

**- Minutes of additional Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Monday 14th September @ 7.30pm via Zoom /Am birlin**

Present: Colin Morrison (**CM**), Tricia Evans (**TE**), Pippa Gatty (**PG**) Wendy Reid (**WR**) Jean Lanteri Laura (**JLL**)

Apologies: Rhuri Munro (**RM**)

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

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

T The minute's form 31st August were all read and approved by the Board.

1. Woodfuels

FDP – we only need to amend not rewrite. Can put aside new scoping work until replant done..

PG has spoken to Ronnie Neal re the plots and the potential buyers plans – possibly won't be able to do all they would like due to planning. They are visiting on 2/10 – **CM** to meet them.

Further discussion about funding replant – **TE** asked if some of the new loan money could go towards it – **WR** reiterated that this was not agreed and the money that's left after paying CARES etc. is working capital for the charity and not to be used for big projects.

We are all set up on the Benevity scheme but have no donations as yet – **CM** to speak to them in case there is something else we should be doing to promote it.

TE investigating new machinery – **JLL** to pick this up. Discussion about future delivery – do we get a bigger better lorry? **JLL** to seek advice and information from similar companies.

2. ULVA – WR circulated her report prior to the meeting.

Farm – there is a small fund available for portable cattle crush for Ulva to cover 60% of the cost. **RM** and our agri advisor advise we need one. Board questioned if we can justify the spend – is it desirable or essential? **CM** to seek advice from local farmers - need to decide and apply by 28/9.

Boathouse – sub com accepted the report and recommendation that we look for new tenants. Board approve **WR** to proceed with this. Expressions of interest will be sought, who will be sent an information pack and asked to submit a business proposal.

Ardalum – a detailed business plan has now been submitted. – **WR** circulated to Board prior to meeting – Board approved **WR** to move to discussing terms and a lease agreement. **JLL** concerned about the environmental impact of more tourism to Ulva – **WR** agrees this needs to be discussed relating to Ulva rather than the proposal to return Ardalum to a hostel. All agree we need an Environmental policy.

3 AOB

Andy Primrose has agreed to join the Board as a Co-opted director – board all approved. He does have a declared interest in Ardalum.

CM sought approval to continue to support MICT re the shore facilities funding application if the need it – approved.

Need to keep chasing final Charity accounts from Clements – now very urgent

Meeting closed at 9.30pm – next meeting is a Finance meeting on 21/9. Next BM is proposed for 12/12 @7.30pm