

**North West Mull Community Woodland Company Limited**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Village Hall**

1. Colin Morrison chaired the Meeting and **welcomed** all those attending.

**Present:** Members; Mike Hale, Ian Hepburn Belinda Hale, John Morrison, Ailsa Morgan, Frank Dewhurst, Basil Barton, David Bankes, Ian Lowe, Andy Mayo, Phil Tiernan, Iain Thomson, Michelle Cowe, Iain Morrison, Frances Proud, John Austin, Catherine Evans, Jo Austin, Chris Baker, Graham Dale, Neil Hutton, Alasdair Slowik, James MacPhail, Tracy Mayo, Colin Morrison, Joan Hepburn, Jan Morrison, Steve Davies, Mary Barton, John Addy, Pat Morrison, Matthew Reade, Tony Proud, Ann Evans, Martin Eastwood, Ann Eastwood, Caroline Wood, Andrew Stevens, Nick Turnbull, Lynne Wilkie. (40)

Associate and Non Members; Andrew Womack, Diane Dewhurst, Betty Robertson, George Robertson, Lorna Boa. (5)

2. There were **apologies** from: Carlyne Charrington, Toby Whillock, Catriona Laurie, Avril Lowe and Tricia Evans.

3. The **Minutes** of the previous AGM of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were **signed** by Colin Morrison as a true record of the proceedings. Proposed Ian Lowe and Seconded Ann Evans. Graham Dale asked that the Draft Minutes of AGMs be put on our website straight away. As this is outwith normal business practice Colin Morrison said the decision must be made by the whole Board.

4. Colin Morrison gave his **Chairman's Report** about the preceding year. He thanked Ian Hepburn, Belinda Hale, the Directors and Volunteers for their hard work. Special thanks were given to Ann Evans who has retired as Company Secretary.

5. Ian Hepburn (Development Manager) gave an illustrated **Report** of what has been achieved over the past year and some plans for the future. Graham Dale asked if there would be further community consultation before the Affordable Housing Project is progressed. Ian Hepburn commented that the level of future consultation was for the Board to decide. Mr Dale also suggested that low income residents of the Project might find travel to Dervaig a problem. Martin Eastwood pointed out that most people on Mull run cars and that the site is on a bus route. Ann Evans added that the planning process will give everyone a chance to comment. It was noted that the plans are in the Office for anyone to have a look at.

6. **Election of Directors.** According to the Articles of Association  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Elected Directors must retire at each AGM. This is usually accounted for by Directors retiring at the end of a three year term, but this year no-one had served a full three years. This meant the two longest serving Directors, Catriona Laurie and Alex Duncan, retired but were eligible for immediate re-election. One further Elected Director, Ailsa Morgan, retired and stood for immediate re-election. There were three nominations for Directors, all of whom had been serving as co-opted Directors, Colin Morrison was proposed by Nick Turnbull, seconded by Eileen Turnbull; Andrew Mayo was proposed by Cath Mayo, seconded by Ian Hepburn and John Morrison was proposed by Frank Dewhurst, seconded by Basil Barton. As there were fewer nominations than places on the Board all nominees were elected without a poll.

7. John Morrison (Treasurer) gave a **Finance Report** and presented the **Annual Accounts** for 2010-2011. Clements have been reappointed as Accountants and Auditors for the Company. Mike Hale asked whether so many projects now coming on line means the Company's cash flow is better. It was explained that harvested timber will pay for the new road and replanting, fencing etc

but that the Micro Hydro Project will still be needed for regular overheads expenditure. The next rotation of harvested timber in 30 years time will bring in much more nett profit as the road will already have been paid for.

**8. Any Other Business.** Martin Eastwood asked when the results of the Five Year Review survey will be available. The initial results were to be presented by the Consultants after the AGM with the final, full Review being completed in a couple of months. Ian Hepburn explained the reasons why the Review was being carried out. Martin Eastwood added that he thinks communication by the Company is very good. Nick Turnbull thanked the Directors for giving up their time to run the Company and there was applause.

The AGM was closed at 8.30pm

Minutes taken by Belinda Hale (Administrator).