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Title	Harris Forum Business Meeting Minutes		
Date	09/12/2024	Time	7.00pm
Venue	North Harris Trust Meeting Room		
Distribution	Harris Forum Member Organisations (MOs)		

Present	<p>Member Representatives: EVA KREILEDER (EK), HFDO – Minutes</p> <p>North Harris Community Council, NHCC: FRAN MILLAR (FM);</p> <p>South Harris Community Council, SHCC: DONNIE MACDONALD (DMD), SHCC;</p> <p>North Harris Trust, NHT: CALUM MACKAY (CM) ROBERT MACKINNON (RMK)</p> <p>West Harris Trust, WHT: NEIL MACDONALD, (NM)</p> <p>Harris Development Ltd., HDL: ANGUS J MACLEOD (AJM) – Vice-Chair Harris Forum</p> <p>Harris Voluntary Service, HVS: TANIA MACLEOD (TM);</p> <p>Western Isles Community Care Forum, WICCF: PEGGY MACKAY (PMK);</p> <p>Scalpay Community Association, SCA: GORDON NESS (GN);</p> <p>Councillors, Cllr: KENNY MACLEOD (KML);</p> <p>Via videoconference: Community Learning & Development, CLD: MAIRI MACIVER (MM), CLD;</p>	<p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome from Vice Chair 2. Apologies 3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 4th November 2024. 4. Matters Arising 5. Island Growth Deal - Outer Hebrides Food and Drink Programme 6. BBC Alba interview 7. HFDO Update 8. Member Organisation Reports 9. HFDO Time requests 10. Harris Plan requests 11. Councillor Report 12. Transport Update 13. AOCB 14. DONM
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Agenda Item		Summary and Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome from the Vice-Chair	All MO representatives welcomed.		

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2	Apologies for absence	PAUL A. FINNEGAN (CIr) AGNES MORRISON (AM); North Harris Community Council; BARBARA MACKAY (BM), Harris Voluntary Service; GORDON MACDONALD (MD), SportHarris; KATHLEEN DUCE (KD), Rionnagon Oga; MARION NICHOLS (MN), Rionnagon Oga; SHAUN BLOOMFIELD (SB), Scalpay Community Council; CATRIONA MACLENNAN (CML), Leverhulme Community Hub;		
3	Previous Minutes 4 th November 2024	Proposed GN, Seconded DMD.		
4	Matters Arising	Item 9: Discount for community groups for planning applications. KML received emails from the Council in relation to this topic and will distribute them to all members of the Harris Forum for information.	KLM	16.12.2024
		Item 10: Email in relation to CLLD money still outstanding.	KLM	asap
5	Island Growth Deal - Outer Hebrides Food and Drink Programme	EK sent an information email in relation to the potential funding from the government prior to the meeting. There needs to be a proposal send to Iain Kennedy before Christmas with a transformational project representing all of Harris to be considered for this funding. For that matter, there will be a meeting held on the 10.12.2024 at the old Primary School in Tarbert at 19.30 to brainstorm potential options.		
6	BBC Alba interview	BBC Alba likes to do a short interview about the Local Place Plan with a Gaelic speaker of the Forum. AM mentioned that she might be able to do that and the HFDO will reconfirm.		
7	HFDO Update	A written HFDO report was tabled via email beforehand. During the meeting, focus on the Local Place Plan for Harris. In the Dè tha dol? from the 4 December 2024 an article explained the Local Place Plan and asked the community for their say in the first part of a consultation process. The Questionnaires have been distributed to all local shops within Harris in combination with a poster referring to the online version of the questionnaire on the Harris Forum website. Additionally, there have been two community consultations held in Harris so far, one at Sir E Scott School with pupils P7 – S4 and a stall at the HVS Charities Fayre in Tarbert. Questionnaire submissions: 28 online and 6 in paper All the Harris Forum members have been asked again to raise the questionnaire in relation to the Local Place Plan within their organisation and with their members.		
8	Member Organisation Reports	Nothing has been added to the distributed reports at the meeting. Full reports are attached to the minutes.		
9	HFDO Time requests	In relation to the Toilet trailer for the South Harris Agricultural Show and the Portacabin/container to store equipment, a time request has been made. This should be able to be covered under the already allocated time for the South Harris Community Council.		
10	Harris Plan requests	Request of removal: No. 53 Key worker accommodation; It was requested to remove the pin on the online map showing the sites of the Key Worker Accommodation within Tarbert. Accepted to remove the pin of the current location on the online map. Acknowledge by many of the Forum Members that Key Worker Accommodation is required within Harris. And acknowledged by all of the Forum Members, that Residential accommodation is required within Harris.		

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		<p>It was clarified that Key Worker Accommodations wouldn't be seasonal housing and that the term "Key Workers" are a defined group by the Government.</p> <p>Request to add:</p> <p>Toilet trailer for South Harris Agricultural Show - agreed</p> <p>Portacabin/container to store equipment for the South Harris Agricultural Show - agreed</p>		
11	Councillor Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New budget is a bit better than expected. - Announced that the leader of the Council will come for his annual meeting in the new year. ➔ Request of the Forum Members that an executive representative should be visiting. - The street light repairs are very costly. The Council repairs them 4 times a year if reasonable. - If there are roads with potholes they can be reported to the Councillors. - Speeding is still an issue. The police is short staffed and not able to do more speed checks. 		
12	Transport Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memorandum of Agreement has been accepted by all members of the group - Minutes of the last meeting will be sent out in the next couple of days. - HVS and HDL will be invited to attend the meeting in the future. - Calmac is looking for feedback from the community on the Little Minch vessels summer timetable proposals by 20 December. 		
13	AOCB	The Forum members have been asked to forward lists of previously investigated and proposed sites for potential buildings.	all	By the end of January
14	DONM	Next Business Meeting and AGM on 28 th January 2025, 7:30pm, North Harris Trust meeting room.		