

Minute of WHT AGM Monday 13th May 2013

1) Apologies

Cllr C Macdonald
Mary Macdonald
Donald John Maclellan
Morag Maclellan
Chirsty Macdonald
David Mackenzie
Fiona Mackenzie
Roddy Maclellan
Dolina Maclellan
Richard Maclellan
Lena Maclellan
Roddy Macdonald
Morag Macdonald

2) Members Present

Rhoda M Campbell, Kathleen Macleod, Rhoda Macdonald, Fiona Toor, Aman Toor, Lucy Toor, Diana Moffat, Flora Macleod, Morag Macleod, Norman Macleod, Neil MacDonald, Finlay Maclellan, Scott Bennett, Margaret Bennett, Neil Campbell, Norman Ian Mackay and Murdo Mackay.

3) Approval of 2011 Minutes

The minutes were approved with amendment to the amount donated by the School Reunion Committee.

Proposed Aman Toor
Seconded Murdo Mackay

4) Chairman's Welcome & Report

The Chairman's report was noted, see appendix 1.

5) Commercial Development Managers Report

The Commercial Development Managers Report was noted, see appendix 2.

Rural Housing Body Status

After a number of years, it has finally been confirmed that as of 14/05/13 The West Harris Trust will be formally recognized as a Rural Housing Body. This means that The Trust can now place burdens on house plots to benefit the community.

6) 2012 Membership Fee

Agreed no fee to be collected this year

7) Annual Accounts

The accounts to December 2012 were presented by the Secretary and approved

8) Election of Directors

Three directors had stood down, Rhoda Macdonald Roderick Macdonald and Donald Iain MacLennan. Both Rhoda Macdonald and Roderick Macdonald agreed to stand again, with no other nominations, both were elected.

Neil Macdonald was elected as a nominated director as a representative of Luskentyre Township.

9) Election of Auditors

CIB Services were re-elected

10) AOCB

Camping spots

It was suggested that an informative sign be placed at the camping spots, notifying users of the correct place to empty their toilet tanks, refill water etc. It was also suggested that an honesty box would be a more effective way of collecting donations.

Trust Membership

It was suggested that the Trust should have a membership drive to encourage those who live in West Harris who have not yet become a member to do so.

Seilebost School – possible uses

Duncan Macpherson (Commercial Development Manager) and Neil Campbell (Secretary) met with Calum Mackenzie from the Comhairle to express The Trusts' interest in obtaining the building for the community.

CNES have agreed to value the building, with the option of selling to the Trust at a discounted rate. The option of leasing the building was also discussed. This would mean that the Trust could occupy the building whilst allowing community groups to continue using it. A formal consultation will take place in the near future to ascertain a suitable use for the building.

A possible use suggested by Scott Bennett was an outdoor center, which would tie in with the Marine Project.

The formal business was followed by tea and home baking.