

MINUTE OF MEETING

Present.: Gordon Ness, Barbara MacKay, Kirsty MacKay, Michael Hunter, David Wake

| Item | Summary and Action | Who? | When? |
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| 1. | Apologies | | |
| 2. | Minutes of Previous Meeting | | |
| 3. | Matters arising | | |
| 4. | Financial Report | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report was given A report on Financial Resilience has been submitted to the Accountant, this will be circulated for reference | MH | 27.04.21 |
| 5. | Report from the Trust | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for the Meavaig house site are still being explored. This is now an NHT project. | | |
| 6. | Progress Report | | |
| | <p>Ardvourlie MTB Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two planning applications have been submitted to CnES for the trails and facilities building We await a response to the Expression of Interest for the Cycling Facilities Fund for the main capital works. A holding letter has been received explaining that they are working through applications <p>Urgha Recycling Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site has had to shut a number of times, at short notice, over the last couple of weeks. All three CnES skip lorries have been off the road, meaning the Urgha site has had no skip capacity A new member of staff will join the team next week as an Estate Worker. The role blends estate maintenance with Urgha Site operations. The role is fully funded for 6 months Scottish Water has finally emptied the site septic tank. <p>Urgha Campervan Aire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning has been approved. We await a quote for site electrics The project will be submitted to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund in June. DW will enquire whether NHT or NHTC would be the best applicant <p>Visitor Management Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft report has been issued to Harris Forum and CnES. The first activity, from the set of recommendations is to run a campaign of education. The "Harris is a special place" campaign kicks off this week on social media. | DW | Next meeting |

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| 7. | Urgha turbine renewal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing turbine is damaged and is no longer insurable. There is an opportunity to replace the turbine head whilst maintaining the Feed in Tariff payments. Two quotes for the work were reviewed. It was agreed that the 9.5 years of FiT payments remaining would not deliver sufficient income to cover operational costs and any risk from underperformance. It was agreed that the existing equipment would operate for as long as possible. An inspection of the turbine will be arranged to ensure it remains safe to operate | DW | Next meeting |
| 8. | Bunavoneader Hydro update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renfin/Hydropol will become the new owner of the Bunavoneader hydro turbine at the start of May. They offered substantially more than NHT and WHT had the schemes valued at. We await the lifting of travel restrictions to allow the new Czech owner to visit the sites in North and West Harris and talk about ongoing support requirements. | | |
| 9. | Health & Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Risk Assessment for cleaning the Huisinis Gateway building has been accepted by CnES Environmental Health. The building will open again on May 3rd after appropriate signage is installed Cleanliness will be monitored monthly to determine whether the Cleaner needs assistance in meeting the increased cleaning demand. No accidents/injuries to report. | | |
| 10. | A.O.C.B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None | | |
| 11. | Date of Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday June 22nd 19:30 | | |
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