

**Minutes of
NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LIMITED
Meeting Held Dervaig Church Hall at 7.45pm
On Thursday 17th September 2009**

1. **Present:** John Morrison, Colin Morrison, Tony Proud, Matthew Reade, Ailsa Morgan
2. **In Attendance:** Ian Hepburn (Development Manager), Michelle Cowe (Administrator)
3. **Apologies:** Tom Addy, Calum Duffy, Adam Dawson, Peter Pinnington, Chris Baker
4. Welcome to Ailsa Morgan
5. Minutes of 6th August 2009, approved.
6. **Matters arising:** Competitive Wood Prices, **Action: MR & AD**
7. **Suggested New Directors:** Names of 2 potential new directors were suggested, agreed that they should be approached.
8. **Declaration of Items Not on the Agenda:** MICT/ POWERDOWN/ MICRO HYDRO GENERATION, WORK PARTIES, ADMINISTRATOR REPLACEMENT, WIND ENERGY PUBLIC MEETING – VOTING RIGHTS
9. **Directorship:** the board unanimously welcomed Ailsa Morgan to her 1st meeting as a Director of NWMCWC and to the Board.
10. **Finance Report:** as attached. CM requested that the Church be thanked for allowing us to use the space and at a reasonable rent.
11. **Development Manager's Report:** As attached and in addition: Micro Generation: IH met with Tim Capper on 17th September. Ardhu Burn was looked at. Potentially it could be a site worth developing. It would be 3-4 years before it could generate income. The Board agreed unanimously that MICT be requested to go ahead with the initial investigation with further negotiations on any partnership % offered. AP & IH will work together on this project.
12. **Sub Committee Reports:** Woodland Crofts: As attached and in addition: Maximum number of crofts will be 8 @ a maximum of 4 hectares. A presentation will be made by the end of October. This will be openly advertised and be held in Dervaig Church Hall (date to be confirmed) After the public meeting the crofters will then need to submit a formal Statement of Intent showing what is required, proposed land use, is a dwelling required. Help will be made available with the creation of a basic business plan and cash flow forecast. This will be required by end February 2010. Working to this time scale allocation could take place April 2010.

Housing: a 2nd Attempt at Rural Homes for Rent will be made.

No other subcommittee reports received this month.

13. Correspondence:

Companies House Act Update

Invitation to 10th Annual Community Woodland Conference

NWMCWC Trading Company Ltd bank statement

HIE Remittance Advice

RA Clements request for the book keeping records

Certificate of registration for value added tax for both NWMCWC & NWMCW Trading Company Ltd

HMRC CT60 Corporation Tax return for NWMCW Trading Company Ltd

14. Any Other Competent Business:

Member's letter. There has been an exchange of letters with a member relating to consultation on proposed land use – a reply to our latest letter is still awaited.

Work Parties: the following jobs require attention in the near future: 1) Fencing at the Native tree area 2) Cutting and splitting firewood 3) Langamull track, pot hole filling 4) Path survey of West Ardhu (JM) and Langamull (CM) 5) PP, JM, & Aly Taylor will arrange to take trees out at the Old Byre. Note to be sent to the membership for volunteering on 3rd & 4th October. Meet 10am at West Ardhu car park. **Action: MC**

NFU Insurance of Tracked Dumper. Maximum capacity 1 tonne, occasional use. Confirm cover required.

Action: MC

Wind Energy Voting Method/ Rights: Letter & Postal Vote: Letter and postal ballot will be sent to all on the electoral register. We expect this to be posted by 24th September. A definition of who can vote will be detailed. The board agreed unanimously that the electoral role is to be used to define the "community".

Atmos Report: to be posted on the website **Action: MC**

Eric Morgan who owns Mornish School House is to be sent the information leaflet (minus the ballot form) as he is the nearest neighbour to the proposed development **Action: CM** The ballot will be a confidential, postal vote. A neutral returning officer is to be appointed. **Action: CM**

The meeting will be held at 7.30pm in Dervaig Village Hall on Tuesday 6th October. Mark Beese who is based on Tiree may be on Mull that week and will be asked to attend the meeting, Mark is involved with Tiree Renewable Energy **Action: AM**

15. Business Plan Review: It was agreed in the summer with Claire Hannah of CLU that the business plan be reviewed and updated by the end of the year. By October board meeting all sub committees and individual directors should be looking at the current plan and updating and prioritising where necessary.

16. Administrator's Resignation: MC notice to quit employment. MC will work till 23rd October. MC has prepared documents in order for the post to be advertised. Advertising must take place openly as per GCA & HIE guidance.

17. Date & Time of Next Meeting Monday 26th October at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall

18. Close: 10pm

Michelle Cowe
Administrator, North West Mull Community Woodland Co Ltd