

# NORTH HARRIS TRUST

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**TITLE** : The North Harris Trust

**DATE** : 21.09.2020

**TIME** : 7.30pm

**VENUE** : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Kirsty MacKay, Phil Butterfield, Paul Russ, Finlay E MacLeod, D J Morrison, Phil Bertin, Michael Hunter, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	<b>Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kate Lewis, Donnie MacLeod, David Wake</li></ul>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes were approved by Kirsty MacKay and seconded by Calum MacKay</li><li>• Rent was received from Rionnagan Og last month after the understanding they were on a Covid reduced rent. Michael will contact them.</li></ul>	Michael	
3.	<b>Staff Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karen asked for 3 directors to score the applications for the tenancy of Flat 2 for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. Kirsty, Phil and Barbara will attend.</li><li>• Karen asked whether the Board approved purchasing the latest version of the GIS mapping system. The Board agreed.</li><li>• The sale of 2 Quayside and the store has completed and the other properties should be completed imminently</li><li>• No further applications have been received for the Ranger post despite further advertising. Michael met informally with the sole suitable candidate and suggested he be interviewed by 3 directors. Calum, Phil and Barbara will interview via Zoom and Michael will organise.</li><li>• After a meeting with JMT and the other Trusts involved it was suggested to extend Clara's contract for a further 6 months. Funding would be split between the 3 Trusts involved and it was felt that the guided walk income would cover this.</li><li>• The Artists in Residence project is hoped to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October. Any interested directors are welcome to take part.</li><li>• The owner of [REDACTED] has requested that the Trust, as landlord, submit a Form 6 requiring a compulsory resumption on an area in front of her house as the crofter is not willing to grant her Title to the area. The Board felt that they should not get involved in pursuing this application.</li><li>• API Wireless could not improve on the Cnoc Mòr terms of lease but requested to see all mast leases due to expire within the next 5 years as they thought they could make an offer for these sites. As the Trust had previously invested time in negotiating leases it was felt that this was not an option. The Board agreed to remain with the current lease terms.</li></ul>	Karen  Michael	ASAP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael approached Fred Taylor regarding the proposed boat building project at Marig slipway. Fred informed Michael that the project would not be progressing. Campervan hook-ups were suggested for the site and Michael will have an informal chat with members of the community to gauge an opinion.</li> <li>• It was discussed whether the Trust should help individuals in the community with funding sources and applications. The Board felt that both directors and staff should help individuals if approached.</li> <li>• An area at the Recycling Depot has been identified as a potential campervan hook-up site. The area is in Urgha Common Grazings and the shareholders are in agreement. Michael will investigate further.</li> <li>• An issue has arisen with [REDACTED] Despite numerous attempts at trying to recover the arrears no monies have been received. A reminder was issued last week and the Board agreed that if no payment was received within the next week that a formal 14-day notice letter be issued before involving solicitors.</li> <li>• The Army Reserve has requested permission to undertake training on the estate. This was agreed.</li> <li>• The mast at Ceann an Ora quarry is to be moved to Bunavoneader Common Grazings. Permissions have been sought and agreed.</li> <li>• Pupils on the Rural Skills course are tidying up the area around the flag pole with payment for materials being provided by the Trust.</li> <li>• Flavour will commence their lease of Unit 1 Iomairt an Obain on 1<sup>st</sup> October.</li> </ul>	<p>Michael</p> <p>Michael</p>	<p>Before next meeting</p>	
4.	<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen has researched various different avenues for the Meavaig Housing project over the past couple of weeks and presented this information to the Board. The Board agreed to proceed with the project and that an offer for the asking price of £70 000 for the site be submitted tomorrow.</li> </ul>	<p>Karen</p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</p>
7.	<b>AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED] has identified a prospective house site and approached the croft tenant at Bunavoneader, who agreed a price with him. Diana explained to [REDACTED] that this was not normal Trust procedure and informed him of the Trust's terms and conditions then sought a valuation from Laura at the Hebridean Estate Agents. The site was valued at £20 000, with the proceeds to be split 50/50 between the Trust and the crofter. It is the crofter's prerogative whether he takes the full amount but the Board agreed that the Trust would take their 50% share. Diana will inform [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	<p>Diana</p>	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</p>
8.	<b>DONM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b></li> </ul>		