

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 01:04:2024

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

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

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Calum welcomed Ian Strachan, Estate Worker, to his first Directors meeting and introduced Ian to the Directors present.		
2. Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lena Morrison, Donald MacLeod, Kate Lewis and Catriona Marshall		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by Barbara MacKay and seconded by Robert MacKinnon.No matters arising.		
4. Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No conflicts of interest.		
5. HR Subcommittee Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The HR subcommittee met on 4th March and the HR Policy was previously circulated to Directors for comments. The Board agreed to adopt the HR policy as presented.Staff appraisals with the HR subcommittee will be held in the next couple of weeks.		
6. Staff Reports and Matters Arising	<p>Manager's Report – Michael Hunter (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Annual Report was presented and discussed with suggestions of items to be included. MH will update and publish.A pack containing Draft Minutes, Annual Report and Draft Accounts will be available, if requested, for members prior to the AGM.The Auditor will meet with Directors on 15th April on Zoom to talk through the accounts. NHTC Auditor meeting will be held on the 16th April, also on Zoom.Finance papers were presented.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent First Aid course highlighted the benefit of defibrillators in the community. It was felt that it would be of importance to install a defibrillator at Huisinis Gateway and possibly at Meavaig. The Board agreed to pursue and to seek funding in the first instance. • The Land Court have given the Trust an opportunity to comment on the boundary dispute in [REDACTED]. It was agreed to respond stating that everything had been done accordingly and in compliance with regulations. • WHP have advised that they no longer wish to proceed with the Carnach mast. MH has asked whether compensation for the preparatory work already undertaken would be considered. • Tarbert in Bloom have provided a map of the areas in NHT ownership but not all areas shown are correct. It was agreed to suggest splitting the funding equally between NHT, CnES and CMAL and to have a three-yearly review if this was agreed. The Board agreed to fund the initial clean-up cost of £1000. • A letter has been received from JMT advising that they are facing significant funding challenges and undergoing restructuring. It is uncertain how this will affect the JMT-NHT relationship. • SCA have agreed to meet the legal costs for the Resumption of the football pitch in Scalpay. • Residential rent reviews have been conducted and agreed and will be effective from July. Commercial rent reviews are due in May. • The report for the West Loch Pier has been received but requires further discussion with CnES. <p>Development Officer Report – David Wake (DW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Allocations Policy was discussed. Changes were made and the Policy was approved. • There are issues with the water connection at the polycrub site with the neighbouring property refusing entry through their ground. An alternative connection route was sought but is costly. Another attempt at securing permission will be made. 10 applications have been received and Ian Strachan will meet with the Directors on the selection panel on Friday 5th April to allocate the spaces. • The parking meters at the Urgha Aire are now operational. <p>Ranger – Fañch Bihan-Gallic (FBG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AHF funding application for sheiling restoration has been unsuccessful. Feedback given suggested the rebuilding of a blackhouse would be more valuable to them and that funding for that type of project might be available. • HVS have proposed that NHT take part in their Anniversary Event on 4th October. This would be in the form of an exhibition in the Community Centre. Calum advised to check with Galson Trust on dates for a Community Land event also being held around that time. • The annual guided walks programme will commence next week. <p>Estate Worker – Ian Strachan (IS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IS had previously circulated his report and no matters were raised. 		

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7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was asked to circulate the AGM members pack to Directors. 		
8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 15th April – NHT Meeting with Auditor on Zoom Tuesday 16th April – NHTC Meeting with Auditor on Zoom Monday 22nd April – AGM, Harris Hotel Monday 6th May – NHT Board, Tigh an Urrais and Zoom 		