



Title	Harris Forum Business Meeting Minutes		
Date	28/01/2025	Time	7.40pm
Venue	North Harris Trust Meeting Room		
Distribution	Harris Forum Member Organisations (MOs)		

Present	<b>Member Representatives:</b> EVA KREILEDER (EK), HFDO – Minutes <b>North Harris Community Council, NHCC:</b> FRAN MILLAR (FM); AGNES MORRISON (AM); <b>North Harris Trust, NHT:</b> CALUM MACKAY (CM) <b>West Harris Trust, WHT:</b> NEIL MACDONALD, (NM) ANN PARRY, (AP) <b>Harris Development Ltd., HDL:</b> ANGUS J MACLEOD (AJM) <b>Western Isles Community Care Forum, WICCF:</b> PEGGY MACKAY (PMK); <b>Scalpay Community Association, SCA:</b> GORDON NESS (GN); PAMELA BAIRD (PB) <b>Community Learning &amp; Development, CLD:</b> MAIRI MACIVER (MM), CLD;  <b>Via videoconference:</b> <b>Community Learning &amp; Development, CLD:</b> -	<b>Agenda:</b> 1. Welcome 2. Apologies 3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 9th December 2024. 4. Matters Arising 5. HFDO Update 5.1 Local Place Plan 5.2 Scotland's Towns Partnership newsletter 5.3 Harris Community Local Growing Project – Island Growth Deal 5.4 The National Lottery Awards for All 6. BBC Alba interview 7. Member Organisation Reports 8. HFDO Time requests 9. Harris Plan requests 9.1 Request of removal 9.2 Request to add 10. Councillor Report 11. Transport Update 12. AOCB 13. DONM

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1	Welcome from the Vice-Chair	All MO representatives welcomed.		
2	Apologies for absence	PAUL A. FINNEGAN (CIlr) KENNY MACLEOD (CIlr)		

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		GORDON MACDONALD (MD), SportHarris; DONNIE MACDONALD (DMD), SHCC; KATHLEEN DUCE (KD), Rionnagon Oga; MARION NICHOLS (MN), Rionnagon Oga; BRYAN MACDERMID, Scalpay Community Council; CATRIONA MACLENNAN (CML), Leverhulme Community Hub;		
3	Previous Minutes 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Proposed GN, Seconded DMD.		
4	Matters Arising	-		
5	HFDO Update			
5.1	Local Place Plan	Part 1: Online questionnaires open until Friday 31.01.2025 So far: Online forms filled in: 51; Paper forms filled in: 6 Part 2: Community Consultations: Monday 03.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: Bays of Harris, Bays Community Centre Tuesday 04.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: Scalpay, Community Centre Monday 10.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: Leverburgh, Leverhulme hub Wednesday 12.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: West Harris, Talla na Mara Tuesday 25.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: Tarbert, Old Primary School Wednesday 26.02.2025; 19.00 – 21.00: Huisinis, Huisinis Gateway Thursday 27.02.2025; during the day: Sir E Scott School End of February: Lunchtime event		
5.2	Scotland's Towns Partnership newsletter	An overall newsletter suggested by Luke Fraser, Orkney; Covers all of Scotland; already categorised in different areas, e.g. Regeneration, Environment, Energy etc. Small Business / Small Non-profit Membership (£99+VAT) Applicable to businesses with less than 10 employees or not for profit organisations with annual turnover of less than £100,000. It was agreed that the Harris Forum becomes a member and the HFDO will forward the newsletter each month to all its members.	All	Decision made at meeting
5.3	Harris Community Local Growing Project – Island Growth Deal	The CLLD funding for the growing project has been rejected. The Island Growth Deal funding has initially been rejected. After request from Iain Kennedy the deadline has been extended to detail the proposal further. The Forum agreed that the HFDO should put some time towards the funding application.	All	Decision made at meeting
5.4	The National Lottery Awards for All	A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £20,000. Directly through Lesley Galbraith; most favourable are growing projects at the moment		
6	BBC Alba interview	The interview questions have been received by Etta and the HFDO answered them in English and forwarded them to Calum and Etta. There needs to be a date and time agreed to do the meeting. EK already sent a request to BBC Alba.		
7	Member Organisation Reports	Nothing has been added to the distributed reports at the meeting. Full reports are attached to the minutes. The Forum requested from the HFDO to amend the Members Update Report from to simplify it a bit more. For the future, if no member report is send its assumed the last one is still current.	EK	End of February
8	HFDO Time requests	No new requests		

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9	Harris Plan requests	Request of removal: No. 72 Complete Request to add: -		
10	Councillor Report	No councillor present		
11	Transport Update	No one from the Transport Group present, apologised. AGM will be held on Friday 31.01.2025 in the Old Primary School at 19.00		
12	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NHCC raised the issue of the negative impact the cruise ships, and tourists in general have. The infrastructure isn't in place to cope with all those tourists. If the Council agreed to a deep water port there must be a wider strategy in place to deal with the impact of those visitors. HFDO has been asked to contact Luke Fraser in relation to the solution of Orkney to a similar problem.</li> </ul> <p>The Councillors are asked to get in touch with the Council to ask for the wider strategy document in relation to tourism management in combination with the deep water port as well as with the supporting funding stream for the impact they cause in the wider community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MM mentioned that there is still the community building fund available. MM will share the link of the fund with everyone again.</li> <li>- SCA presented a Proposal; Funding of Harris Forum Development Officer which the Forum agreed to. The document has been distributed to the Members of the HF after the meeting.</li> <li>- MM will liaise with Gordon Ness in relation to an option to use the Council as line manager for the HFDO.</li> </ul>	<p>EK</p> <p>Cllr</p> <p>MM</p> <p>All</p> <p>MM, GN</p>	<p>Contacted him already, meeting will be held on 06.02.2025 End of February</p> <p>End of January</p> <p>Decision made at meeting End of February</p>
13	DONM	Next Business Meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7:30pm, North Harris Trust meeting room.		