the tenant.	Gordon	By next meeting
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The cashflow spreadsheet was circulated and discussed.• Draft title plans for Quayside have now been received. These can now go forward to the Registers of Scotland to be checked against their records. It is hoped we will be in a position to put No 2 Quayside and the Former Deer Larder on the market at the end of this month.• An area of community garden ground in Scalpay has fallen into disrepair and NHT has been approached for assistance. A quote of £816 has been received from the OHMEET team to carry out the required works. The origins of the project to create the garden area is unclear and so the Scalpay Community Association are to be approached to seek their knowledge on this and what role they would like to play in the future upkeep of the area.• In recent years community consultation meetings have been carried out across the Estate in November. The Board felt that we should carry out a set of consultation meetings again this year. Staff are to propose dates towards the end of November for meetings in Scalpay,	Karen	By next meeting

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	<p>Scaladale, Tarbert and Hushinish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current NHT vehicle has just passed its MOT but is beginning to cause issues with repeated check engine lights and corrosion. It was agreed that now would be a good time to look for a replacement vehicle and the Board approved a budget of £10,000, trading in the current vehicle will offset some of this expense. In Michael's absence, Gordon has been trying to secure a band to play on the final evening of the 2020 Mountain Festival. This has proved difficult and so Directors have been asked to give this some thought and report back with any potential options. 	<p>Staff</p> <p>All Directors</p>	<p>End of November</p> <p>ASAP</p>	
4.	John Muir Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Willams introduced himself and described his role as Land and Operations Manager for the John Muir Trust. Richard visited Harris in June 2019 and met with Gordon so had a good background of the ongoing work of NHT. Funding has been secured for the employment of a JMT Ranger in the Western Isles who will be working with NHT, The West Harris Trust and The Galson Estate Trust. The job description is currently being drawn up and it is hoped to have someone in post in February/March 2020. Gordon will continue to work with Richard on this. 	<p>Gordon</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Lewis has agreed to lay the NHT wreath at the Community Remembrance Service on Saturday 9th November. There will be a Community Land Network Meeting held in the Harris Hotel on 21st November which Directors are welcome to attend. Directors are encouraged to attend the next Harris Forum meeting in 12th November in the CNES Offices. There will be a meeting of the Lewis & Harris Deer Management Group on Wednesday 27th November and the consultant to the group Linzi Seivwright will be running a short training session for the Harris Stalking Club on Tuesday 26th November at 8pm in Tigh an Urrais. It has been brought to our attention that the wall next to the footpath down to the CalMac marshalling area in Tarbert is unstable. The contractors who will be working on the pier improvements have offered to knock the wall down and it was agreed the we should accept this offer. 		
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 9th December 2019 in Tigh an Urrais at 7.30pm 		