

**Minutes of Board Meeting for  
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd  
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7:30 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010**

**Present:** Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Pete Pinnington, Chris Baker, Catriona Duncan and Ann Evans (Company Secretary)

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

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting
  2. There were **apologies** from Ailsa Morgan and Adam Dawson.
  3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
  4. **Matters Arising.** A stall has been booked at Salen show with space for a Woodmizer demonstration. IAH has registered an interest with the firm who may help us use our own Sitka for the housing project. The management agreement to allow Val Thomas access to land adjoining her house is being prepared by our lawyer. CM has spoken to Ellie Halbert re her Forest Croft application, and she is considering what she wants to do.
  5. Two items were **declared** that were not already on the Agenda. i. Path Surveys. ii. Summary Minutes.
  6. JM presented his **Finance Report** which had previously been circulated to the Directors.
  7. IAH presented the **Development Manager's Report** which had previously been circulated. Following his meeting about the **Forest Crofts** IAH would like a meeting of the Subcom in the next couple of weeks with a meeting for potential crofters to follow shortly after.
- Bird Hide.** IAH requested a formal decision about how to proceed in view of the short lease now in place on the agreed site. It was unanimously agreed that he should explore the possibility of a sectional, temporary hide with minimal planning costs which PP could build. Dave Sexton to be approached for advice. **Action IAH.**
- UKWAS.** The initial analysis has shown that some amendments will be necessary to the Forest Design Plan. IAH suggested that these be combined with the changes for the Forest Crofts and all done in one go with some assistance from John Little. We also need a health and safety policy. IAH had prepared a draft which was given approval by the Board. JM and PP are happy to get involved in the UKWAS process. We will need to purchase some mapping software at some point. **Action IAH.**
8. **Sub Committee Reports. Firewood.** PP and JM are exploring the possibility of bringing a machine from the mainland to help get a good stock of firewood ready. JM to email existing customers to let them know stocks are good. **Action JM.**
- Cycle Paths.** Bids for funding for the feasibility study are progressing. There is a sub comm meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July.
9. **Fundraising.** Although poorly attended the Midsummer Disco raised around £400.00. Other fundraising suggestions included a Race Night and a Grand Raffle with £1.00 per ticket and big prizes.

JM said that if we are to sell Christmas trees this year he and PP will need more help. We will need to advertise in good time, make early arrangements for a delivery to the Ross, and increase the price.

The Board agreed to make a £100.00 donation to the Village Hall in appreciation of the free use they so generously offer us.

The extra numbers available for next year in the 100 Club need to be marketed soon so the paperwork can be complete for November.

**10. Directors.** As Tony Proud was the nominee of the Community Council they need to be offered the opportunity to replace him. **Action IAH.** Next year CB, CM and JM are due to retire and cannot stand for re-election for at least one year. They can be co-opted by the elected Board. Matthew Reade has indicated that he would be prepared to return as a co-opted Director with a view to being elected at the next AGM. AM is considering transferring her electoral registration to the Island so may be available for election also. The Board were asked to give serious consideration to finding people suitable to become Directors. **Action all Directors.**

**11.** There was no **Correspondence** to discuss.

**12. Any Other Business.** The Board currently edit the **Minutes** prior to publication on our website and notice board to ensure the confidentiality of third parties. Occasionally business information is held back if its release could have adverse commercial implications. It was decided that in the interests of openness and clarity a Policy on this should be drawn up to enable certain items to be released as Addenda to the Minutes at a later date. **Action IAH/BH** to put together a resolution for the next Board Meeting.

**Path Surveys** are required at West Ardhu and Langamull. JM volunteered to carry out the former and CM the latter. **Action JM/CM.**

**13.** The **next Meeting** will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30pm.