

**Minutes of
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm
On Thursday 9th July 2009**

1. **Present:** Ann Evans, John Morrison, Chris Baker, Colin Morrison, Tony Proud, Andy Mortley, Matthew Reade, Aly Taylor.
2. **In Attendance:** Ian Hepburn (Development Manager), Michelle Cowe (Administrator)
3. **Apologies:** Tom Addy, Calum Duffy, Adam Dawson
4. **Minutes of 11th June 2009, approved.**

5. **Matters arising:** Argyll & Bute Lotteries & Amusement Dept need to be notified Action: MC
Langamull Gate, CM has spoken to Neil Caskie and will follow up again.

Planning Department re: Bird Hides, the new planning officer has suggested that the West Ardhu site would not be considered but will look at the sites at Dunan Neil & at Glen Houses.

Fundraising Auction: awaiting dates that Alasdair Satchel may be available.

MICT Storage Containers: nowhere available at present but they are to be asked to keep in touch.

6. **Declaration of items not on the agenda:** Calgary Wood Week, Director Application
7. **Finance Report, as attached.** Gift Aid tax has been claimed for period August 2008 – end April 2009.
£1224. 11 has been paid into the account this week. Up and coming costs include survey costs and planning applications.

Top of the Pops Disco made £390.00 profit. A thank you note has been sent to Al & Ester and all the helpers.

Claire Hannah has left an OSCR case study reinforcing the fact that trustees are accountable. JM ensures that the accounts are all cross referenced and properly recorded. If anyone wishes to check please ask.

8. **Development Manager's Report: As attached.**
 - 1) **Servitude, C46- Glenaros, Colum Scott's land.** Needs to be negotiated.
 - 2) **The use of FCS's haul route will have a value of around £500.**
 - 3) **Torloisk- FCS- NWMCWC: personal agreement V's a formal servitude needs to be considered.**

SAGE Software needs to be purchased. IH has negotiated with SAGE directly and they can offer a 12 month interest free plan including full support. For future years support is at a cost of £500 per annum or 'Pay as you go'. This can be purchased using GCA/ HIE funds as long as the budget will allow. Action: MC The board agreed unanimously to the purchase of the software.

9. **Subcommittee's Reports:**

1) Housing: Rural Homes For Rent, no response from Scottish Govt. A letter of complaint will be sent once the response has been received detailing the unreasonable waiting times/ deadlines imposed.

Plot Sales: Sandy Hendry of Mac Phee's visited on 8th July to look at the 2 proposed sites on Kengharair track. Boundaries here need to be clearly defined. All sales of land will be ring fenced. The proposed identified sites are as follows: 2 Kengharair, 1 Penmore, 2 Langamull (Southern block) 2 near Mornish (either side of the road)

CB raised the point that his water supply to his house may be affected by the proposed sites and therefore suggested that those living in the nearby vicinity to the sites should be consulted as soon as possible. Action: JM meet CB on 10th July to confirm location of sites in relation to water supply.

All sites chosen were not visible from any existing dwellings.

10. GCA/ HIE/ CLU Visit: Claire Hannah and Marine Munro visited on Tuesday 7th July. Minutes of her meetings with IH & MC and with the board will be available soon.

The main item on the agenda was the Business Plan and the need for updating and prioritising the objectives. A date for a Business Plan Review meeting needs to be identified.

This could be made easier by clarifying the structure and remit of the subcommittees and by using the template minute documents. Action: ALL Subcommittees nominate themselves a Chairperson. Once all subcommittees are clearly identified and working the meeting for the business plan review should be held.

11. Wind turbines: An email was sent by CM requesting that Directors vote with regards to siting a 850 kw turbine in Langamull. All those in favour were to sign the following resolution if in favour:

Resolution:

That the Company supports the installation of an 850Kw Turbine within the Company's woodlands at Langamull and that the company should continue to investigate the installation of a turbine.

The work undertaken should include all actions (including obtaining funds) that are necessary to produce a firm proposition for the installation that can be presented to either the members of the company or the community as a whole, or both groups whichever is required to demonstrate community approval to the satisfaction of the potential funders.

A positive number of signed resolutions were received therefore NWMWCW will now commence investigating the possibility of having an 850kw turbine in Langamull. Community Energy Scotland (CES) has indicated that they would prefer that the whole community be balloted on this matter. As oppose to only the members of NWMWCW. An appropriate communication needs to be made to the community.

Action: CM to be done within the week.

Andy Mortley has resigned as a Director of NWMWCW as he is strongly opposed to the introduction of a wind turbine in Langamull Forest Action: MC submit 'Director Termination' notification to Companies House.

12. Correspondence: Confirmation of approval of the Forest Design Plan. Donation of £40 from Sam Jones re: Wild Isles walk through Langamull Forest. A letter of thanks has been sent and a Gift Aid form. Tom Black from DTAS has been in contact again with regards to membership. To join as an associate member it will be an annual subscription of

13. **Calgary Wood Week 20 -24 July at Calgary Art In Nature and the Gallery in the Woods. 5 days of demonstrations, woodworking, wood turning, carving, willow weaving and kids activities. The new display boards will be there and Membership & gift aid forms and a donation box. Plants and trees for sale on behalf of NWMCWC. There is no need for the stall to be manned at all times but it may be good to have a director or 2 from time to time.**
14. **Sawn Timber: a price list should be available soon Action: MR**
15. **Director Application: Peter Pinnington has put himself forward as a potential Director in response to the advert on the Newsletter. JM very supportive and delighted that Peter has come forward. There was unanimous approval to co-opt Peter Pinnington. Peter can be co- opted onto the board now and stand for election at the next AGM. Invite Peter to the next meeting and prepare all the required paperwork for Companies House and ourselves. Action: JM telephone Peter in the morning.**
16. **Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 6th August at 7.45pm in Dervaig Church Hall**
17. **Meeting Closed at 9.50pm.**

Michelle Cowe

Administrator

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