

**- Minutes of Board Meeting for  
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd  
Meeting held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 @ 4.30pm via Zoom**

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

**Apologies:**

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

**CM** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Election of Officers – CM** has been chair for 15 years – if elected again it's the last year. Lots of discussion had regarding succession planning, the benefits of having a vice chair to learn with a view to supporting next chair or becoming chair themselves. Board decided to elect **CM** as chair again and thanked him for all of his work in the role to date. To allow a successful transition, the Board decided to elect a vice chair. Discussion had about having one VC for Ulva and one for Woodlands – **JLL** interested in the Woodlands, but it was agreed this would not effect a smooth transition. **AP** volunteered to be VC for both Ulva and Woodlands – especially if the Trade Co can become self managing/ managed by its own Board rather than the NWM board. Board supported this and **AP** becomes Vice Chair.

James Cameron continues as our financial advisor so do not need to elect a Treasurer at the moment but Board to give consideration as to who this could eventually be. Need to spend more time understanding the finances each BM. **HM** to continue as Secretary.

**2. Woodfuels management.** An retired director has offered to help manage the business. Board were asked to think about the proposal prior to this meeting. Several directors voiced opinions. **CM** advised that he and Matthew Reade (**MR**) as **Directors** of Woodfuels would manage the situation. Board would like to see a detailed role description. **TM** – thinks it could work, the retired director understands the business and was heavily involved with it for a number of years, but does recognise the concerns others have raised. Plan should move the business on to make it self contained and profitable. **CM** to discuss further with the retired director and come up with a more detailed proposal – **AP** offered to get involved also. **TE** has offered to do a 6 month review with Woodfuels employees.

### **3. VAT advice for Storax Ulbha**

SU Project Manager circulated a report about this prior to the meeting. Board all agree that the approach and need for specialist advice is required and authorise this spend. **WR** to advise Ailsa

### **4. Replant Update**

**TE** sent out a brief update prior to the meeting and went over it briefly. Any work needed is classed as essential under C19 regulations. **TE** planning a sub com. Meeting via Zoom in Feb.

Meeting closed at 5.40pm – next meeting will be Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm via Zoom.