

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held on Monday 23rd September postponed from 16th September) 2019 @ 7.30pm**

Present: Colin Morrison (**CM**), John Addy (**JA**), Tricia Evans (**TE**) Kirsty Shilson (**KS**) Belinda Hale (**BH**), Ian Hepburn (**IH**)

Also Present: Helen Murray (minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Munro (**REM**) Pippa Gatty (**PG**), Rhuri Munro (**RM**) Jean Lanteri Laura (**JLL**) Wendy Reid (**WR**)

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes from 12th August – **CM** asked all if minutes had been read and following confirmation went over the actions.

2. Matters arising – none

3. Finance Report – finance report circulated prior to meeting. Accounts are as expected. No questions raised

4. Ulva SC update

CM summarised **WR** report

JA – fish farm – meeting arranged 10/10. **BH** asked where proposed site was **CM** to circulate map. Board will need to discuss further once we have more information from the meeting.

JA - Agriculture – need to decide on cattle soon for AECS – looking at cash flow predictions – mtg with Claire S on 26/9. Aiming to bring a plan & costings to the next BM for discussion/decision. **IH** has some questions to put to Claire about the forecasts.

Ardalum – have had 4 applications - have gone back to all for further information specifically around the financials – deadline for response is 30/9.

CM has redone the expression of interest in the Flag scheme

Housing – **JA** – masterplan contract awarded so Ronnie O’Neil now working with us to write it and submit to the council. Meeting with Ronnie this week.

IH is chasing stage 2 of the RIHF – hoping HSCHT will help with phase 2

5: Woodland SC

TE - Shed

Electrical installation almost complete. Tanks moved but not yet installed or joined together. Generator purchased and concrete base being installed.

Need to finish electrics, install tanks and have road levelled.

Forest plan – need to document specifics at next sc meeting. Need to keep Kildavie archaeologist’s in the loop of our plans. Will probably select Tilhill to do our updates – next mtg is 30/9.

UKWAS monitoring – Philip Yelder cannot do this as too busy. **IH** will approach Chris Marsh and copy **TE**

IH met with the one of our large chip clients – their numbers are not adding up and **IH** is to look at them. Want us to check trailer volume and **IH** to speak to Eve to arrange.

KS visited a tree nursery and there are plans to have a local community nursery on Mull. It was useful and could benefit us to have a local initiative in the future.

TE is going to the Community Woodlands AGM

6. Deer at Langamull

Deer not encouraged out of the woodlands despite numerous attempts, salt licks etc. Board therefore agree to a cull in the winter, also need to get the sheep out by end of the year. **CM** to speak to sheep owners.

CM to complete fixing of the cattle grid rails on haul road.

7. Bellart Bog

HM to send **IH** all previous correspondence about this project to see if anything can be done with it

8. AOB

Dervaig Toilets – we have received a pledge of £7000 towards this project if we can provide plans and details of how we can fund the rest – action the Housing sub com.

Dervaig Primary School would like larch logs for the playground – **JA** will cut up and deliver

9. Date of next meeting:

28th October at 7.00pm. The meeting closed at 9.00pm