

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 17.05.2021

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Tim Langley, Kirsty MacKay, Michael Hunter, Phil Butterfield, Findlay E MacLeod, David Wake, DJ Morrison, Domhnall MacLeod (part)

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Phil Bertin, Robert MacKinnon, Kate Lewis, Paul Russ, Donnie MacLeod, Diana MacLennan		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bogha Glas phone box – it was agreed at the last meeting that the box would be adoptedMinutes proposed by BMK, seconded by FML		
3.	Proposed new Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">Domhnall MacLeod's application to be a Scalpay representative on the board was approved		
4.	Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none">A Housing Options report was tabled for discussionConcerns were raised about profiteering. Conditions were discussed including Legal Burdens to include a 5year time limit to develop the site and option of buyback by NHT up to 25yr.House sites need to be designated, consider individual plots at Scaladale/Ardvourlie or Buna adjacent to the large Agricultural ShedMH to check with Stornoway Trust on their policyScott Road development – Atlantic Land has made a revised offer, we await a HHP responseCreating new crofts – MH to discuss potential sites with planners regarding suitability for housingAbsentee crofts – It was suggested that we should gather information on demand and barriers to development, then update absentees and suggest assignationMiavag North development. Plans have been received from AML, we await costs	MH MH	Next meeting Next meeting
5.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">OSCR Good Governance – MH/DW to develop a list of recommendations to discuss at the next meetingThe Huisinis Gateway Caretaker has had to retire due to ill health. A new appointee is now in place. The opening hours for the main building have been revisedMaintenance Team – Following interviews, three people have been recruited and start in the next week.	MH/DW	Next meeting

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general salary review has been undertaken. A policy of NHT paying the Living Wage was agreed • Agreement has been reached with SSC and ACE regarding the transfer of the Amhuinnsuidhe Hatchery site. Part of the agreement includes the creation of 10 new parking places at the Ulladale track end. Directors agreed to accept the terms. • Kyles Scalpay Biomass trial – The lease is due to expire shortly. All crofters are in agreement that the majority of the trees can remain. Some fencing needs to be replaced • Deer Management - A smaller recruitment count has been carried out to inform next season's cull number. Nature.Scot is commissioning a helicopter deer count later in the year. • Historic Environment Scotland has visited the Whaling Station following excavator access across the site. They raised concerns about disturbance and asked that signage be erected • Harris Forum – Directors agreed that the forum minutes should be made publicly available to aid transparency • Blue Fin Tuna – The Harris Forum has asked members to consult their boards about their support for the project. Directors believe that the proposed fishery is contrary to NHT's aims of conservation. MH to draft a statement • Tourism management – Applications for funding have been made to fund 3 seasonal wardens, to engage and educate visitors and to increase parking provision at 5 visitor hot-spots • Scalpay Playpark – the Community Association has requested assistance in preparing the playpark for the installation of new equipment. Directors agreed to offer the services of the maintenance team 	MH	Next forum meeting	
6.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgha Skip Issues – there is no sign of improvement. The site is routinely closing as there is no available skip space. Directors were asked to lobby the Harris Councillors 		
7.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – June 14th 		