



**Minutes of
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm
On Thursday 11th June 2009**

1. **Present:** Adam Dawson, Ann Evans, John Morrison, Chris Baker, Colin Morrison, Tony Proud, Andy Mortley
2. **In Attendance:** Ian Hepburn (Development Manager), Michelle Cowe (Administrator)
3. **Apologies:** Matthew Reade, Tom Addy, Aly Taylor, Calum Duffy
4. **Minutes of 7th May 2009, approved.**
5. **Matters arising:**
 - Proposed 100 Club Argyll & Bute Lotteries & Amusement Dept need to be notified **Action: MC** Email members and see what interest there is. Draws would take place quarterly with 50% of each draw being paid out in prizes. Payment will be by SO or DD only.
 - New Road accesses for Forest Road: Contact has been made with Mr Heron. It has been confirmed that new road accesses will require planning permission.
 - Woodmizer: MR has arranged a meeting with IH for 12th June at 10am to discuss woodmizer. IH & AD met to discuss figures.
 - Forest Schools Building: Heather Waller was asked if she would like wooden plaques for the children to decorate to mark the new path. School has invited the directors to join them for their end of term celebration in the woods. "Dear Michelle - NWMCWT
Dervaig and Ulva are holding a celebration in West Ardhu woods at 1.30 till 3.00pm on Wednesday 24th June. There will be a barbeque, poetry, music and lots of activities. We wondered if you would like to come along. Yours sincerely, Erin. Dervaig School "
 - Argyll & Bute Forestry Strategy Day: IH attended and pointed out the issues with regards to transportation.
 - Waterwatch Meeting: Attended by AP. The following improvements/ repairs will be carried out: Deer fencing, new reeds planted & the leak repaired.
 - Langamull Gate: Needs repairing/ replacing. **Action: CM**, discuss with Neil Caskie as he may have a spare stock gate. The gates are used by 3 others so therefore should be replaced/ repaired with contributions from all parties.
6. **Declaration of Items Not on the Agenda:** Hide Sites by Andy Mortley, Glen Road Closures, MICT Containers
7. **Finance Report as attached.** Hall rental has just been paid £520.00.
8. **Development Managers Report: VAT Registration:**

The most sensible date to be running VAT is the 1st August 2009. This will be the 1st day of our next tax year. IH recommends that we purchase SAGE software. There will be 2 users of the SAGE package to protect the user and the





company. This will cost from around £1500- £1850 depending on what supplier is used. Training is available via Argyll College as a course or by distance, or it is available online via the suppliers at a cost of £95.00. The board agreed unanimously that SAGE should be purchased in time to have it 'live' by end of August 2009. All directors that are self employed are required to complete a declaration in order to complete the VAT Registration process. **Action: ALL,** return to IH asap.

9. **CLU Visit/ Milestones/ Business Plan Meeting 7th July:** IH's responses Claire's questions to be distributed to the board in advance of this date. Familiarisation of the Business Plan in advance would be useful (on NWMCWC website) MC will send out a reminder nearer the time.
10. **Woodland Deer Management:** IH & JM attended the Knoydart Forest Trust's Woodland Deer Management Course 30th & 31st May. This course was funded by CWA/ CLU. The course detailed the importance of deer management relating to monitoring, regeneration and re planting. Responsibilities as landowners and implementation of a deer management policy in advance of any re planting. <http://www.dcs.gov.uk> is the Deer Commission for Scotland website.
11. **Bird Hides:** AM presented 3 possible sites to the meeting with photos and pointed out pros and cons for each. 1) Below Glen Houses 2) Dunan Neil 3) Nearby Sub Station

Sites were considered by species, parking, site in comparison to dwellings, location. Dunan Neil is still considered the most favourable. Mull Bird Club is still keen to get involved. Next Steps: Consider planning, Roads Department

Action: IH & AM (Planning department & Funding Applications)

12. Fundraising:

Top of The Pops Disco, 60's, 70's & 80's Music: Saturday 4th July 8pm – 12.30am. **Action: MC** apply for license.

Gala Day: Toddler's decided that a Gala Day was too much for them to organise so they will help with the Summer Ceilidh instead. No involvement now required by NWMCWC with this item.

Woodland Mackerel: **Action: CM,** for sale at markets and to local business.

Surplus Plant Sales: AD suggested that anyone with surplus plants could sell them on behalf of NWMCWC. **Action: MC** ask Julia Reade if she would be willing to have a small table and honesty box at The Carhouse.

Dance @ Dervaig Village Hall: **Action: CM**

Auction: An auction of quality items could be organised instead of a raffle. Perhaps in advance of the planned Dance? Alastair Satchel would be asked to be the auctioneer. **Action: ALL** provide quality items suitable for auction.

Members to be asked to donate items/ services **Action: MC**

13. **MICT Storage containers:** MICT have 4 shipping containers that require to be relocated. This could be an opportunity to create a small income stream in partnership with MICT. The siting of containers would need to be carefully decided to incorporate the timber route and other future activities.





14. **Sub Committees:** CM has asked that Sub Committees is a regular/ standard agenda item monthly. Each subcommittee will be expected to report on their activities at board meetings. If nothing to report that should be stated and minuted.
15. **Housing:** 1) Letter and questionnaire ready for distribution to update current housing need. 2) Rural Homes For Rent, a decision is expected by the end of June.
16. **Glen Road Closure:** CM declared his interest in this agenda item. Argyll & Bute will be closing C46 29th June – end of September 2009 from 0930 – 1630, with an hour at lunchtime and some flexibility. This work is part of the road strengthening for timber haul route. This will affect tourism related businesses during this period. Representation should be made by individuals and by the company **Action: CM** According to SSTTS documentation it states that Argyll & Bute will carry out these works October 2009 – March 2010.
17. **Correspondence:** Clydesdale Bank confirming that there will be no service charges as previously agreed. CWA membership renewal £30.00. LMO (land managers options) acknowledgement. DTA AGM invite. Big Lottery, changes in monitoring the grant, this relates to the purchase. BT, slightly cheaper telephone package.
18. **Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th July at 7.45pm in Dervaig Church Hall.**

Michelle Cowe

Administrator 16th June 2009

