

**Minutes of  
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED  
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm  
On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

- 1. Present: John Morrison, Colin Morrison, Tony Proud, Matthew Reade, Adam Dawson, Peter Pinnington**
- 2. In Attendance: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager),  
Michelle Cowe (Administrator)**
- 3. Apologies: Tom Addy, Calum Duffy**
- 4. Welcome to Peter Pinnington to his 1<sup>st</sup> meeting as a Director of NWMCWC**
- 5. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009, approved.**
- 6. Matters arising:**

**Dunan Neil: parking requirements for the Bird Hide.**

**SAGE: Has been purchased and will be paid for by Direct Debit monthly.**

**Kengharair: The proposed open market housing sites land needs clarification with regards to adjoining properties.**

**Paths & Access: The cut wooden discs are ready now for the school children.**

**Resolution: Typographical Error: There was a small but significant typo in the Resolution signed by the Directors. This has now been amended from 850 Mw to 850 Kw.**

**Woodfuel / Firewood: JM & CD met recently to discuss the recent issue and the future firewood.**

**DTAS: we are now associate members at a cost of £30.00 annually.**

**Calgary Wood Week: Very successful. £20 was received from Harry Mortley & Charlie Reade's Skittle game.**

**Sawn Timber: A competitive price list will be created.**

- 7. Finance Report: As per the attached report and in addition to:**

**15% vat will be charged on all Trading Company outputs, timber etc. Firewood will be charged with 5% vat**

**Trading Company activity will need to be reported on at each board meeting.**

## **8. Development Manager's Report:**

Feedback Received from Rural Homes for Rent: Telephone call with Janet Crook at Housing and Regeneration Directorate.

Overall the impression was that any future application would be viewed favourably but that the application would still need to be supported by a proven housing need evidenced by the A&BC housing list. It is clear therefore that we need to persuade everyone that may be in housing need to register as soon as possible.

IH proposes that the whole structure of the project is re examined. Looking at external funding and provision of houses to sell.

IH met with Tim Capper, Community Powerdown Officer. He is offering free surveys for wind power and micro hydro. This could lead to a partnership with MICT or site rental based on output of any scheme if it were to go ahead, there would be conditions attached if we were to decide not to go ahead with the scheme or to go ahead without MICT. Board unanimous that IH sets Tim Capper to work on this task.

Wind Energy: Full review of the Atmos report has been requested at a cost of £750. This will incorporate the proposed house sites and forest croft. Wire frame diagrams showing the views from the view point above Dervaig and also from the Village hall have been requested.

Rural Development: An individual has made a request to lease some land for the development of a small business. Activities would need to be identified in any lease/ rental agreement. Rental could be per annum or by a premium up front? In principal the board are happy for this to be investigated.

Sawmill Project: MR will organise a site visit in advance of John's departure.

## **9. Sub Committees Reports and identification of Chairmen:**

Housing: CM & JM (Chairman: JM)

Forest Crofts: CM, Aly Taylor, and Alec Duncan (Chairman: CM)

Woodfuel: JM, AD, PP (Chairman JM)

Forest Management: MR, AD, PP (Chairman MR)

Paths & Access:

## **10. Correspondence: Invitations to: C20 Conference & Reforesting Scotland Annual Conference.**

An official letter of resignation was received from Ann Evans. Ann is happy to remain as Company Secretary and signatory on the bank account. Ann will also remain in subcommittees and fundraising. Aly Taylor has resigned as a Director.

OSCR has sent there automated reminder that the return will be due to be submitted in 9 months.

**11. Additional Co option of Directors: Would like to see a few more Directors.**

Draft letter to members inviting new directors and informing them of the current Directors etc.

Andy Mortley will remain involved in environmental projects/ bird hides. Ann Evans will remain involved as detailed above.

**12. Scribe Log Building Course: AD attended the recent course on Knoydart.**

MC will look into funding for hosting a course here with CWA / CLU and discuss with Alan Mac Intosh.

**13. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.45pm in Dervaig Church Hall**

Michelle Cowe

Administrator NWMCWC 19 August 2009