

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Mon 13th April 2015**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Ian Hepburn, Andy Mayo, Iain Thomson.

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting.
2. There were **apologies** from John Addy.
3. The **Minutes** of the previous Board Meeting were **signed** by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** None
5. **Items not on Agenda:**
 - AGM
 - EGM wording
 - Fencing and Replant liabilities
 - Forest Schools Area
 - Toilets
 - Sea Eagles
6. The **Finance Report** had been circulated by AM prior to the Meeting. Balances are healthy and money is now coming in from Tilhill.
7. **Development Report.** IAH had circulated a report prior to the Meeting. New truck – sourcing proving difficult – Agreed Hire Purchase acceptable (**IAH**). Estate Agent for plot sales – IAH has now also met with Bell Ingram and will progress (**IAH**). Motor Homes – agreed in principle to investigate further and await outcome of Working Group.
8. **Woodfuel and Shed.** Awaiting drawings for drying floor.
9. **Housing.** Awaiting suggestions from WHHA regarding possible funding/ partnership arrangements.
10. **Woodland Burials.** Jim needs updated position to quote for road.
11. **Admin and Dev. Man Recruitment.** Jenna Poole earliest start date next week due to family bereavement. Malcolm Ward will start on the 8th of May.
12. **Correspondence.** Letter from a local resident – IAH has replied
13. **AOCB.**
 - AGM arrangements confirmed
 - EGM special resolution to reflect wording in notices (**CM**)
 - Forest Schools Area – work party required for refelting roof. Brash clearance: Ian Moody to clarify (**IAH**)
 - Toilets – IAH has received an email from David Rennie (13th Mar) Valuation £23K. Will be advised for Third Sector Transfer. Timescale looks disappointing – will be towards end of year.
 - Sea Eagles have nested in West Ardhù – vacating previous site in Langamull which will now be available for felling. Means exclusion in WA but possible viewing options.
14. **Date of next Meeting.** after AGM

Development Report April 2015

1. **Timber Haul Road** – no issues
2. **Timber Harvesting West Ardhu** – harvesting is progressing well
3. **Forest Design Plan** – Tilhill have visited to Map the final retentions in Langamull.
4. **Boundary Fenceline** – Completed
5. **Other Boundary Fenceline** – Completed I believe
6. **SRDP/Re-plant** – John Little and Steve Miller have informed us that the Forest Design plan will need to be updated to reflect the changes to the original felling and retention plans. Proposal still not received.
7. **Island Woodfuels**
 - a. A&BC have now agreed that planning permission is not needed for the woodfuel shed, consequently a letter of prior notification was lodged 2 weeks ago and given that the local planning officer supported the pre application it is reasonable to assume that no objections will be advised within the 28 day notice period
 - b. Revised quote and a second quote have been received now working to obtain Full design certification for Building Regulations.
 - c. We are still awaiting details of the design cost for the floor slab and the drying floor but specification of the drying area has been compiled.
 - d. Latest chipping proceeded as planned.
 - e. Delivery and resilience – costing on this proceeding.
8. **Forest Crofts** – John Little will include a proposal for an information talk as part of his proposal for SRDP above. A crofter has indicated that he wishes to erect a house on his croft as an improvement. This means the company could be liable to pay for the increased value of the croft should he relinquish the croft. IAH will contact the crofter to obtain details.
9. **Micro Generation – Hydro West Ardhu** – We have submitted a planning application for the access from the B8073 as a discrete application whilst we attempt to agree costs for the balance of the Micro Hydro.
10. **Housing Plots for sale** – Planning permission in principle for the two plots in West Ardhu has been granted. Still awaiting feedback from WOSAS for the Langamull plots, IAH to progress. Meetings underway with estate agents to allow sales to be progressed.
11. **Woodland Burials**

The soil survey has returned and is broadly supportive of our plans. The area needs to be shifted 25m to the south and west to make best use of available soil. All soil needs to be kept on site during de-stumping and road building. SEPA – have forwarded their standards and agree that we will not conflict. Assistance needed with mapping.
12. **Rural Housing Scotland - Our Island Home** –
 - a. CM and IAH met with WHHA 2 weeks ago. WHHA are working towards a feasibility study including a ground condition survey for 5 affordable rental houses to be provided on 5 serviced plots provided by us on the PDA the houses would be subject to a local letting protocol approved by NWMCWC which would ensure that allocation of the houses was restricted to local people. If the feasibility study stacks up the houses would remain the property of WHHA. If the study is not acceptable to WHHA then the rights to it remain with us. Still awaiting info from WHHA
13. **RET and Motor homes** – Meeting with MICT and Alan Parker on the 7th April, MICT to pull together a position paper to agree with all stakeholders. Are we prepared to consider either direct or indirect provision of a service point (Potable Water and Chemical Waste Disposal) and say 4 pitches in our/crofters woodlands

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Finance Report to 31st Mar 2015

Current Balance

Petty : £45.45
Bank : Clydesdale: £19,661.58 Triodos: £20,049.35 Total: £39,756.38

Significant movements since last report (Nov and Dec)

Debits

1. HMRC – VAT repayment	£5,326.58
2. Rural Development	£336.00

Credits

1. Croft Rents	£251.40
2. Highland Game	£254.05
3. DTAS – Dev man cost recovery	£8,874.00
4. Tillhill – first harvesting income payment	£19,242.09

Upcoming Significant Movements

(excluding regular cost/credits)

1. Credit – Tillhill harvesting payment	£57,312.38
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Haul Route

In the coming months, there will be one further bill related to Servitude final payment to be paid to FCS (£15,000).

Trading Company

Current Balance:	£12,472.99
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Significant Movements:

Sales credits :	£7,904.40
Operational debits :	£1,100.44
Charity Management Fees debit:	£3,264.00

Andy Mayo