

**- Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 @ 7.30pm via Zoom.**

Present: Colin Morrison (**CM**), Tricia Evans (**TE**), Wendy Reid (**WR**) Andrew Primrose (**AP**) Jo Prior (**JP**) Tracy Mayo (**TM**)

Apologies: Pippa Gatty (**PG**) Anne Cleave (**AC**) James Cameron (**JC**)

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

1. Welcome - CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Board meetings 14th June 2021 – all had read, no questions so approved and signed off.

3. Matters Arising:

TSL ferry costs - **WR** has spoken to contractor regarding their requirement for extended hours and emergency cover. **JP/WR** are continuing discussions with TSL – Board approve **JP** to continue to negotiate with contractor. We will continue to pay the ferry costs on a “per trip” fee until this is resolved.

Ulva Ferry Rent & Insurance – annual invoice due to be issued 1/Aug. Board agree to invoice full cost of insurance in addition to the annual rent. Discussion had about a formal contract to be put in place re. the ferry.

Forest School – **TM** – need the area to be tidied up prior to the willow workshop. The building needs attention also. Need to check it is safe. **AP** has volunteered to make a couple of donation boxes.

Neighbours fence – **CM** has spoken to them, and we need to get the strainers over from Ulva soon. **AP** will take them down on the tractor.

Plot Sale – Board agree that the money from this sale can go towards general cash flow, but with a view to putting it to the replant in the future, once the AECS claims money is in.

DTAS filming – coming over 26/27th. Andy Mayo will be involved for the Hydro and **TE** for the replant.

4. Finance – have received funding from the willow workshop.

Need to look for new accountants – 2020/2021 year end reached 31st July – **HM & JC** to contact up to 4 companies to get quotes.

Agree not to draw down the overdraft yet as we have had the plot money but will need it in the near future.

Some grant applications have gone into the Island Community Fund for a barge, a new Woodfuels truck and Housing.

5. Woodfuels –**TE** to do Pauls appraisal. Winter is coming so need to launch a new website/marketing etc – with **AP**.

6. Ulva – **WR** circulated her report before the meeting. Highlights are:

some issues with 1 & 2 Bracadale as additional work required on the dividing wall etc will impact the timescales. Ferryhouse – issues with the aga and stove **WR** has spoken to the tenants – they don’t use the aga but do use the stove – we will need to provide alternative heating for them – temporary measure before they decant to the Manse. **WR** discussing all the options with them, will then follow up in writing, but we will need to buy heaters soon.

Storas Ulbha – E & MO position filled on a job share, and we have a new SU administrator, all start 1st August.

Ulva House planning has been validated – need to keep on top of it as getting the permission is key for our cashflow.

Cows – breeding from the herd, need to make a decision soon. **WR** has circulated a paper – all need to read. Looking to breed from June 2022 onwards. Will be on agenda for next meeting.

Flag – we are out to tender, no formal submissions received yet.
Also out to tender for the Contracts mgt. consultant.

EU funding as part of a speculative bid – we have been successful as 1 of 6 islands around Europe. No financial input from us at all – we get allocated a consultant to help us create a clean energy transition plan for Ulva.

Oyster farm lease has been awarded locally.

7. Replant – TE contract has been circulated – HM has signed and sent back. Please let TE know if there are any questions after you have read it. Need to have a consultation event next, on site at West Ardhu & Langamull and on zoom. TE will seek clarification on the format.

8. Correspondence

None not covered elsewhere

9. AOB

Our Chairman, Colin was nominated for Argyll & Bute Councils “Volunteer – Lifetime Achievement” Award and WON 😊

Meeting closed at 9.00pm – next meeting will be on 23rd August, at 7.30pm.