

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 27:06:2022

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais and Zoom

Present: Michael Hunter, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, D J Morrison, Diana MacLennan, Robert MacKinnon. Paul Russ, David Wake, Lena Morrison, Phil Butterfield, Finlay MacLeod, John Macdonald, Tim Langley, Fañch Bihan-Gallic

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Donald MacLeod, Kirsty MacKay		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were amended with the spelling of John Macdonald's name corrected. Minutes were approved by DJ Morrison and seconded by Lena Morrison		
3.	Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Michael has opened a new 32 Day Savings account with the Bank of Scotland which has a slightly better interest return.Michael has contacted HIE on whether they would be willing to fund a facilitator for a Board Health check which was one of the Action Points from the Focus Day. He awaits a response.Jon Riach is employed as Warden at Huisinis Gateway from 01/07 to 31/10, funded by the Better Places Fund. A vehicle will also be provided for him as part of this arrangement.The NHT Flexible Working Policy was approved by the Board.A lot of progress has been made mapping the foreshore areas and Michael hopes to be able to sign off on these this week.Both ACE and HSC have agreed their stalking leases for the coming season and the leases are ready to be signed.A discussion took place regarding a request from MOWI to position a communications mast on the Sgaoth ridge. Questions were raised as to whether the new technology would be replacing manpower and therefore resulting in a loss of local employment. Directors felt that these questions should be raised with MOWI before a decision is made.An offer less than the market valuation has been accepted by the croft tenant of 6 Marig for a site on the croft. NHT were asked for their terms and a site valuation was sought. As the valuation was higher than the offer received the Trust were asked to consider accepting half the offer price. This was discussed by the Board and it was agreed to proceed on the standard terms of half the market valuation of the site. It was felt that if the Trust were to agree to lower their terms that a precedent would be set for future sales.	Michael	ASAP

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purchaser of the site at 6 Marig has requested to lease the Marig slipway site to position a portacabin for contractors. A monthly figure of £400 was agreed. A Memorandum of Understanding is ready for signing by Aline Estate, Ardvourlie CG and NHT for the Scaladale Riparian Woodland project. The project will be undertaken by Aline Estate with support from NHT and the Woodland Trust. Access for the necessary machinery to the site shall be reviewed and agreed with Aline in writing before work commences. A parking meter has been offered to West Harris Trust on the basis that NHT's admin costs are covered. Most of the income would be passed to West Harris Trust and local crofters. The Board agree that David proceed with installing a vending machine at Huisinis Gateway. It was suggested that local businesses are approached to see if they would be interested in supplying products for the machine in due course. It was also suggested that environmentally friendly materials should be used. Both these points Both these points will be investigated Heads of Terms have been agreed with SSE for the plot beside the Medical Practice for the Growing Project with a 10-year lease agreed. David has secured some initial funding and awaits a decision from Investing in Communities Fund later in the year. If successful, this will cover salary costs for a gardener for three years as well as half the construction costs. We are awaiting a response from CWE on how to proceed with arrangements for the reinstatement of Monan windfarm. Fa'ich has been busy working alongside the school and with CnaG to progress the Gaelic Medium John Muir award. Weekly walks continue to be busy and Fa'ich will be involved in the Outer Hebrides Wildlife Festival. 	David	ASAP	
4.	Deer Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Deer Management Plan was agreed by Directors and adopted. 		
5.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the Board Room is increasingly being used by outside organisations for meetings it was discussed whether a charge should be imposed. Directors felt that use by other community groups and charitable organisations should not be charged but charging commercial organisations should be considered. Michael will draft a policy on board room access for approval. 	Michael	Before next meeting
6.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 29th August 2022 		