

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Monday 12th August, 2019 @ 7.30pm**

Present: Colin Morrison (**CM**), John Addy (**JA**), Jean Lanteri Laura (**JLL**), Tricia Evans (**TE**) Kirsty Shilson (**KS**) Belinda Hale (**BH**), Pippa Gatty (**PG**), Rhuri Munro (**RM**) Ian Hepburn (**IH**)

Also Present: Helen Murray (minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Munro (**REM**)

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes from 8th July 2019 – **CM** asked all if minutes had been read and following confirmation went over the actions.

2. Finance Report – finance report circulated prior to meeting. No questions raised

3. Ulva SC update

JA - Housing: have invited 2 companies to tender for the master plan. **JA** not involved as related.

Agriculture: looking into getting cattle, starting to devise plans and cash flow proposals – will put to Board at next meeting. Need to scope out husbandry and management. **JLL** asked about work units – **JA** advised we could redevelop the farm buildings now if we had the money, with the masterplan covering rebuild, repurposing and new builds over the next 10 years

IH: Big House project - the HES grant application needs to be reapplied for using an accredited architect.

Has prepared a report on housing for the Scottish Govt. – to be discussed at sc meeting. Phase 1 almost complete now onto Phase 2 – a lot of work to do for building warrants, planning approval, detailed contracts, tenders, funding, etc. to be able to submit the plan to govt. by the end of this year.

JA: 2 land use assessments complete with a 3rd end August.

CM: local businessman will be testing out the oyster farm location for us. Potential Scottish Salmon fish farm site proposals to be discussed by sc then brought to the Board for response.

FLAG application – new person managing process so hoping for news soon

Some interest in the Ardalum advert.

Board approved the Ulva SC Terms of reference (tor)

4: Woodland SC

TE: 2 meetings so far. Presented draft tor – Board approved. Have co-opted 3 members from the old replant group onto the sc. **RM** agreed to join also as a director and crofter.

Now have a digitised version of the plan – need to remove burial ground and add on housing plots – **IH** advised that housing plots automatically come off of the FPD – just need to inform the forestry commission.

Shed painting and phase 1 electrical installation complete. Eve has chased electrician for phase 2 plans and requirements. Need to purchase a generator and a diesel tank – **TE** to follow up with **IH/JA**. Discussion had about standalone tank v portable. Local contractor has agreed to do levelling by end August. Need to move polytunnel – work party required **TE/Eve** to organise.

Autumn newsletter planned

Local residents water supply access has been resolved by the fencing contractor.

TE looking at grants available for replant & 10 year review of FDP

IH – the draft plan produced about 3yrs ago should be ok as a starting point for the 10yr review, then a public consultation then lodge with FC and then they issue a revised FDP. We need to define what we want to do, get the money for the replant and tender for the work, Tillhill can provide guidance.
Discussion had about mounding, split of types of tree, numbers needed, pre orders etc.

5. Forest School

TE: without hiring the minibus, the school cannot get to the current site so would like to look for a suitable closer site. **IH/JA** – there are a few areas that would be suitable – **TE** to identify an area and propose to Board.

6. Fencing issue

A local resident contacted the office regarding the new fence blocking off a pathway to Kildavie. **PG** to speak to him.

7. H&S officer confirmed as IH

8. Website – information received from a web designer – **HM** to circulate

9. Cattle grid update – Laganulva cleared out, needs a side rail attached. **CM** to arrange. **PG & JLL** to look at the Langamull north ones

10. AOB – none

11. Date of next meeting:

16th September at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm