

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 14.12.2020

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

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

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kate Lewis, Donald J Morrison, David Wake, John MacLean		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Calum MacKay.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">A six-month extension has been offered to the NatureScot funding for the Trust Ranger post, which takes the post through to March 2022.The Crown Estate Funding application for £6000 towards the JMT Ranger has been selected by the Harris Forum and submitted to CnES for approval. We await a decision.Michael is making progress with the Foreshore claim affidavits.An approach has been made for the purchase of an area of croft land beside Harris House in Tarbert. The proposal is to erect a modular building for staff accommodation for Hotel Hebrides. It was decided that the Trust should make the neighbouring residents aware of this proposal and gauge their opinion before taking any further action. It was asked if office space would be included in the development which would free up the unit currently occupied by Hotel Hebrides at Iomairt an Obain.Alasdair MacLeod has been appointed to progress with the Meavaig Housing project.Contact has been received from someone interested in purchasing the Marig Slipway site for a house site. No decision can be taken on the future of the site until the topographical survey is received.24-hour access to the water hydrant in the new Hushinish car park would need to be taken into consideration when setting out the parking areas.	Michael	
4.	HebMRT Request <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board considered a funding request letter from Hebrides Mountain Rescue Team for a contribution towards their proposed new base. It was felt that in the current climate that the Trust was not in a position to offer funding. Karen will inform them of this decision.	Karen	

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5.	<p>Croft Re-let Poliy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Croft Re-let Policy was discussed and it was decided that the 'essential' point of living on the croft was not sustainable. This criterion will be classed as desirable in the policy. It was felt that the best option would be to follow Crofting Commission guidelines. The policy will be updated and adopted. The re-letting of croft 2 Ardhasaig was discussed and will be advertised in the New Year. It was decided to invite the Ardhasaig Common Grazings clerk to be involved in the letting selection process and a panel will be decided once advertised. 		
6.	<p>CLOH Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of becoming a member of the Community Land Outer Hebrides group. It was agreed that the Trust would become a member and see how things go. Calum suggested Directors, as well as staff, could be representatives on the group. The Trust's membership on the group will be reviewed annually. 		
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> it is proposed that the AGM will take place as in previous years during February. Diana will liaise with CIB regarding a date. Calum thanked everyone for taking part and their input to meetings throughout this unusual year. 	Diana	
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 11th January 2021 		