

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th September 2010**

Present: John Morrison, Ailsa Morgan, Pete Pinnington, Chris Baker, Alex Duncan and Ann Evans (Company Secretary).

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

1. In the absence of the Chairman John Morrison agreed to chair the Meeting and **welcomed** everyone.

2. **Apologies:** Colin Morrison (Chairman).

3. The **Minutes** of the Meeting held on Monday 23rd August 2010 were signed by John Morrison as a true record of the proceedings.

4. **Matters Arising.** CB is continuing to prepare the simplified report about the Protection of Vulnerable Adults and will circulate it to the Directors as soon as it is ready. **Action CB.**

Adam Dawson has not yet come back about the Forestry Commission policy on fires. **Action BH** to chase up.

JM and PP have agreed to repair David Winfield's shed floor with off cuts prior to providing firewood as per servitude agreement. **Action JM and PP.**

A donation of £250 and a letter of thanks have been received from Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust. After IAH's expenses have been reimbursed there will still be a substantial sum for the Charity Account. The Company has also created a lot of goodwill and raised its profile.

5. Two items were **declared** by JM that were not on the **Agenda:** Firework Night and Rough Shooting.

6. JM had previously circulated his **Finance Report** and had nothing to add.

7. **Development Manager's Report.** This had been previously circulated. The costs for bridges on the Haul Route are likely to increase. These may be covered by timber sales if prices remain good. IAH and Tilhill are to prepare a revised budget and try to negotiate an increase from SSTTS.

IAH has arranged a meeting with Napier University about the use of Sitka for building. The meeting which will also be attended by FCS is aimed at developing the use of air dried Sitka in construction.

Community Energy Scotland have confirmed that they are happy for an order to be placed for the feasibility consultation for the Micro Hydro Project.

Glengorm have registered a site for burials in their grounds. This should not affect our Woodland Burials Project.

8. There were no **Sub Committee Reports.**

9. Not all Directors have responded to the revised **Policy for Published Minutes**. **Action BH** to chase with a time limit of two weeks so they can be formally adopted at the next Meeting.

10. At a specially convened Board Meeting on 22nd September 2010, the Directors agreed to call an **EGM** on Friday 15th October to allow the Members to vote on the Revised Articles of Association. Notices have been sent to all Full Members and PP is to put the Revised Articles on our website tomorrow morning. A member who requested details prior to this has been emailed a copy. There has also been a request for a proxy form. **Action IAH/BH**. 10% of Full Members will need to be present for the EGM to be quorate.

11. **Fundraising**. Cat.D was not present at the Meeting so **Action BH** to contact and find out how arrangements for the Grand Draw and Race Night are progressing. The Directors agreed that the Christmas Trees should be advertised in November and December issues of Round and About. Janna has confirmed that our normal discounts will apply. **Action BH**. JM is to carry out an advance recce for suitable trees.

12. The Community Woodlands Association Conference is on 23/24 October. **Action BH** to circulate to Directors for a volunteer to go.

13. **Any Other Competent Business**. JM will be away for **Firework Night** this year. CM has offered to help but a couple more volunteers are required to organise the event. Last year a loss was made but there is still £150 ring-fenced and the event raises our profile in the community. **Action JM** to send BH information to circulate and request volunteers.

Rough Shooting. There was an in depth discussion but as the Meeting was barely quorate it was decided to put the issue on the Agenda for the next Meeting. **Action BH**.

14. The **next Meeting** will be held on Monday 18th October 2010 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.