

North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 15th April 2014

1. Colin Morrison chaired the Meeting and **welcomed** all those attending. He informed the Meeting that after the AGM there would be an opportunity for questions from the community.

Present: Members Frances Proud, Tony Proud, Joan Hepburn, Ian Hepburn, Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Jan Morrison, Tracy Mayo, Nicky Adcock, Louise Fuller, Alan Quinn, David Bankes, Nick Turnbull, Chris Baker, Belinda Hale, Mike Hale, Andy Mayo, Catherine Evans, Gregor Munro, Alasdair Satchel, Martin Eastwood, Ailsa Morgan, Colin Morgan, Iain Thomson (24).

Associate and Non Members Linda Patterson, D M Campbell, Mike Shilson, Cheryl Callow, Moira Owers, Lorna Patterson, Hugh Boa, William MacPhail, Iain Smith (9).

2. There were **apologies** from John Addy, Steve Maker, Bill and Suzanne Patterson, Ann Eastwood, Iain Morrison, Pat Morrison, Moray Finch and Cath Mayo.

3. The **Minutes** of the previous AGM held on 13th March 2013 were presented to the Meeting and **signed** by Colin Morrison as a true record of the proceedings. Proposer: Tony Proud, seconded: Mike Hale.

4. Colin Morrison gave his **Chairman's Report** covering many aspects of the year's activities including: Forest Crofts, Woodfuel and new Woodfuel Operator, timber transport and new Fishnish pier, affordable housing, and the progress of the Micro Hydro scheme. He also gave updates on access, especially the new path to Kildavie, scavenger licences, wind blow clearance and school parking. Special mention was made of David Winfield who died in 2013. Mr Winfield was a good friend to NWMCWC Ltd. Colin also thanked Ian Hepburn for all his hard work over the past 5 years. Ian has now retired and agreed to be elected to the Board. Everyone showed their appreciation with applause. Colin also announced that thanks to an Increasing Capacity grant from the Scottish Government, Ian's replacement will be a full time post and recruitment has begun. Colin also thanked John Morrison who retired as Treasurer last year.

5. Ian Hepburn gave his final **Development Manager's Report** with an illustrated presentation of the past year's events. As well as elaborating on several topics mentioned by Colin, Ian also gave a progress report on the harvesting and haul road and the renewal of our UKWAS accreditation. He explained that the Micro Hydro project had slowed down due to issues needing to be resolved with SEPA, but was now back on track to be sent for planning permission. Ian showed details of the prospective affordable housing scheme and described how the woodfuel operation has been increased.

6. **Election of Directors.** As required by the Articles of Association, one third of the Directors (2) stood down. They were Iain Thomson and John Addy. Both qualified for election for a second term. Iain Thomson was proposed by Belinda Hale and seconded by Andy Mayo. John Addy was proposed by John Morrison and seconded by Belinda Hale. One new nomination had been received; Ian Hepburn was proposed by Mike Hale and seconded by John Morrison. There being no objections, all three were duly elected to the Board making a total of seven elected Directors.

7. **Finance Report.** The Treasurer, Andy Mayo thanked John Morrison for his help while he settled into the position. Andy presented the Annual Accounts and Auditors Report for the year 2012 – 2013, and notified the Meeting that Clements have been re-appointed as Accountants and Auditors.

8. There was no other competent business.

9. The Annual General Meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Minutes taken by Belinda Hale

Community Questions

Questions from the community included a request for details about the replanting and refencing programme. Ian Hepburn gave details of the different sorts of planting and regeneration that will take place four years after felling. He also described the sorts of grant funding available for replanting and fencing.

Mr Campbell described his correspondence with NWMCWC Ltd concerning a damaged fence. All the issues he raised had been dealt with in a letter from NWMCWC Ltd the previous week.

An update was requested re the public toilets in Dervaig. Unfortunately Argyll and Bute Council has been very slow in responding to any of NWMCWC Ltd's suggestions and no progress has been made.

There being no further questions the Community Questions session was closed at 8.25pm.