



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2017

7.30PM – COMMUNITY CENTRE, TARBERT

1. Apologies: Kenny MacLeod, Donnie MacLeod, Barbara MacKay, Lorna Wheeler

Present: Calum J MacKay, Cathy B Morrison, Kenny MacKay, Tim Langley, John A MacDonald, Donald J Morrison, Steve McCombe, Alistair MacLeod, Ian MacSween, Gordon Cumming, David Wake, Karen MacRae, Diana MacLennan, Steven Morrison, Ewan Morrison, Robert MacKinnon, Calum MacDonald, Daryll Brown, Kate Lewis, Calum MacAulay, Margaret Hewitt, Donald A MacSween, Mairi MacDonald, Ruth Hamilton, John Henry, Phillip Butterfield, John MacDonald, Robert Dixon-Carter, Maria Keane, Fiona Lassen

2. The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by Donald J Morrison and seconded by Calum MacAulay to be a true account of that meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Calum J Mackay, welcomed everyone to the 14th Annual General Meeting of the North Harris Trust. A copy of the previous minute and the 14th annual report were distributed to everyone in attendance.

Calum opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the AGM and expressed his sadness at the recent passing of Scalpay director Donald J Cunningham. Donald John joined the Board of Directors when Scalpay became part of the North Harris Trust and was a much respected member of the team.

The Chairman's Report was circulated in the 14th Annual Report and Calum highlighted a number of 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, Matt Watts and Ann-Marie Hewitt left the Trust during the past year and have taken up employment elsewhere, Sheila Roderick had resigned as a Scalpay director, Robert MacKinnon joined the Board as a Tarbert representative, Donnie MacLeod and Lorna Wheeler both joined to represent Scalpay.

Maria Keane asked for clarification regarding Calum's comments regarding 'Green Energy' in his report. Calum answered her question satisfactorily.

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

4. Staff Reports

Staff reports were circulated in the 14th Annual Report and Calum invited any questions raised from the staff reports.

Alistair explained what the Youth Philanthropy Initiative was about.

Gordon informed Maria Keane of the Gunnera Eradication programme that had been completed in her area.

Ms Keane also raised concerns regarding the bus timetable but this is a Comhairle nan Eilean Siar matter and not in the Trust's remit. It was suggested that she contact the local councillors regarding her concerns.

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Strong links continue with Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate.

The John Muir Volunteers will be returning again this year and it was suggested to advertise when they were here in case any locals would like to join the work party. The Old Croileagan building is now fully operational and a popular facility. Daryll spoke about his plans for this year's Mountain Festival. The new website is progressing well and the programme will be available at the beginning of next month. He intends to include new events and there will be a Festival ceilidh at the end of the week.

John Henry asked whether it would be possible to link with local accommodation providers to advertise on the Mountain Festival website. Daryll hopes to include a sponsors page on the website and welcomes any input from people interested in contributing. Local involvement in the Mountain Festival is encouraged.

5. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Calum MacDonald, CIB Services, gave a brief financial report and informed that the Trust had a positive set of accounts with a clear audit trail. This reflects well on the Trust. Calum also highlighted that the main outgoings were on wages which is of benefit to the local economy. The main income for the Trust is rental income which has a very important income stream. John Henry asked what the tangible assets and the restricted funds mentioned in the accounts were and Calum MacDonald duly informed him. 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.

9. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Mr Butterfield asked when the Scalpay turbine would be operational. David explained that there was a problem with one of the components which Orenda were hoping to replace imminently.

John Henry asked why there was no campervan waste disposal area in Tarbert. David Wake and Gordon Cumming had investigated this possibility and were informed by CnES that they had no budget to run the facility currently.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm