

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th November 2010**

Present: Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Catriona Duncan, Pete Pinnington, Chris Baker, Alex Duncan, Matthew Reade, Ailsa Morgan and Ann Evans (Company Secretary).

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

1. CM **welcomed** everybody.
2. No **apologies** had been received.
3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 18th October 2010 were signed by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** Stuart Maidment has sent the Forestry Commission Policy on fires and details of how they make their beaters. **Action CM/MR** to make beaters.

The Village Hall has been booked for the 10th December for the Race Night and the Licence has been received.

5. Some **items were declared** that were not on the Agenda. Chainsaw Training, date for AGM, computer back-up, community panel.
6. The **Finance Report** had previously been circulated by JM. He highlighted the importance of fundraising as we have a lot of bills coming up. IAH hopes to take the year end accounts to Clements at the end of this week. The Fireworks Evening broke even leaving £150.00 in the ring fenced kitty for next year.
7. The **Development Manager's Report** had previously been circulated by IAH. He suggested that three of the **Forest Croft Plots** are mainly in retention areas and could thus be released sooner than the rest, subject to agreement by the Board and Tilhill. This would give reassurance to the other potential crofters and the community that the project is really going to happen and bring in some funds. **Action IAH.**

IAH gave a comprehensive update on the current costings for the Haul Route.

8. There were no **Sub Committee Reports.**
9. **Rough Shooting.** After discussion the Board agreed to approach two local land managers to ask if they were interested in Rough Shooting in Glen Bellart, and if so how they would propose to manage it. **Action IAH.**
10. **Fundraising.** The Prize Draw tickets have been received and were distributed to the Directors to sell. **Action JM** to make some available at the Producers Market on Sunday. It was also agreed to have a list for Christmas Tree orders at the same event. There has been a good initial response to the ad in R&A and email circular to last year's tree buyers.

MR is progressing well with the Race Night on 10th December. **Action BH** to send circular email about all up and coming fundraisers.

Action Cat.D to start arrangements for a Bingo or Beetle Drive Night in January or February.

when the Planning Application is put in for Dave Thomas's project as the whole community is the 'Neighbour'. CB declared an interest as an immediate neighbour. The board agreed that it was a good idea to advise members of the planning application. **Action IAH** to advise David Bankes of this decision.

Bill Patterson has sent a report about progress and future plans for Kildavie. It was noted that from next year they will not be able to spray the bracken with Alulox without a certificate.

12. Items not on Agenda. CM had received a Newsletter from a Kilfinnan Project with details of a community panel. It was agreed that NWMCWC could benefit from a group of Members who do not want to be Directors but would like to take part in some consultation processes. **Action BH** to put a short piece in next Newsletter inviting 8 – 10 people to apply.

Calum Duffy had asked if there are any Chainsaw courses coming up. **Action IAH** to discuss with CD and see if there is a demand from other local people.

After the very disruptive crash suffered on the Administration computer it was agreed that there should be an automatic weekly back up onto an external hard drive in addition to the existing safeguards. **Action IAH** to purchase hard drive and set up system.

The last AGM was in January 2010 but there is no necessity for it to be this early next year. It was agreed to have a target to approve the Annual Accounts at the January 2011 Board Meeting and to have an AGM in February. **Action BH** to put on next Agenda to set date.

13. The **next Meeting** will be held on Monday 13th December 2010 at 7.30 in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting **closed** at 9.35pm.