

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13th December 2010**

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

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

1. CM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting.
2. There were **apologies** from Calum Duffy.
3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 16th November 2010 were **signed** by CM as a true record of the proceedings.
4. **Matters Arising.** IAH has sourced material for the firebeaters and is expecting delivery soon. **Action MR** to make beaters when materials available.

IAH has drafted a letter about the **Rough Shooting** which has been agreed by JM. This will now be sent to two land managers. **Action IAH to send letters.**

IAH and BH have contacted a trainer re the **Chainsaw Course** and are making progress with organising a course.

5. There were no items to be added to the **Agenda**, but it was noted that the Board have sent a letter to the Education Authority expressing concern about the proposed school closures on Mull.

6. JM had previously circulated his **Finance Report**. The Race Night and Grand Draw were very successful and have raised c£1500.00 for the Charity Account. The Christmas Trees are also selling very well and profits are set to exceed last year. JM had picked up that the quarterly Big Lottery grant had not been paid. IAH has chased and it should be in our Bank by the end of the week.

7. IAH had previously circulated his **Development Manager's Report** (attached). He highlighted that the Micro Hydro project remains potentially viable and should be ready for a Planning Application by March 2011. JM pointed out the importance of pushing this project as a potential source of income to replace the Big Lottery funding. **Action IAH/JM** to apply for our grant to be extended to 4 or 5 years.

8. There were no **Sub Committee Reports**.

9. Although the Race Night and Grand Draw were very successful it is necessary to continue our **Fundraising** efforts. Cat.D is to organise another Bingo Night, possibly in February. JM/CM volunteered to be Callers again.

10. IAH had previously circulated the main points of issue concerning the **development** of tourist facilities at **Kengharair** on the site of Dervaig Motors. CB declared an interest at this point as his land directly adjoins the site under discussion. The letter sent in October outlining several concerns has not had any effect. It was agreed that although in principle it is not the Company's role to oppose development that may benefit the Community, it can only support proposals that are openly, legally and correctly put forward. It was agreed that IAH should clarify the legality of matters that may affect our boundary and water supply. **Action IAH**

11. The unconfirmed **date for the AGM** is Thursday 17th February 2011 in Dervaig Village Hall.
12. The only **correspondence** was an Annual Review from OSCR, and the confirmation in writing of a £1500.00 grant from the Scottish Community Projects Fund.
13. There was no **Other Business**.
14. The **next Board Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting **closed** at 8.35pm