

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 12:04:2021

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Tim Langley, Paul Russ, Kirsty MacKay, Donnie MacLeod, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Finlay E MacLeod, Kate Lewis, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robert MacKinnon, D J Morrison, Phil Bertin, David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved by Phil Butterfield and seconded by Tim Langley• No matters arising		
3.	Appointment of Office Bearers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calum was proposed as Chair and Tim as Vice Chair. Both accepted to continue in these positions.		
4.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael talked through his Manager's report highlighting some matters. Salary reviews are normally undertaken in May and it was suggested that a sub group is established to recommend adjustments by the next board meeting.• Michael has completed the job description for the Estate Maintenance Team and hopes to advertise this week. Any interested directors were invited to participate in the interview process.• Michael has received a valuation from DM Hall, surveyors, for the Amhuinnsuidhe Hatchery site. The valuation is considerably lower than the valuation received from the estate agents. Directors were unhappy with the valuation and asked Michael to continue negotiations on the previous terms. The issue of the gate being moved and parking options were also discussed. Michael is awaiting a map with suggested parking areas from ACE. A further area at the top of the hill was suggested and Michael will discuss with ACE.• A letter has been received from Clasmol Township requesting support in a compulsory resumption of the fank area located on Croft 1 Clasmol. The croft tenancy is currently for sale and they have approached the croft tenant to omit the township fank from the sale. The croft tenant is disinclined. The board agreed to support the crofters and to seek legal advice and estimated costs involved before proceeding.• Michael has received a quote from DMRit to upgrade the cloud storage system back up. The		

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	<p>quote was high and Michael will investigate cheaper options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair costs for the quad are £1500. • The Bogha Glas community have asked if NHT would adopt the red phone box beside Vigidale House. • North Harris Community Council have agreed to submit the planning application for the Ardvourlie Mountain Bike Trails on the Trust's behalf. This will save a substantial amount of money. • SCVO have awarded a Kickstarter placement for Urgha Depot. David will interview this week. • The turnover of skips remains an issue. It is hoped that this will be resolved before the Depot returns to Summer opening hours. Barbara suggested to place a note in the De tha Dol to notify the community of the situation. • The first quote for the groundworks for the Urgha Motorhome AIRE site has been received. It is hoped to apply for funding through RTIF when it becomes available. • There has been an issue with the costing progress for the Meavaig Housing Project. The plans that Porteous Architects had supplied for the feasibility study were used for tendering without the architect's permission. This has brought the project to a standstill. Directors requested a meeting with Alasdair MacLeod, surveyor, at the earliest convenience to determine the best way to continue. • Various other build options were discussed and the Board are keen to progress the project. • Earth Capital have secured a buyer for the Bunavoneader and West Harris Hydro Schemes. West Harris have asked Earth Capital to consider a goodwill payment for all the community effort they have benefited from. 			
5.	Economic Resilience Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed the planning paper was a sensible approach for securing future financial stability. 		
6.	Housing Options Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved Michael's Housing Report and felt it was a good summary of various options available. • Michael met HHP representatives to discuss the prospective housing development at Scott Road. Options for the site were discussed and the Board felt that HHP should be pressed for regular updates to keep momentum in the project. • Kirsty suggested a dedicated meeting to investigate house site provision and it was decided that Housing would be the first item on the Agenda at the next meeting. 		
	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No AOCB 		
	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 17th May 2021 		