

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 18th October 2010**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Pete Pinnington, Alex Duncan, Ailsa Morgan, Catriona Duncan.

Also Present: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager) and Belinda Hale (Administrator).

1. CM **welcomed** everyone.

2. There were **apologies** from Matthew Reade

3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 28th September 2010 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Board Meeting held on 22nd September 2010 were also signed by CM.

4. **Matters Arising.** No information has been fed back about the Forestry Commission policy on fires. **Action BH** to contact Stuart Maidment and also ask him where FC gets the rubber squares for their beaters.

The EGM took place on Friday 15th October 2010 and the Members present voted unanimously to adopt the revised Articles of Association.

IAH had attended the Community Woodlands Association AGM.

5. No items declared

6. The **Finance Report** had been previously circulated by JM. He stressed that effective Fundraising is now crucial as money will be needed to help with the servitude payment to FC, and other one off payments and insurances are due soon.

7. **The Development Managers Report** had been previously circulated.

Micro Hydro. A formal offer of funding has been received from CES to fund the feasibility study by Mott MacDonald. They will cover all the costs as long as the study is completed and signed off by March 2011.

Sitka. IAH had a productive meeting with Napier University who have categorically stated that there are no issues about using sitka for building. Highlands already accept its use in building so with the backing of Napier it should be acceptable by A and B. IAH will continue to explore possibilities for using our own timber in our housing project.

8. There were no **sub comm. reports**.

9. The **Policy** on the disclosure of items in the Published Minutes was unanimously accepted by the Directors.

10. **Rough Shooting.** After much discussion it was agreed that this could be a potential source of income for the Company if restricted to specific areas. IAH will research the minimum legal requirements and some general guidance notes for discussion at the next Meeting. **Action IAH**

11. **Fundraising.** Cat.D has collected several prizes for the Prize Draw. It was agreed that it would be drawn at the Race Night on 10th December. Tickets will be £1.00 each with an aim to

Village Hall. **Action BH** for advertising in R and A and posters.

Bonfire Night. CM is happy to organise with help from A.I.D and other volunteers. **Action CM** to distribute collecting boxes for contributions. **Action CM** for posters and to approach Bellachroy for soup, and **Action IAH** to organise trailer for refreshments.

12. Correspondence. There was an offer from Social Enterprise for a logo. No action.

There was an invitation to the Development Trust Association EGM in London. No action.

CES have an election of Directors. No action.

There is to be a Seminar about ways to raise funds by putting on events. **Action BH** to contact Lesley Hastie to see if anyone from Mull is going who would be prepared to report back to us.

A letter has been received from Dave Thomas about his planned development. **Action IAH** to express our concerns about how it will fit into the site and the plans are for water supply and waste disposal.

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It had been suggested that the Directors and employed staff might have a Christmas celebration this year. As it has previously been held at the Bellachroy it was suggested that Am Birlinn might be a suitable venue. CM declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions. It was agreed to arrange a meal together on 3rd December with partners invited. Everyone who attends will settle their own bills and no costs will be incurred by the Company for this purely social event.

CM has attended the Community Land Scotland inaugural AGM. This will mainly be a lobbying group. There are some good people involved so it may be influential. IAH is a Director and will attend the first Board Meeting on the 25th of October.

14. The **next Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 16th November 2010 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.55pm.