

**Minutes of
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm
On Tuesday 13th January 2009.**

1. **Present:** Colin Morrison, Ann Evans, John Morrison, Tony Proud, Matthew Reade, Andy Mortley, Tom Addy, Aly Taylor, Adam Dawson
2. **In Attendance:** Michelle Cowe (Administrator), Ian Hepburn (Development Manager)
3. **Apologies:** Rob Strachan, Chris Baker, Calum Duffy
4. **Welcome:** CM welcomed Adam Dawson to his 1st board meeting as a co-opted director. Director documents were received and will be processed **Action: MC**
5. **Approval of minutes from 9th December 2008.**
6. **Finance Report: as attached.**
7. **Development Manager's Report:** as attached and in addition to:
Timber Haul Route: IH will meet with Paul Nichol of DM Mac Kinnon's in connection with Torloisk Estate. Argyll & Bute Council have been contacted to clarify what is needed for the formal planning application.
FDP: The draft plan will be available to NWMWCW next week. Rights of Access and water supplies require adding to overall plan, also investigations into the level of otter population in the River Bellart. This will be carried out by AM and IH.
WESCO: The board decided that this project should be put on hold until after the AGM.
Woodfuel: IH met with Sam & Rob Sedgwick at Crannich Farm. They would like to work with NWMWCW but not exclusively, they will continue to work with Iggesund.
Firewood: Market research needs to be carried out in collaboration with CD. A firewood Sub Committee was formed: JM, AD, AT, AE & CD. The board would like to receive ideas by next board meeting. MR would like to be kept informed. IH's support is available.
Wind Energy/ Cash flow: Should NWMWCW look into wind turbines at Langamull? Different location? Look into possible other Income Streams. AT has a contact that has details of a pioneering new design of turbines. **Action: AT** After AGM a meeting will be held looking at Medium Term Income Options. This date will be set at the next board meeting in February.
8. **Pathways & Access:** The subcommittee have met in December. CM is investigating a footpath from The old Byre to Druimnacraish. JM, footpath from Ardhu Burn to Hill Road summit. MR, cycle paths. MR has arranged a meeting with the Mull Cycle Club and has made contact with Alan Macintosh (who was involved in Wolf Trax Mountain Bike Track in the Highlands) CD, will brash a circuit route through Langamull.
9. **Fundraising:** Needs to be ongoing. The Race Night held in December raised £640.03 and Christmas Trees around £900. Another Race Night will be planned when there are some tourists around. Other ways of local fundraising need to be thought about.
10. **Thinning Training Course:** CWA and NWMWCW will host a training course weekend beginning 20th February 2009. The draft will be sent out tomorrow morning **Action: MC** Most members of the board are attending and IH leaving around 9 places for members of NWMWCW or CWA group members. MC will confirm with Jake Willis by Thursday 15th January all details.
11. **Renewable Energy Champion:** James Hilder emailed today to say that they have succeeded in securing funding for a part time Mull Renewables Champion for the next 2-3 years. In advance of this appointment James Hilder will be requested that they contact NWMWCW as soon as their employ commences **Action:MC**
12. **Volunteer Log:** All volunteer hours need to be recorded. This will help with funding applications and should be included with annual accounts/ report. A book will be held at the office. At each board meeting directors can add their volunteer hours or at any other time by email or telephone.
13. **Forestry Publications:** The board agreed to subscribe to Reforesting Scotland and Confor magazines. **Action:MC**
14. **Annual General Meeting:** Friday 6th March at 7.30pm Dervaig Village Hall. Notification to be posted well in advance of the AGM. Clarify who stood down last year although were available for re election. **Action:MC**
15. **Correspondence:** Invitation to FCS Conference being held 28th January 2009 at Napier University, "Carbon Benefits of Timber in Construction"
16. **Date & Time of Next Meeting: Friday 13th February 2009 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall**

Michelle Cowe
Administrator
14th January 2009

