

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 01.03.2021

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

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

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phil Bertin		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An amendment was made to the minute at the bullet point relating to the Scalpay Heritage Project; <i>would be offered a place on the Board</i> to be changed to <i>could be offered</i>.• Minutes were approved by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Finlay MacLeod with amendment		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office Bearers will be appointment after the confirmation of directors.		
4.	Rotation of Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The confirmation of directors could not be dealt with at the AGM due to an oversight to advertise the rotation of directors. The retiring director positions will be advertised and an EGM called for the item to be dealt with prior to a Board meeting. Barbara, Phil and Finlay are the directors due to retire by rotation		
5.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen has taken up the offer of new employment with the Crofting Commission as Crofting Development Officer. Both Calum and Michael thanked Karen for her work for the Trust over the past 9 years and wished her well in her new post. It was felt that there was no need currently to replace the Development Officer post but to wait and see if the need arises.• CIB have requested a financial resilience plan and 12-month projection from the Trust. The draft documents will be prepared and presented for directors' approval at the next meeting.• Michael's report gave the various options and valuations for the SSC hatchery site at Amhuinnsuidhe. Directors wish to proceed with negotiations with ACE and SSC for a mutual agreement. Access and parking would also need to be agreed. SSC had offered a reduced rate for the final lease payment but directors felt the full annual lease amount should be received.• Michael has successfully negotiated leases for the new Ceann an Ora mast and the masts at		

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	<p>Cnoc Mòr, Govig and Gormul, Marig.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding request for the Scalpay Heritage project was discussed and it was agreed to offer a donation of £5000. There is a discrepancy in the Scalpay Community Centre Title and a rectification is required. It was agreed to waive a land fee if legal costs are met. • Frank Smart's request for a lease renewal for another year was approved. It was asked whether the Trust received the surveys undertaken. Michael will ask Frank for these and circulate to directors. • CMAL have requested a rectification of the Trust's Title. This was agreed with the condition that CMAL meet the land valuation and legal costs. • Due to being unable to undertake a helicopter deer count it was advised that a recruitment count over the summer months be completed. The problem of marauding stags was discussed and needs to be addressed. The Board were happy with the proposal of a summer count and to investigate the best way to deal with the marauding stags. Allocation numbers will be discussed with ACE and the Stalking Club. • It was agreed to have a feasibility study for a housing option on the Marig Slipway site. This will be done once funding comes available. • The Meavaig house site purchase has been completed and we await a costed proposal from Alasdair MacLeod. David will now lead on this project. • David circulated the plans for Ardvourlie Mountain Bike Trails after the last meeting and Paul consulted with the community. David received some positive feedback and Paul asked a couple of questions that had been raised. • The planning application for the Urgha Motorhome Aires has been submitted and David is awaiting contractor quotes. • Chris Loye, Flavour, has been advised to submit a "change of use" application to CnES for the business unit at Iomairt an Obain to allow customers to sit in. This was agreed to allow Chris to apply for a change of use. 			
6.	Housing Plots and New Crofts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion took place regarding the need for house plots and new crofts for young locals in North Harris. The need was evident after the applications for Croft 2 Ardhasaig were reviewed and several expressions of interest in land have also received recently. Various options were discussed and the Board agreed that Michael should invest some of his time in investigating various feasible options. 		
9.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No AOCB 		
10.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 12th April 2021 		