

**Minutes of Board Meeting for  
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd  
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010**

**Present:** Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Catriona Duncan, Pete Pinnington, Ailsa Morgan, Chris Baker, Alex Duncan and Adam Dawson.

**In attendance:** Ian Hepburn (Development Manager), Belinda Hale (Administrator)

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting.
2. There were **apologies** from Ann Evans (Company Secretary)
3. The **minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** IAH has agreed with Claire Hannah (HIE) that we will continue to claim our grant monthly for the time being.

It was agreed that the queries about the fine detail of the **Forest Croft Policy** would be decided nearer to the time the crofts are allocated and signed for.

CB had attended the training day about **Protection of Vulnerable Adults**. It is quite complicated so he is going to prepare a simplified report to circulate to all the Directors. **Action CB**

CM has approached two local people about becoming **Directors**. Both were unable to commit at the moment so he will approach other suggested candidates. **Action CM**

JM has put up a warning notice near the **fire pit**. The head teachers of the schools were asked if a stone surround would be better but they were concerned about safety issues so JM and Basil Barton are to renew the log surround. **Action JM**. AD will find the Forestry Commission Policy on fires. **Action AD**

5. Several items were **declared** that were not already on the **Agenda**: Fire beating equipment, Fundraising and resignation of Director.

6. JM had previously circulated the **Finance Report** and there were no queries.

7. IAH had previously circulated the **Development Manager's Report**. There was discussion about the Woodmizer which is currently costing more in repairs than income received. It is hoped that the new operator will generate more business and AD suggested a marketing exercise to local builders and architects. It was suggested that PP take over from IAH as Jamie's line manager and the Board unanimously agreed this. The Trading Company is to pay the cost of repairs and training.

8. There were **no sub com reports** but JM mentioned that there is an obligation to supply David Winfield with firewood as part of his servitude agreement. **Action JM** to check whether any is needed.

9. **Policy for Published Minutes**. A draft had been previously circulated. It was agreed that a few amendments are required. **Action IAH** to amend and circulate to Directors.

10. **EGM**. Johnny Bell is still awaiting clarification from the Scottish Government about certain parts of the proposed new Articles of Association. It is necessary for the Directors to pass a

resolution at a specially convened meeting, after which an EGM can be called to put the issue to members. A provisional date of 8<sup>th</sup> September was set for the Board Meeting.

**11.** A fact finding visit to our woodlands is planned by the **Glendaruel Development Trust** on 4<sup>th</sup> September followed by IAH attending a public information meeting at Glendaruel. It was agreed that IAH should request that they cover his expenses and make a donation. They may be able to get funding for their information gathering. Volunteers are required for provision of refreshments and to assist IAH at the presentation.

**12. Correspondence.** Cat.D agreed to attend the Reforesting Scotland AGM and took all the paperwork.

It was agreed to take up membership of the new organisation Community Land Scotland at £50.00pa. CM agreed to be nominated as a Director if the meetings are not too frequent. Otherwise IAH will be nominated. **Action BH** to make enquiries and subscribe.

**13. Any Other Competent Business.** CB noted that there is no fire beating equipment in our forests. **Action JM** to ask MR to make some. **Action AD** to find out where Forestry Commission get theirs.

JM reminded everyone that action is required to move our **Fundraising** forward. The Grand Draw has a target of selling at least 1000 tickets and Cat.D is already canvassing for prizes. **Action Cat.D** to design and order tickets. Andy Mortley and MR are to be asked to organise a Race Night. **Action Cat.D**. It was agreed that advertising for Christmas Trees needs to be arranged in good time and that facilities for a delivery to the Ross should be planned and publicised. **Action JM/BH**. It was suggested that the price should be increased to at least £3.00 per foot and that only lodge pole pine trees are offered. An email request for volunteers to cut, drag and bag will be circulated nearer the time. **Action JM/BH**.

Adam Dawson offered his **resignation** as a co-opted **Director** as he is moving away. CM thanked him for his valuable contribution to the Board and AD agreed to be available in an advisory capacity until he leaves the island.

**14.** The **next Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm