

**- Minutes of Board Meeting for  
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd  
Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 @ 7.00pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Colin Morrison (**CM**), Tricia Evans (**TE**), Pippa Gatty (**PG**) Wendy Reid (**WR**) Jean Lanteri Laura (**JLL**) Andrew Primrose (**AP**) Jo Prior (**JP**) Tracy Mayo (**TM**)

**Apologies:** Jo Prior (**JP**) Tracy Mayo (**TM**) James Cameron (**JC**)

**Also Present:** Helen Murray **HM** (minutes)

**CM** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Matters Arising –**

**2. Minutes** - from 14<sup>th</sup> December were approved & signed off.

**3. Finance.** **JC** sent a brief update re progress on the 2019/2020 accounts but had nothing else to add. He has provided an update for the AGM and will attend to answer any finance questions.

**4. Woodfuels**

New processor working via PTO – still to resolve electrical issues. All orders now up to date. The supplier has agreed to speak to our electrician and also foot the bill.

Re managing the business, **CM** has had an offer from an ex-director to come and do this on a voluntary basis. He has spoken to Matthew Reade (**MR**) – the other director of the Woodfuels company who fully supports it. **CM** has asked Board to consider the proposal so a decision can be made at the next BM. All Board agree in principle but more time required to discuss the proposal. Need to ensure whoever comes into manage is supported by **CM/MR** and that there is a documented list of tasks an out-comes we expect them to carry out. All agree to consider proposal and make a decision on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**5. Ulva**

**WR** circulated update report prior to meeting – no questions raised.

Mortgage application to the Ecology BS – as previously agreed we are applying for £274-£284k. Board confirmed approval to submit the formal application. Now need to agree on 4 signatories, 2 account Users and 2 Account Signatories. Board approve **CM** and **TE** as the authorised Users and **WR** & **HM** as the authorised Signatories. **WR** will arrange to get paperwork out as wet signatures required. **CM** is required to sign that this is the Boards decision on the application.

RHF Grant offer – **CM** has signed the grant acceptance with the Boards approval. He is also the authorised signatory for this grant along with **WR**.

Ulva House – interviewing 4 design team reps. Ideally need more Board members involved in future tenders. **JLL** happy to be involved.

Boathouse lease awarded, exact start date tbc as C19 situation dependant. Have asked if Board would approve a reduction in the 2021 rent given that they are unlikely to have a full season in 2021 – Board agree to this, **WR** to communicate back. J Bell has recommended we create a simple 3 year lease and include in it that the lease will continue past 3 years but full T & C are to be decided after 3 years. Board approve **WR** to carry on with lease negotiations. **WR** to send the Board members who were not on the panel the successful applicants application for information.

Applied for, and have been successful in the cattle crush grant, however the prices have skyrocketed so we need to get quotes and see if we want to continue as our outlay is likely to be more than the originally envisaged £2k.

Fencing contractors due this month and will stay in a C19 bubble at Bracadale.

Flag application – as there is mention of a breakwater it automatically triggers the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment, can take up to 14 weeks and will cost c£700.

**AP** left meeting - Church toilets – have received a grant but the work must be completed and claimed for by end of March, 2021. **AP** has offered to carry out the work, will supply a quote – is it acceptable to the Board that he is awarded the job? Board approve. **AP** re joined the meeting.

**WR & AP** applied to the Green Islands Recovery Fund and have been awarded £48k to purchase 2 electric bikes, an electric Quad and an electric UTV plus a charging point. Must purchase and claim by end March 2021. Awaiting formal notification – may want a statement of support from us – **AP** will provide.

## **6. Woodland replant**

**TE** has returned signed agreement and mandate to Sylvaculture. No one has yet come forward for the replant sub committee.

Stalker due on 12<sup>th</sup> to cull deer at Langamull – will put up notices, and crofters have been notified.

## **7. Correspondence** – none not covered elsewhere

## **8. AOB**

**AGM** – **HM** reminded all directors bar **JLL & PG** that they need to get completed nomination forms in by 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Climate Change/Environmental Policy** – we need one, **PG, JLL & AP** to work on one. **HM** to get samples via DTAS.

**Woodland Tribe/ OutdoorWoodlandLearning OWL** – **TE** is following up the Woodland tribe and also school is looking into more outdoor learning. No OWL branch on Mull yet.

**Plots at WA** – Still to be marked out – with **CM & PG** to arrange.

**Broken notice board at Langamull** – **CM** to inspect on 12/1.

**Insurance** – have more info from NFU, Board agree to getting quotes for 3<sup>rd</sup> party vehicle insurance for Ulva.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm – next meeting will follow the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 via Zoom