

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 17:01:22

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Zoom

- Present: Michael Hunter, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, Robert MacKinnon, D J Morrison, Paul Russ, Diana MacLennan, Kirsty MacKay, David Wake, Kate Lewis, Lena Morrison, Phil Butterfield

Calum welcomed Lena Morrison to her first meeting as a director representing the Tarbert area.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finlay MacLeod, Donald MacLeod		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved by Robert MacKinnon and seconded by Kirsty MacKay.• Michael, Calum and David Gass met on zoom with Natalie Campbell, HIE, as a follow up to the Focus Day. Natalie was receptive to proposals and supportive in helping in the future.• The Financial Working Group met to discuss income and expenditure in detail. Their recommendations will be presented in more detail at the next meeting.		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Focus Day outcomes and recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.• Directors were invited to volunteer for Board Champions as recommended in David Gass' report. Directors that volunteered are:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Affordable Housing Provision – Kate Lewis2. Facilitation of Economic Opportunity – Paul Russ & Kirsty MacKay3. Proactive Estate Management Plan- Vacant <p>Michael suggested asking Richard Williams, JMT, if he would be interested in becoming involved as he has previous experience in this area. Directors are invited to volunteer for the vacant role if interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three new members of staff have taken up employment for the Habitat Restoration Project. These posts are fully funded by the Nature Restoration Fund. Good progress is being made with some fencing sections already completed.• Kirsty had been approached by someone asking why deer fencing was not being used for the new project. Michael explained that the deer were managed in that area by the stalking club and the electric fence.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael continues to liaise with Napier University for a Marketing Graduate placement. • It is hoped to have a Ranger in position at the end of March. NatureScot have expressed that they wish to be more involved in the management of the post and developing the Ranger Service. • There have been various funding knockbacks for the Ardvourlie Hub Project but HIE have confirmed that the £70k awarded by them can be repurposed. Natalie Campbell will investigate options and report back to David. The project will remain ticking over until capital funding is hopefully secured in the future. • O'Mac have been in contact regarding housing development sites across the estate. David provided them with the site options that were previously recommended to HHP. • Finance papers were circulated. 			
4.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matters to discuss. 		
5.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 14th February 2022 		