

**- Minutes of additional Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Thursday 14th December @ 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**)

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Matters Arising – none not covered elsewhere

2. Minutes - from 12th October were approved & signed off. **CM** reminded Board there is a standing invitation to the Mull Crisis Mgt. Group weekly meeting.

3. Finance. **JC** Despite being able to pay the CARES loan back, CARES want to wait until they have a decision from scot gov. re the interest freeze. This could take up to 5 weeks. Bank are preparing a letter or variation to the loan so we can draw down part of it and the rest when CARES can be repaid. **JC** advises we fix if the rates are still good when we draw down the money. Board approve.

Bounce back loan can now be applied for. Board agree to applying for the £50k max. Working on the 2019/2020 Charity accounts, ready to go to Clements soon. Some discussion had re the Triodos loan and the allocation of it - to Ulva fencing, working capital, ex director loan etc.

Ulva Housing – **WR/JC** advise that the overall costs have been accepted but we have been questioned on the amount we are asking govt. to contribute & they have asked us to re-work the numbers.

JC will chase up the wood processor finance. **JC** left the meeting.

3. Woodland

Logs orders fairly up-to date – new processor ordered and in transit. No response from local mechanic re fixing the tractor gasket. Board agree we need to find someone else to fix it. Still need to investigate a new hiab so we can reach all of our chip customers hoppers.

Replant – **TE** – 3 tenders received for the native woodland replant – have gone back to all three for further clarification. **TE** to create scoring sheet – meeting arranged for 23/11 to discuss, score and agree.

4. Ulva

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

HIE may have some funding available to renovate the Ulva church toilets – **WR** applying.

CM has written to the Council re the council tax as this has now doubled and is approx. £15,000 per year.

5. Correspondence – none not covered elsewhere

6. AOB

Dervaig Toilets – **CM** will talk to HIE to see if any funding available for project. Board are happy for Bruce and Neil to apply for planning, provide drawings etc.

SSE Marine Cable Mull – Coll replacement – Have had comments from Board and also input from RSPB and our lawyer. In principle the Board support the proposal.

Expenses policy – circulated prior to meeting – Board approved. **WR** working on updating the Reserves Policy and will circulate.

AGM – Board agree to hold, via Zoom, on 24th January at 4pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm – next meeting is 14/12 @7.00pm via Zoom