

**Minutes of  
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED  
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm  
On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

1. **Present:** Colin Morrison, Ann Evans, John Morrison, Tony Proud, Matthew Reade, Tom Addy,  
Aly Taylor, Adam Dawson, Calum Duffy
2. **In Attendance:** Michelle Cowe (Administrator), Ian Hepburn (Development Manager)
3. **Apologies:** Rob Strachan, Chris Baker, Andy Mortley.
4. **Approval of minutes from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009**
5. **Finance Report: as attached.**
6. **Development Manager's Report:** as attached and in addition to: amendments in the future to FDP relating to CCF & Broadleaves would not be held up by FCS.  
  
The timber from the road line is not included in the financial equation relating to the road project. Forest Crofts: in relation to open ground / common grazing suggest asking adjoining farmers if they have land available to rent.
7. **WESCO:** PCC is going ahead. IH attended a meeting in Oban today. WHHA have signed off funding for the planning and have appointed a project manager. A proposal needs to be made and presented by end March/ early April.
8. **Training Event and Chainsaw Courses:** The CWA Training Event will take place this weekend. A full report will be available afterwards. Trees & Training are available to do medium tree cutting courses and windblown tree course. MR & JM and Peter Pinnington are interested but not until after the summer. AT is a Lantra trainer and once has relevant skills could work in partnership with NWM/CWC.
9. **KILDAVIE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRAINING DAYS:** The Historical Society is holding a training day at Ulvaferry on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, details to be confirmed. They also plan to hold a training day at Kildavie on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. They are very keen to do more at Kildavie. Copied maps are to be given to Dr Patterson. There is funding to help with maintenance, interpretative signs and leaflets.
10. **Wild Isles/ Fundraising Opportunity:** CM suggested that this may be a fundraising opportunity. This takes place 9-16<sup>th</sup> May.
11. **Community Woodland Enterprises:** See attached document by AD
12. **Woodmizer;** a proposal was made that the woodmizer should be used more and in particular that someone would be trained as an operator and in turn would earn income for the company as well as themselves. An advert needs to be written and posted in the local papers. All part owners will need to be informed of this decision **Action: MR**  
Possible funded training will be investigated **Action:MC**
13. **Annual General Meeting: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**  
  
1/3 of board will stand down and are available for re election. MR, AE, CD & AT will do so. AP and AD will also stand down but are available to be co opted again. As there are director vacancies an advert will be posted on website and in window notice board **ACTION:** MC Refreshments will be bought from Dougie's PO in advance **Action: JM** Agenda and accounts to be added to the website pre meeting as well as Director Vacancy.
14. **Correspondence:** Invitation to Knoydart 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Not able to attend therefore apologies and thanks will be sent **Action:MC**
15. **HOUSING:** IH submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage application to Rural Homes for Rent. We expect a reply by June 2009.

16. **FIREWOOD:** Meeting with the firewood subcommittee was held on Thursday 29<sup>TH</sup> January 2009. A questionnaire has been amended to fit NWMCWC. This is to be sent to the membership. **Action: MC** Other firewood suppliers are struggling to make ends meet at present.
17. **WOODLAND CROFTS:** this is ongoing and requires another meeting.
18. **Date & Time of Meeting to discuss wind energy & other medium term income options: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall**
19. **Date & Time of next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall**

**Michelle Cowe**

**NWMCWC Administrator 24 February 2009**