

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7:30 on Monday 22nd March 2010**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Catriona Duncan, Peter Pinnington, Ailsa Morgan, Alex Duncan and Ann Evans (Company Secretary).

In Attendance: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager), Belinda Hale (Administrator).

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the meeting.
2. There were **apologies** from Chris Baker.
3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 22nd February 2010 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
4. There has been no feedback from Helen McDougall about GCA client development. **Action IAH** to chase.

Sage Accounts entries are progressing well.

100 Club Draw took place and results have been publicised. Next draw scheduled for 21st May.

BH has arranged to attend a First Aid course on 24th April at a cost of £30.00.

The Spring 2010 Newsletter has been published and distributed.

5. One **item** not on the Agenda was declared, Adopt a Monument.

6. JM had previously circulated his **Finance Report**. Tilhill are advancing a small part of the monies related to costs of the Haul Route and it should be in our account by the end of the week. The Woodmizer hours and accounts have fallen behind. **Action IAH** to chase

7. **Development Manager's Report. Haul Route.** Hugh Balfour Paul has finally signed the servitude and cutting of the road line will commence on 23rd March at West Ardhu. All the other servitudes will now be signed and work commenced in other areas. JM is seeing all property owners affected by the route with maps and full information. The Directors expressed their appreciation for all the hard work IAH has put in to get this project up and running.

Forest Crofts are progressing and IAH has requested more information about implications for Forest Design Plan. He has asked for a meeting of the Forest Crofts subcom in early April. **Action IAH.**

Housing. Decisions will need to be made about transferring building plots from the Charity to the existing or perhaps a new Trading Company. IAH is following up a number of options.

Micro Hydro project There is no need for a public meeting a survey of members will suffice.

Bird Hide Argyll and Bute have still not replied about the Hide.

UKWAS Accreditation IAH requested that a Director becomes involved in the timber accreditation process so that there is someone else with the required skills.

Volunteers are needed to pull the telephone cable through at Kengharair. It was agreed that Saturday 3rd April (Easter Weekend) was suitable and JM, AE and CatD volunteered. CatD will also bring some family members.

8. AAR Subcom Report. AM has analysed Tom Reade's questionnaire. Of those interested in cycling the majority would like to improve their skills and would use family trails. It was agreed that TR should be invited to be involved in all stages of this project. The visit by IAH and AM to Glentress was interesting but the consultants are not very businesslike and the initial information they have sent could not be presented to a third party as part of a funding application. There was nothing included about a skills area which would be our first step. Tilhill have a cycle complex in Wales. **Action IAH** to find out more. IAH and AM to draw up a written brief for the project to give to the Glentress people and other consultants. **Action IAH, AM.**

9. Fundraising. CatD made several suggestions and it was agreed to have a Bingo Night on Saturday 8th May. **Action BH** to book Village Hall with alternative date of 29th if 8th unavailable. There is also to be a Midsummer Fancy Dress Disco (with possibility of live band too) with suggested date of 26th June, **BH** to book. (Disco date subsequently altered to 19th June)

10. There were no ideas for **Wildlife Week** that weren't already being utilised by other local groups.

11. The **Open Afternoon** and Evening is going ahead on 17th April. IAH, JM and AM will attend both sessions and other Directors will do their best to attend at least one session. AE volunteered to bake for the 3-5 session. **Action IAH, BH** for story boards, posters and PowerPoint etc. CM will make his questionnaire available by then and there will be suggestion boxes. Forest School to be invited to make a display. **Action IAH** to contact Heather Waller.

12. Correspondence. Claire Hannah has sent an email with details of the changes when Big Lottery take over administering the GCA part of our grant. **Action IAH** to clarify a few points with CH.

13. AOB, Adopt a Monument. BH had attended a site visit with members of Mull Historical and Archaeological Society and two representatives from Archaeology Scotland. They are very interested in assisting with funding, project planning, training, surveying and possible excavation. As well as on site information boards there could be leaflets and outreach programmes linked with schools. At this stage there is no cost to NWMCWC, but we will be kept fully informed. The Board indicated full support for this scheme.

14. The **next meeting** will be held on Monday 19th April 2010 at 7:30 pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.