

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Limited
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall on Monday 18th April 2011**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Ailsa Morgan, Catriona Duncan, Pete Pinnington, John Addy, Calum Duffy, Alistair Scarlett, James MacPhail.

Also Present: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager) and Belinda Hale (Administrator)

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting.
2. There were **apologies** from Matthew Reade, Chris Baker and Ann Evans (Company Secretary)
3. The **Minutes** of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March were **signed** by CM as a true record of the proceedings after a small amendment to the Finance Report.
4. **Matters Arising.** Planning Permission for the **Micro Hydro** is likely to cost around £1500.00.

Chainsaw Courses. A registered instructor is to assess CD at work (cost c £150.00) and if he is happy with CD's skill set he will recommend him for teacher training. **Action CD** to follow up.

5. No **items** were **declared** to be added to the **Agenda**.

6. The **Finance Report** had been previously circulated by JM. Available cash is still low and there are a lot of commitments coming up. IAH is negotiating an advance from Tilhill but they are dependent on a review of the likely sales value of the timber. Clydesdale Bank have once again apologised for trying to introduce charges to the Charity Account.

7. The **Development Manager's Report** had been previously circulated by IAH. The draft agreement for the Forest Crofts has still not been received and IAH is actively chasing Duncan McPhee for it.

The tender document for the **Feasibility Study** for **Access** is now on the Government tendering website.

The tender documents for **felling** are due in this week and should be back out in 2 to 3 weeks.

IAH had prepared a three phase plan to suggest a way forward for the **Housing Project**. JA declared that Ben Addy of Moxon is his son. He has no financial interest in the Company. Ideally IAH would like to start the planning process in the next 2 to 3 months. This will involve discussions with Ben Addy/Moxon, accountants and a tax adviser. The Board unanimously agreed that IAH should follow this up and also look at selling a separate, single house site to fund the Project. **Action IAH**.

8. **Dervaig Motors and Campsite.** CM proposed that this item be left for 1 month to enable Dave Thomas to come up with a proper proposal about the NWMCWC Ltd land he is currently occupying without permission. **Action BH** to put on next Agenda. CM informed the Board that a slightly irregular site visit by Directors specifically chosen by Mr Thomas had taken place. Most of the Directors concerned were unaware that the visit was not open to all the Directors.

9. **Access Sub Committee Report.** AM had been to an Access Seminar which particularly focussed on disabled and all ability access. Good signage will be key with clear information about what to expect in the way of gradient, pinch points, barriers, rest points and landscape. There will

will be held shortly and JA asked to be included.

10. Fundraising. It was agreed that the Woodland Gala Day will be held on Saturday 18th June. (*This has since been postponed and will be held later in the summer*) Iain Thomson will be asked to provide the music. Other ideas for inclusion were: BBQ/Hog Roast and soft drinks, demos of Woodmizer and log splitter, cross country run/cycle race, woodland sculptures and a duck race. IAH suggested heavy publicity including a half page ad in Round and About and colour posters. **Action Cat.D** to send draft to BH.

Other fundraising ideas were: Burns Night Supper, taking over the Seafood Extravaganza. It was also suggested that the road could generate income if used for rallying. **Action IAH** to explore if this is feasible.

11. Correspondence. An email had been received from Dervaig Primary School asking if NWMCWC Ltd would like a stall at their Summer Fair on 29th May. It was agreed that JM and Cat.D will man a stall and that 1 cu m of firewood will be donated as a raffle prize. **Action CM** to reply to School with the above information.

JM will renew the Community Woodlands Association membership.

A letter was read out from Val Thomas and Dave Bankes concerning the development at Dervaig Motors. **Action CM** to acknowledge that their views have been noted.

12. There was no **Other Competent Business**.

13. The **next Board Meeting** will be held on **Monday 16th May 2011** at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting **closed** at 9.50pm.