

**Key points from Board meeting of  
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED  
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm  
On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Present:** Colin Morrison, Ann Evans, John Morrison, Tony Proud, Matthew Reade, Chris Baker, Calum Duffy

**In Attendance:** Michelle Cowe (Administrator), Ian Hepburn (Development Manager, Claire Hannah (Community Land Unit)

**Apologies:** Rob Strachan, Andy Mortley, Tom Addy, Aly Taylor

**Finance Report:** Mr Morrison presented the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 July 2008. These were discussed, approved and then signed by the Chairman and will be presented at the AGM to be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Action is in hand to open a Trading Account for the Company as there will soon be activities requiring such an account. In addition signatories for the main account are being altered to reflect the appointment of Ann Evans as Company Secretary.

The Annual OSCR Return will be made following the AGM.

**Claire Hannah, Aftercare Officer, Community Land Unit:** Claire suggested an annual review of Activity Milestones from the GCA/ HIE 3 Year Grant which is providing monies for the routine admin and running of the Company until our own income streams start to happen. Agreed that Claire would receive a copy of monthly board meeting minutes to keep her apprised of ongoing action and progress.

**Rural Housing Service Annual Conference:** CLU are able to fund AE & MC to attend next year's conference in Dunkeld, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. IH will be providing a presentation to the conference and is therefore having his travelling costs and attendance fee covered by the Rural Housing Service.

**Development Manager's Report:**

Timber Haul Road - A decision on our second funding application to the SSTF is expected early in 2009. All outstanding queries have been addressed and it is hoped that the funding will be granted.

**Housing:** We are awaiting 1<sup>st</sup> draft from Moxon Architects. The key dates are December 10<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup> with the submission to Rural Homes for Rent by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009. A meeting is scheduled for the morning of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December: all directors welcome. Given the tight timescale the board were asked if they are happy for the housing subcommittee to push forward with the decision making on this project. The board was unanimous.

**Forest Crofts:** The policy document was circulated to the board prior to the board meeting. Policy Documents will be sent to Duncan Mac Phee, John Toal, Jamie Mc Intyre, Ian Leaver and Claire Hannah **Action: MC**

After feedback is received this information is to be presented to the community. The presentation should include the wording from minutes of John Toal meeting " the following individuals are to be considered for the pilot scheme" therefore involvement in the pilot scheme does not guarantee a croft being allocated.

**Distribution of Information:** Investigate a community notice board with a summary of board meeting minutes. **Action: JM** These summaries should also be posted on the website. **Action: MC**

**Firewood & Short term Timber Extraction: Was discussed.**

**Path Ways & Access, meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.** The following directors were identified as Paths Sub Committee: MR, AM, CD, CM, JM

MC will prepare maps in advance of this meeting. The planners have requested that approximate routes are marked. They will then be in a more informed position to say whether planning permission will be required. The Rights of

Way Society has been in touch re: Mornish – Kilninian sign. Julie Paton had informed us that they would be willing to help re instate the existing sign.

**Forest Design Plan & Drop In Afternoon:** The scoping report has been issued to various parties and it is expected that the draft plan will be issued by mid January 2009 for public consultation.

Provisional Date for the Drop In Meeting is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, afternoon and evening. IH will confirm with John Little of Tilhill.

It is hoped that the finalised plan will be signed off by FCS by May/June 2009.

**1.Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.**