



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

7.30PM – Tigh an Urrais, Tarbert

1. Apologies: Donnie MacLeod, John Murdo Morrison, Ronnie Morrison, Daryll Brown, Kate Lewis, Finlay E MacLeod, Cathy B Morrison

Present: Calum J MacKay, Kenny MacKay, Kirsty MacKay, Tim Langley, Barbara MacKay, Ian MacSween, Gordon Cumming, David Wake, Karen MacRae, Robert MacKinnon, Diana MacLennan, Calum MacDonald, Calum MacAulay, David Sanders, Phil Bertin, Gordon Ness, Phil Butterfield, Donald J Morrison, Steven Morrison, Fiona Rintoul, Alastair Turnbull, David Phillips, Calum Bennett, Steve McCombe

2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by Tim Langley and seconded by Barbara MacKay to be a true account of that meeting.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Calum J Mackay, welcomed everyone to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the North Harris Trust.

A copy of the previous minute and the 16th annual report were circulated to all in attendance. The Chairman's Report is included in the Annual Report and Calum highlighted a few items from his report. Once again it has been a busy year with involvement in a wide variety of projects and a lot of work going on daily. Calum thanked Kenny MacLeod and Lorna Wheeler, representing Scalpay, for their input to the Board in their time as Directors. Calum spoke at the frustration at sites being offered for social housing only to be rejected as not suitable. The Trust is concerned at the lack of prospective builds in the North Harris area. Huisinis Gateway has proved to be very popular this year with a high number of visitors. It is good to see commencement by Scottish Water on the Govig to Hushinish pipeline as a lot of time and effort has been put into this project by all parties involved.

Calum finished by thanking the staff for their hard work throughout the year and the directors for their support and attendance at meetings.

### **4. Staff Reports**

Staff reports were circulated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Report and Calum invited any questions raised from the staff reports.

### **5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

Calum MacDonald, CIB Services, gave a brief financial report and informed everyone that the Trust had a positive set of accounts with a clear audit trail. This reflects well on the Trust. The rental income received by the Trust is a positive figure in the context of the accounts. This was a productive year for the Trust with a strong set of accounts being presented.

Calum MacKay thanked Calum MacDonald for his work in preparing the accounts and Diana for keeping the daily accounting system in order.

The audited accounts were approved.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

CIB Services to be retained as auditors.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTORS**

Confirmation of directors approved, with 3 new directors; Kirsty MacKay representing Rhenigidale, Kate Lewis representing Meavaig to Hushinish and Phil Butterfield representing Scalpay.

## **9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

David Sanders asked whether injecting weed killer into gunnera might be safer for the environment rather than spraying. Gordon explained the reason why careful spraying was more effective.

David Phillips asked what the proposals were for the Marig Slipway were. David Wake explained that as the Scaladale Centre would no longer be using the slipway that initial plans would need to be revised. It is hoped to meet with local residents to discuss what the best way to proceed will be.

Fiona Rintoul asked what the plans for Scalpay Lighthouse were and it was explained that the Lighthouse wasn't in NHT ownership. The Northern Lighthouse Board are planning to undertake work at the Lighthouse in late April.

Preparation work on the Scalpay Lighthouse footpath sign posts has begun and will be completed on Daryll's return.

Pete Laing has surveyed the bike trails at Ardvourlie and Phil Butterfield suggested 'Sustrans' as a possible funding avenue.

Calum Bennett asked about the possibility of keeping bees on the machair at Hushinish. Gordon told him he would need permission from the Grazings Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm