

**Minutes of Board Meeting for
North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd
Meeting held at Dervaig Village Hall immediately after AGM on Thursday 17th February 2011**

Present: Iain Thomson, Ailsa Morgan, Alex Duncan, Matthew Reade, Catriona Duncan, John Addy, Pete Pinnington, James MacPhail, Calum Duffy and Ann Evans (Company Secretary).

Also Present: Ian Hepburn (Development Manager) and Belinda Hale (Administrator).

Ailsa Morgan agreed to **Chair the Meeting** until the co-option of Directors and Appointment of Officers had taken place.

1. AM **welcomed** everyone to the Meeting.
2. There were no **apologies**.
3. The **Minutes** of the Board Meeting held on 18th January 2011 were signed by AM as a true record of the proceedings.

It was agreed that **item 10** (Appointment of Officers) on the Agenda should be brought forward. The Board unanimously agreed to co-opt Colin Morrison and John Morrison as Directors. Colin Morrison was then elected as Chairman (proposer Matthew Reade, seconder Pete Pinnington) and John Morrison was invited to continue as Treasurer (proposer Colin Morrison, seconder John Addy). CM thanked AM for chairing the Meeting so far and took over.

4. **Matters Arising.** The AAR meeting will be reported under item 8.
5. PP would like to give a report about the Charcoal Making Course he attended, but it was agreed to leave it until the next Board Meeting. **Action BH** to put on next Agenda.
6. JM had previously circulated a Finance Report. The Chainsaw Training Course had shown a profit. CD suggested that if he undertook a Chainsaw Instructors Course we could run further courses without needing to bring in an Instructor from off Island. This would enable us to run courses for less and still make a profit. **Action CD and IAH** to liaise re the possibility of a Training Grant.
7. IAH had previously circulated a **Development Manager's Report**. There is a good prospect that a fixed pier may be built at Fishnish. If not, the pontoon is still a good option.

It was unanimously agreed that one of the tenants whose land is crossed by the Haul Route should receive a one off payment to compensate for potential grant losses.

8. AAR Sub Committee Report. Funding for the Feasibility Study is now in place and the committee are a few weeks away from putting the job out to tender. Once the tenders are in it will take another four to six weeks to choose the Company who will carry out the Feasibility Study. The completed document should be detailed enough to serve as the specification for tenders for the main project.

There will be an informal site meeting at West Ardhu on Monday 7th March to discuss the signage and rest areas for the first part of the all ability path. It was also agreed that there should be a public Opening Ceremony for the Haul Route sometime in August. After the May Elections an appropriate Scottish Minister will be invited to cut the ribbon.

9. Fundraising. The Bingo Night has been publicised in Round and About and with local posters. Cat.D is making good progress with the prizes.

MR highlighted the need to encourage people to purchase online via the NWMCWC Homepage Buyat link as it is a potential source of income.

10. Appointment of Officers took place earlier in the Meeting.

11. Correspondence. JM had passed IAH a flyer from BT which might have meant savings on the telephone and internet bill. IAH and BH had checked against previous bill and found no saving.

12. There was no other business.

13. The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd March 2011 at 7.30pm in Dervaig Church Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.