

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 01.02.202

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Kirsty MacKay, Finlay E MacLeod, Donnie MacLeod, Paul Russ, Donald J Morrison, Kate Lewis, Michael Hunter, Diana MacLennan, Karen MacRae, David Wake

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| 1. | Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Bertin, John MacLean | | |
| 2. | Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An amendment was made to the previous minute with the word “allowed” changed to “agreed” in item 3 bullet point 4.• Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Kirsty MacKay. | | |
| 3. | Proposed Accommodation Site <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angus John MacLeod, Hotel Hebrides, presented proposals for an accommodation development for people working in Harris. Angus John informed the meeting that it is not only the hospitality businesses that face difficulty in finding accommodation for workers and that the blocks would be used by several employers. Topological surveys have been received and will be presented to the architects. Angus John said that the accommodation units would be built on stilts and consequently ground preparation would be less onerous than for conventional build. HIE and CnES are supportive of the project and funding is currently available. Three proposed sites were mentioned and these sites were discussed. Concerns were raised previously by neighbouring properties in relation to the block proposed adjacent to Harris House. Questions were asked regarding the management of the accommodation and the number of beds. Angus John informed the meeting that it is hoped to have someone to manage the properties which will consist of 24 beds. Angus John left the meeting.• The Board discussed the viability of the proposed sites: at Scott Road, adjacent to Harris House and land to the East of Harris House. The site at Scott Road is currently being offered for sale by a private individual. The other two sites are on one croft. The Board were happy with the site to the East of Harris House as this site had been investigated for housing previously and had been rejected by HHP. The reservations expressed by neighbours regarding the site adjacent to Harris House would need to be observed. A couple of other sites which could be offered were discussed. It was decided to ask Angus John to submit his proposal in writing, clarifying what is proposed for each site and that he keep the Board updated with developments. Local residents will be consulted when the written submission is received.• It was asked whether office accommodation would be incorporated in the building as this would release the business unit currently occupied by Hotel Hebrides. | | |

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| 4. | <p>Staff Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was decided to continue with the flexible furlough scheme currently in place. CIB have recommended that a financial reserve buffer of £50 000 be considered and the Board agreed. Paul asked whether it would be possible to receive a Profit & Loss statement as well as a monthly cashflow. This will be done for the next meeting. As a member of the Harris Forum, the Board have been asked their view on the Harris Golf Club joining the Forum. The Golf Club is different in character to other members and concerns were raised that other groups of the same construction would also need to be offered membership. It was felt that a body such as Sport Harris might be best to represent such groups on the Forum. A meeting between NHT, The Scottish Salmon Co and Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate was held on the 22nd January to discuss the future of the Hatchery site at Amhuinnsuidhe. It was agreed to seek legal advice on the lease terms before proceeding. Michael has received terms for the relocation of the mast above Ceann an Ora Quarry. Due to a new Electronic Communication Code, the terms received are low. A one-off payment, to be shared with Common Grazings, was offered and an annual sum of £600. The Board felt this was low and to return an offer of £800. Kate highlighted that there would need to be contingencies for other mast renewals in case the same happens in the future. A funding request was received from Scalpay Community Association for a contribution of £5000 towards the Scalpay Heritage Centre project. The Trust would be offered a seat on the Board. It was felt that although supportive more information on other funding sources was needed before committing to contribute. An updated planning application for the Ardvourlie Mountain Bike Trails will be submitted shortly. Paul asked whether the community had been informed about the updated plans and David asked if he would be willing to update the locality. Paul agreed and David will provide him with the information required. The details will be reissued to directors. A Kickstart placement has been approved for the Urgha Depot and will start when restrictions are eased. There was a problem with the blades of turbine 1 at Monan coming off in high winds after technicians being on site. Due to publicity on social media directors felt a statement from Constantine Wind Energy might be appropriate. Plans have been submitted for the campervan hook ups at Urgha. There will be 6 pitches available. There have been several issues with the quad and it was felt that consideration should be given to replacing it. | <p>Diana</p> <p>Michael</p> <p>David</p> <p>David</p> | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> |
| 5. | <p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finlay Ewen mentioned that at the recent croft re let application process there was an obvious demand for crofts and house sites for young local people. The Board agreed that this needs to be investigated and discussed further at the next meeting. | | |
| 6. | <p>DONM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM - Monday 22nd February 2021 Next Meeting – Monday 1st March 2021 | | |