

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 25.05.2020

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Tim Langley, Phil Bertin, Kirsty MacKay, D J Morrison, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Finlay E MacLeod, Kate Lewis, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Calum opened the meeting by expressing his sympathy at the death of Sammy MacLeod last week. Sammy was a regular visitor to the Trust Office and a popular character. Time spent in his company was always good fun and he will be greatly missed.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Wake, Phil Bertin, Paul Russ		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Tim Langley.• No matters arising.		
3.	Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board agreed that Karen and David will remain on furlough and this will be reviewed in the next few weeks once things start to open up again.		
4.	Marauding Stags <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marauding stags are a problem in many areas and increasingly in North Harris. Michael put forward a proposal that the runrig area in Govig is an appropriate area for a trial cull. The trial would involve an ongoing stag cull within the boundaries throughout the year under a specific licence. Regular monitoring would be undertaken on the influence on deer behaviour, local numbers and the overall estate population in order to determine whether this is a viable method to roll out in other parts of the estate. The Board agreed that Finlay MacLennan, local crofter, would shoot the stags as he has a firearms certificate. It was agreed to trial removing 2 stags in the first instance and then use scare tactics by firing shots. Michael will contact Finlay. It was also agreed that a long term solution should be sought for the problem.	Michael	ASAP
5.	Leases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A request to lease land in Factor's Park beside the Spectral Lines building was received from SSE to allow them to test a new device. Michael spoke to the park tenant who is happy to allow them to proceed and the Board approved.• An approach has been received from Rhenigidale, Eileananabuich and Marig townships to adopt the phone box at Marig bridge for community use. NHT would take ownership from BT		

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		for £1 then lease to the community group for use as a drop off and information point and a community library. The Board agreed this was a good idea and Michael will liaise between BT and the group.	Michael	
6.	Management Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Estate Management Plan and Business Plan are now out of date and following involvement from JMT at a recent Community Land Group meeting, they are keen to work with NHT to update the estate management plan. The Board felt this would be beneficial considering their knowledge in previous plans. Kate stated that she would be happy to be involved and Calum asked that the past plans be emailed to Directors for them to have a better idea of what scope and timescale to consider. Updated plans would be useful for submitting with any future funding applications. 	Michael	Tomorrow
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The financial report was previously circulated and no questions were raised. Annual staff salary reviews are usually undertaken in May. Calum and Tim will discuss and report back. Michael is awaiting more information regarding the Crown Estate Foreshore claim which he will hopefully have by the next meeting. 	Michael	Next meeting
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 22nd June 2020 		