

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 12:07:2021

TIME : 8.00pm

VENUE : Tarbert CC

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, Kirsty MacKay, Tim Langley, Donnie MacLeod, D J Morrison, Diana MacLennan

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finlay MacLeod, Donald MacLeod, Phil Bertin, Phil Butterfield, Paul Russ, Kate Lewis, David Wake		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An amendment was made to the previous minute. Item 8, bullet point 9 should read: "<i>NHTC is reviewing its shareholding in Monan Wind Company, the owner of Monan Windfarm</i>"• Minutes were approved with amendment by Calum MacKay and seconded by D J Morrison		
3.	Staff Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calum complimented the work the new teams are completing across the estate.• Due to workload demand David has requested temporarily increasing his working hours to full time. This was agreed.• It was agreed to continue investigating funding opportunities for the Ardvourlie Outdoor Hub. An Archaeological Survey is required before proceeding at a cost of £2600. This was approved.• It was agreed to replace the PC at Urgha Depot.• The documents in relation to NHTC withdrawing as a shareholder in Monan Windfarm were signed today.• The 3 Harris Wardens have started in post on the 1st July and have undertaken training and are engaging with visitors.• Funding was obtained for 9 seasonal posts across the estate but all the contracts are due to expire around October. Michael is investigating funding avenues for continuation of some of these posts. He intends to apply to the Island Communities Fund for 50% towards 1 FTE Ranger post and 2 FTE Maintenance team posts to allow some contracts to be extended further.• It was agreed to allow Scottish Salmon Co's request to reassign the Scaladale Shorebase lease to MOWI. MOWI will now be the Trust's sole fish farm tenant and Michael has asked to meet with them.• It was agreed to purchase the new quad through NHTC and DJ suggested another company for a price comparison. Michael will investigate.• Planning have been contacted regarding a number of proposed areas for housing and the possibility of new crofts. Michael hopes to meet with planning and roads officers soon to discuss these possibilities. A proposal has been put to Carrageich Common Grazings to		

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	<p>resume a land parcel to allow affordable housing plots. The CG are holding a meeting at the end of the month and will revert back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email has been received from the Crofting Commission's Crofting Development Officer requesting information of crofters who are currently in breach of their crofting duties. The Board agreed that this was the Commission's responsibility and not the landlord's remit. • Michael has been approached by The Carbon Capture Partnership with a proposal to sell carbon credits. Michael has requested more information and figures before a decision can be made. • The OSCR recommendations will be discussed at a quieter time of year. 			
4.	Harris Forum Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairs of HVS, WHT and staff involved in the Harris Forum met with Calum and Michael to discuss the best way to proceed with the concerns raised. The Chair of HVS will draw up a proposal to be an Agenda item at the next Harris Forum meeting. The 1st draft of the paper should be circulated this week and will be reviewed by all parties before approval. 		
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Land Scotland have been collaborating with schools and individuals to write up a course for the curriculum. Calum has been involved and informed that the course has been well received and will be rolled out in August. • The CnES LEADER funding programme has come to a close but the group continues to actively seek funding. Calum will represent Community Land groups in the Western Isles on the group. • Finlay MacLennan has been appointed as the Development Officer for Community Land Outer Hebrides. 		
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd August 2021 		