

**Minutes of Board Meeting for  
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd  
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Present:** Colin Morrison (Chairman), John Morrison, Tom Addy, Ailsa Morgan, Peter Pinnington, Tony Proud.

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

1. CM opened the meeting and announced that Matthew Reade intends to step down as a Director at the AGM. He will remain as line manager for the Woodmizer, and on the AAR sub com and hopes to return as a Director some time in the future. CM to write and thank him for his contribution. **Action CM.**

2. No **apologies** had been received.

3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings.

**4. Matters Arising.**

**Cycle Paths.** AM has been put in touch with a consultant, IAM/AM will arrange a meeting about the project and a site visit to Glentress. **Action IAH/AM.** An additional meeting may need to be arranged re the possibility of outside funding. **Action IAH/AM**

**Firewood.** JM reported that most of the orders have been fulfilled. Due to pressure of work some older residents have yet to receive their free bags of logs.

**New Directors.** Catriona Duncan and Alex Duncan have been nominated and are prepared to stand.

**100 Club.** JM and BH have agreed a new schedule and tried to sell more numbers but the uptake is still quite disappointing. They now have to work out the scale of prizes before the draw on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010. **Action JM, BH.**

**Carbon Offset.** IAH has made some useful contacts and thinks it may be especially suited to the crofts.

5. Four items were **declared** to be discussed under Any Other Business (see below).

6. JM gave his **Finance Report** which had been previously circulated to the Directors. He suggested that it was time to get the accounts onto Sage. IAH undertook to migrate the data by the date of the next Board Meeting. **Action IAH, BH** and JM if required.

7. **Development Manager's Report.** There are still a few remaining problems concerning the Haul Route but IAH is hopeful that work will be commencing very soon.

8. **Community Communication.** There has been some community feedback that NWMCWC does not disseminate enough information. It was agreed that the AGM and next Newsletter could be used to open a dialogue with people. An Open Day with story boards about the Haul Route, Forest Management, Crofts and Housing etc was also suggested. Directors would be present to discuss things informally. It was also suggested that part of the regular Board Meetings could be open to members, or that members be invited to make a presentation such as the one by Dr. Patterson.

9. There were no **Sub com Reports** but JM suggested that at the first meeting after the AGM the Directors should look at who is on what sub com and make any adjustments.

10. **Plan for AGM.** CM will give a brief introduction. IAH previewed his presentation and it was agreed that it should be put on the website after the AGM with a link from an email to members. There is to be a list of members and a copy of the Articles of Association at the meeting. **Action BH.** AM and BH to sign in members at the door. **Action JM** to organise refreshments and display two complete sets of accounts. AM raised a question about the agenda being posted a day or so later than the notice but the Articles state that business is still valid. **Action IAH** to check retiral status of elected Directors.

11. There was no **Correspondence** that had not been discussed.

12. **Any Other Competent Business.** The future role of the **Company Secretary** will be clarified at the first Board Meeting after the AGM.

CM had been to a meeting about the development of **Aros Park**. They have plans for allotments which is something NWMCWC may want to reconsider in the future.

IAH had circulated the **Revised Business Plan**. The Board agreed to adopt it, proposed CM, seconded AM. The revised Business Plan is to be added to the website **Action BH**.

**Added Value.** PP needs some wood via JM for prototypes for trading company.

All members were asked to think about suggestions for Wildlife Week and Fundraising for the next meeting.

13. The **next meeting** will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 pm in Dervaig Church Hall. **Action BH** to invite Claire Hannah.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.