

**- Minutes of additional Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Thursday 12th October @ 7.00pm via Zoom**

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

Apologies: none

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

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ailsa has started as the Storax Ulbha Project manager wef 1/10/2020 and joined the meeting to say hello and to give a project overview. There were no questions and she has agreed to update the Board via **WR**. **AR** left the meeting

1. Matters Arising

- Rhuri Munro has resigned as a Director and has also left the Ulva Sub Committee
- Housing
- Mull Crisis Mgt. group

2. Minutes - from 14th and 24th September were approved & signed off.

3. Finance. **JC** will have September mgt. accounts out soon. He will work with **HM** to get the 2019-2020 records prepared for submission to Clements, including moving any entries relating to the Hydro into a new set of accounts for Ardu Power Ltd. We would like to aim for the 2019-2020 accounts to be ready for sign off by end of the year. The Triodos loan has been approved in principle, need to have it confirmed in writing. **WR** asked for clarification on what the money is for – **JC** advises it's to repay Cares loan, a private loan, Ulva fencing and working capital for the Charity. Not for the replant. **TE** has asked if **JC** can produce a table of spend so that the Directors have this information available. A bounce back loan can be used to fund the replant – **JC** will apply once the Triodos loan is finalised. He is also looking into hp for the balance of the wood processor costs. **WR** advises that we are likely to need a valuation for Ulva House for Triodos, which we will need to pay for.

CM had a meeting with ACHA regarding affordable housing. Early stages but sounds promising, they have funds available – looked at our pda site at West Ardhu. They may be interested in looking at Ulva but not in this round – would need a broader discussion about sites etc. as and when/if they look at Ulva.

Finance authorisation – **JC** recommends increasing **HM** limit to spend to £250, approved. Also, pre-approved invoices can be paid without further authorisation. **TE** & **AP** to join **CM** to authorise unexpected invoices.

4. Woodland

HM has put in a purchase order for the new processor – funders have confirmed they will honour the funding for the replacement model. Should arrive mid-November. **CM** will arrange a work party to go and fill bags for customer orders.

Accounts now available to go to Companies House and OSCR - **JLL** will submit to OSCR and **HM** will advise J Quin.

CM – tender document for replant almost ready – will circulate. **PG** will update Hazel Boyd re timescales and cash coming.

5. Ulva

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

The fencing has been ordered. An application for the cattle crush grant has been submitted.

Boathouse – 56 expressions of interest received so far – closes 15/10. Full proposals need to be received by 26/11.

Need to agree assessment panel, interview process etc. Maybe need to involve full board – need to finalise approach soon. Current tenants of the Boathouse have asked if the Board would like to purchase various fixtures and fittings.

Board would like to see a detailed list of the items/sale price so that they can decide. **WR** to get further detail

Deer mgt. – stalkers have been over, 3 year contract coming to an end. Have taken out 256/300 deer, may be able to come over to complete the 300 later this year – depends on a contract he is negotiating to take the meat. Are we happy to extend his contract by a year? Board approve. **CM** – he will also come to Langamull prior to replant – **PG** – must let us know when.

6. AOB

Mull Crisis Mgt Group - **CM** – we have been invited to join this groups weekly meeting. **CM** to get more detail on what the group are/do, aims, TOR etc.

Capacity – **TE** need to increase number of directors – especially with **RM** resigning. **JLL** asked what would happen if **RM** resigned from the cattle mgt. role? **WR** – we would need to advertise for a stockman.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm – next meeting is 16/11 @7.00pm via Zoom