

**- Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Monday 19th April, 2021 @ 7.30pm via Zoom**

Present: Colin Morrison (**CM**), Tricia Evans (**TE**), Pippa Gatty (**PG**) Wendy Reid (**WR**) Andrew Primrose (**AP**) Jo Prior (**JP**) Liz Peel (**LP**)

Apologies: James Cameron (**JC**) Tracy Mayo (**TM**)

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

1. Welcome - CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies – None

3. Matters Arising:

JLL has resigned from the Board of NWMCWC

4. Minutes of Board meetings 23rd March 2021 – all had read, no questions so approved and signed off.

5. Finance – It was agreed that there would be a specific finance meeting arranged for Tuesday 27th April, with **JC**.

6. Woodfuels - AP and Andy Mayo met with **JC** to go over the trade co accounts. **AP** is working with Paul and Stewart re working practices, H&S and so on. Prices will increase wef 1st May, 2021. PCC price increase still under discussion.

7. Ulva – WR circulated her update prior to the meeting – all had read.

Updates following report: Ecology BS paperwork circulated, Board need to read and approve content. Will need 2 signatories – Board agree that as they are already our bank signatories, **CM** and **TE** will sign on Board's behalf.

The pre-start meeting with TSL has been delayed – have advised that they have to increase their quote due to covid. Board need to approve the increase before formally accepting. **WR** advised there is money in the projects contingency plan to cover this, and she will also apply to the Quaker Housing Trust in August. Board agree to using the contingency pot for this increase, but need to look at ways to raise funds to replenish the pot.

LP is setting up regular meetings with the funders.

Ailsa Raeburn leaves at the end of April – Board would like to thank her for her huge efforts and enthusiasm.

WR confirms fencers are due to finish this week and we can then submit the AECS claim.

Ferry is having its 3 year inspection this weekend and will then operate M-F, with Sundays from June. Boathouse due to open 26th April.

8. Replant – TE will circulate an update from Treestory. **HM** suggests these are stored in Sharepoint so always accessible. Treestory are finalising their plan and will have a final site visit soon before submitting the grant application. Looking for a public meeting of some sort in June/July to advise of plans.

There are still a number of deer inside the fenced area of Langamull. **CM** to contact stalker re options.

TE confirms the replant is not eligible for carbon offset as it's a replant not new planting

9. Correspondence

further correspondence from neighbours about bracken spraying received. We need a company statement as agreed at the bracken meeting – **JP** to draft and circulate for discussion and approval. Board also agree to **WR** putting the AECS contract on the Ulva.Scot website.

PG has had an email from a neighbour regarding the replacement fence around Langamull that was erected in spring 2019. **CM** to speak to him.

10. AOB

- Peat Bog restoration– **CM, JP & AP** agreed to look into this – lots of information on sharepoint already.
- Plots – **PG** has spoken to lawyer – waiting on a completion date but have had formal confirmation of the purchase.

- Langamull Info sign – still needs to be repaired. **AP** will look at it.
- Cattlegrid at Langamull entrance to be fixed – **CM** will look at it.
- SSEN Marine Cables – public meeting held via zoom. Still waiting for hard copies of the information and outcome of the meeting.
- DTAS have a funding opportunity – **WR & AP** to look into it, possibly fund a member of staff?
- Burial Ground – **AP & CM** will pick this up and look for a new site.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm – next meeting will be Monday 17th April at 7.30pm via Zoom.

There are finance meeting arranged for 27th April and 24th May, both at 7.30pm.