

NORTH HARRIS TRUST

MINUTE OF MEETING

TITLE : The North Harris Trust

DATE : 28:10:2024

TIME : 7.30pm

VENUE : Tigh an Urrais

Present: Michael Hunter, Kirsty MacKay, Calum MacKay, Barbara MacKay, D J Morrison, Stuart King, Diana MacLennan, Robert MacKinnon, Phil Butterfield, David Wake, Steven Morrison

Item	Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1.	Presentation by East Tarbert Resident Reps <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tania MacLeod and John Sutton joined the meeting as East Tarbert Resident Representatives on the Key Worker Accommodation project. The representatives presented the Board with concerns raised regarding the project. A petition of objections has been signed by nearly all East Tarbert residents. The Board were asked to consider the concerns raised and to withdraw NHT support for the project in order to support its croft tenants, members and East Tarbert Residents. TML and JS were thanked for attending and left the meeting. Directors discussed the matter and it was agreed that, due to the volume of opposition from the crofters, members and residents, NHT will withdraw support for the project.		
2.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paul Russ, Fañch Bihan Gallic, Ian StrachanLena Morrison and Catriona Marshall have tendered their resignations due to other commitments.		
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were approved by D J Morrison and seconded by Stuart King.DW contacted CnES regarding the degradation of the cattle grid at Hushinish and they are going to assess the grid.		
4.	Conflicts of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none">It was noted by MH that a potential conflict of interest between two employees at North Harris Trust and Anderson MacArthur had recently been identified. Both organisations have ensured that this conflict of interest has been thoroughly reviewed and effectively mitigated, ensuring no impact on impartiality or integrity in each organisation's respective operations. NHT Directors noted this and agreed with the mitigating actions that were proposed in collaboration between NHT and Anderson MacArthur.		

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5.	Budget Review & Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed budget for 2024/25 was discussed and approved. 		
6.	Staff Reports and Matters Arising	<p>Staff Reports were circulated and tabled.</p> <p>Matters Arising from Staff Reports:</p> <p>Development Officer – David Wake (DW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The question of why the Bethesda external clothes bank was removed was raised and DW informed that it was due to the deterioration of the bank. The uplifting of fridges and upholstered items continues to be an issue. HIE have awarded funding towards the craft kiosks to be sited at the roundabout. An objection has been received citing noise, congestion and parking issues as concerns. Directors agreed with these concerns and asked to investigate other potential areas. Funding has been received from HIE for toilets for the Meavaig carpark. It was suggested to ask Amhuinnsuidhe Castle Estate for a contribution. <p>Manager – Michael Hunter (MH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SK will attend the next Harris Forum meeting with KMK as CMK is unable to attend. MH will attend the CLOH board meeting tomorrow. Finlay MacLennan has resigned from his position at CLOH to take up new employment. MH continues to work with HHP on the sale agreement for the Scott Road housing site with a site valuation now received. Crofter compensation had been previously agreed. Armistice Day will be held on 9th November and Calum will lay a wreath on behalf of NHT. It has been confirmed that Eilean Glas Pier Store is in NHT ownership. A meeting was held with Brenda Ford Sagers who agreed to cover insurance costs via a lease for the time being. A boundary agreement was discussed and would be signed by both parties. Hind cull numbers have been agreed but there will be a shortfall and it will be necessary for MH to cull these on NHT behalf as there is currently no alternative . It was agreed to transfer the solum of the West Loch Pier to CnES ownership but it was suggested to include a caveat to retain public access over the pier and the carpark . MH will investigate options. 	MH	
7.	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request has been received from the Scaladale Centre to review the terms of their lease for the Scaladale shed by reducing their monthly rental payment. The Board decided to leave the payments as they currently stand for this year in order to cover costs for the improvements undertaken on the shed. An EGM could be held to appoint new directors before the next AGM if anyone wishes to stand. 		

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8.	DONM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 2nd December 2024. 7.30pm @ Tigh an Urrais and Zoom. 		
9.	Flexible Working Policy Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy was tabled, discussed, and approved. Flexible working arrangements will be agreed and recorded as per the policy. 	MH	January 2025