

**- Minutes of additional Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Thursday 24th September @ 7.30pm via Zoom**

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

Apologies: Rhuri Munro (**RM**)

Also Present: Helen Murray **HM** (minutes) James Cameron (**JC**)

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting. This meeting was postponed from 21/9 as the accounts were only received on 23/9.

1. Final draft accounts for the Charity – circulated prior to the meeting. **JC** advises he is happy for the Board to approve these.

Hard copies will be in the post to us tomorrow for signing and returning. **WR** can use these unsigned drafts for funders.

Board agreed to approve the accounts.

JC/HM now to work on the 2019/2020 – would like to have this complete by mid-December 2020.

JLL to submit these to OSCR once signed PDF received from Clements.

JC sent out the August monthly mgmt. info - nothing of concern to highlight He is moving the loan forward with Triodos.

2. Woodland replant,

CM proposes we get at least 3 quotes for the native replant via a tender process. We have a procurement policy that states this, can be over ridden if deemed necessary, but need good reason. Board agree to tender – **CM & PG** to create a brief for the tender and **HM** to issue. **PG** will keep Forestry Scotland updated.

JC can maybe look at a bounce back loan – which are now repayable over 10 years not 5. Reminded Board that the Triodos loan is to repay the CAREs loan, other loans, Ulva fencing and to provide working capital for the Charity. It should not be used for the replant. A bounce back loan could however, be used for replant.

Woodcutter – need to buy a new one – we have grant funding but need to ensure the quoted for machine is suitable and also still available. **JLL** to investigate equipment and **CM** to investigate if funded machine still available. **JC** advises we should be able to get a new one on HP.

JC left the meeting – **TE** thanked him and **HM** for getting the accounts sorted out, and feels much more confident/ understands the financial situation.

3. Ardalum

AP let the meeting due to previously declared interest. **WR** aiming for the heads of terms to be signed on 1/10. Are Board happy if the tenants move in a few days prior? The Land Fund will need to see the lease as they have security over Ulva. Board happy with proposal

AP re-joined meeting.

4. Boathouse – over 30 notes of interest so far. Advert going into R & A on 1/10. Need to alter the scoring criteria now we have agreed to a fixed rent. **AP** – ask how they intend to solve the accommodation issue – will draft wording for this. **WR** agreed a statement about the ferry with **RM**.

C19 restrictions will make viewing difficult – **CM** to ask local film maker if he would film a virtual tour. **WR** – need to agree who will be on the selection panel.

WR left the meeting

5. Homeworkers allowance.

AR and **WR** are both wfh and have asked for the government allowance to be paid . Approved AR but need more information re reclaiming WRs. **HM** to find out if WR's can be reclaimed via HIE

6. Crannich Farm

Our Woodfuels business was originally located at Crannich farm, and we relocated last year. There are a number of outstanding issues that the owners want us to make good. Board agree to offer a financial settlement instead.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm – next meeting is 21/9. Next BM is proposed for 12/the October @7.30pm via Zoom