Draft Minutes of Great Bernera Trust

Meeting held Monday 21st February 2022 at 7p.m. held by zoom.

Present: John Porteous, Anne Ryan, Tony Spinks, Tom MacDonald, Callum MacAulay

In attendance: Nat Higginbottom, Joanna George

The meeting was opened with Anne welcoming Joanna and Nat to the meeting as members of staff.

Previous minutes approved by Tom, seconded by Anne.

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Housing – The valuation received by Callanish Free Church for the land is a lot higher than the valuation received by the Trust, therefore it was decided to contact the same valuer (Torrence) and ask them for a valuation. (John)

Community Shout Out Event – Nat and Joanna provided a verbal report on how they felt the night went.

Buy Out – Awaiting response from David Thompson. We have asked for a video conf meeting to see how we can proceed.

Media – Lesley Riddoch has been in touch with John regarding a column in the Herald regarding the Buy Out.

Asset Transfer – Create an application to Scottish Government Land Fund and Lottery fund for purchasing the hatchery (Nat/Anne).

Pontoons – work ongoing with Scottish Water. Power should be connected middle of April. All approved funding should be done by the end of March. CNES have approved our Pontoon guidance.

NHS Capital Grant – application submitted for e-bikes, building for storage and gym equipment.

Develoment Officer – redvertise post again.

A.G.M. – look at setting a date for May

Communication – prepare a Q&A for Bernera News to raise awareness with the community re the work the Trust are involved in.

Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Next meeting 21st March