

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 25:04:2022

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais and Zoom

Present: Michael Hunter, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, D J Morrison, Diana MacLennan, Kirsty MacKay, David Wake, Lena Morrison, Phil Butterfield, Finlay MacLeod, Kate Lewis, John Macdonald, Tim Langley, Fañch Bihan-Gallic

Calum introduced new Ranger Fañch to directors and wished Fañch well in his new role.

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Robert MacKinnon, Donald MacLeod, Paul Russ		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were amended by revising part of the last sentence of bullet point 7 in Staff Reports, it should read- <i>There is a dispute over the legal title to the croft house on 2 Ardhasaig. Directors agreed to seek legal advice on the matter.</i>Minutes were approved by John Macdonald and seconded by DJ Morrison.Barbara will continue to represent the Trust as a director on the Trading Company board.A discussion took place regarding the proposed route SSE plan to take through Ardhasaig when replacing the electricity line. Crofters and tenants are objecting to the new route and have asked for support from the Trust. Directors agreed to support Ardhasaig crofters in this matter by withholding the Trust's permission as landlord for the relevant sections of the route.		
3.	Strategic Plan Consultation Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">Very little feedback was received from community members on the Strategic Plan but the John Muir Trust have submitted a comprehensive response. The board agreed to incorporate JMT feedback in the plan and Michael will redraft and circulate. It is hoped to hold a meeting in two weeks to finalise the plan.	MH & Board	2 weeks/ 09.05.2022
4.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">The financial report was circulated.A final payment was received from the Scottish Salmon Company for Amhuinnsuidhe Hatchery. The transfer to ACE is due to complete on 26th April.It was agreed to include Management and Corporate Liability in the Trust's Business Combined insurance policy.	MH	ASAP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice was sought regarding the croft house on croft 2 Ardhasaig but no clear outcome was given. It was agreed to approach the Crofting Commission for advice. • The Lewis & Harris Deer Management AGM is to be rescheduled. • There is a meeting with the Harris Stalking office bearers to be held on Thursday (28th) and Michael asked if any director would like to attend to represent the Trust due to him being a member of the HSC. • SCA have requested that the Trust cover all associated legal costs in relation to the Scalpay Playpark. After discussion the Board felt that legal costs should be met by SCA. • Malcolm Crate has agreed to undertake the Meavaig Housing Project and manage through to completion. David has asked Alasdair MacLeod for an invoice for the work he has completed and directors agreed that Alasdair should be compensated if no invoice is received. • CnES has received a valuation for the Old Hostel carpark area of ground and an enquiry has been made to the Scottish Land Fund for funding. David has asked for a meeting with the planning officer to determine what would be permissible to build on the site. • The Trust accounts were received for signing and were duly signed. • Planning has been submitted for the West Tarbert Growing project polycrub. SSEN are preparing a lease and a discussion tool place regarding the various groups and agencies that could be involved in the project. John Macdonald suggested the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation as a funding avenue for this project. 	MH	Before next meeting	
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matters discussed. 		
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 23rd May 2022 		