

**Minutes of
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm
On Monday 26th October 2009**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Peter Pinnington, Matthew Reade, Ailsa Morgan, Adam Dawson.

In Attendance: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager),

1. Welcome

2. Apologies: Tony Proud, Tom Addy, Calum Duffy, Chris Baker

3. Minutes of 17th September 2009, approved as true record.

4. Matters arising:

Second round of Rural Homes for Rent consideration of projects for funding coming up. IH has received feedback on 1st application, above ground build costs too high cited as a reason for rejection. As this does not affect the funding provided by Rural Housing Association IH will follow up & clarify.

Need to consider ongoing recruitment of directors.

Volunteer work parties have finished the fencing of the native trees and cut & split a good pile of firewood, thanks to all involved. Path surveys completed. **Action: PP, JM, & Aly Taylor** will arrange to take trees out at the Old Byre.

5. Declaration of Items Not on the Agenda: Wind turbine community consultation, Forest crofts, Review of business plan, Admin post, Fundraising

6. Finance Report: Appended at end of minutes

7. Development Manager's Report: Appended at end of minutes

1. Re route requires clarification of ownership of strip of land adjacent to river. **Action: IH** to clarify. There will be considerable cost implications as a result of the re-route that will be required

Action: IH to seek revised tenders for true comparison on same terms, to include bridges and all sections (removing separate set up costs). Seeking cost savings to offset re-route. The board delegated **JM & CM** to inspect revised tenders and award contract. Timetable presented, imperative to cross moorland during winter to avoid nesting birds.

2. Need to develop Forest Management Plan & Deer Management Plan from FDP. **Action: IH** to invite John Little to explain what we need to consider & do.
Possibility of sharing costs for Technical Forester with Tilhill funded through SRDP.
3. 3 jobs lined up for woodmiser. It needs to be sold more, **MR** is managing the situation and will keep it under review.

8. Sub Committees Reports and identification of Chairmen:

None received.

Paths: AM has contact re cycle path which could be self funding

9. Added Value Timber Proposal: Peter Pinnington

Opportunity to add value. Difficulties with employment or investment and disadvantaged by scale and distance to central belt market. Claire Hannah has offered consultancy to conduct research into added value timber products within CWA. **Action: IH to contact CH. AD & PP to develop ideas.**

10. Administrators post:

Re-assess permanence, requirements and hours of role to best suit the company and selected applicant. **Action: CM, JM & IH to meet to discuss.**

11. Correspondence:

CWA conference **CM & AD** to attend.

Renew confederation of forest industries subscription.

JM clarified with Oban Times that there is no unauthorised deer stalking within the community woodlands.

Oban Times coming to do a piece on Forest Schools also opportunity to announce Forest Crofts & availability of woodmiser.

12. Any other competent business

1. Wind Turbine Meeting: The community voted 131 against and 87 for. Therefore the proposal has been dropped.
2. Forest Crofts: **IH** ran through his presentation ahead of the meeting on 27th Oct
3. Business Plan Review: The success of the company will be measured by the CLU and others against the business plan. We need to make sure it works for us and fits its purpose. **Action: Subcommittees to meet to discuss their sections and check validity by mid November.**
4. Bonfire Night: Fireworks bought, trailer arranged, soup to be arranged
5. Fundraising: **MR** to run race night
6. Firewood: **IH** suggested distributing a bag of firewood to pensioners in community. All Agreed.

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd November @ 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall