



# NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LTD

## MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Dear North West Mull Folks

### **Charitable Status**

Great News! On Monday 22 May we had confirmation from OSCR (Office of Scottish Charities Regulator) that we have finally been granted charity status. It's been a long haul but now we can get on with finding further funds towards the acquisition of the woodland from trusts and foundations and also organise more local fundraising events.

### **National Forest Land Scheme**

We can confirm that our purchase application has been successful. A press release will follow shortly by Forestry Commission Scotland. We are the first successful community buy out made possible via The National Forest Land Scheme's Sponsored Sale of Surplus Land. This scheme gives communities and the opportunity to buy national forest land which makes little net contribution to Forestry Commission Scotland's public policy objectives.

Our application and supporting information has been considered by Forestry Commission Scotland and is available on-line at [www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland)

Click on National Forest Land Scheme or search for West Ardhu or Langamull on their site.

### **EGM**

Thank you to all of you who made it to the EGM AT Dervaig Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The EGM was well attended with 34 full members present. The EGM was held to formalise a few minor changes to the company's memorandum and articles of association in order to finally be granted charitable status. These changes were proposed and approved by the meeting, allowing us to complete the application for Charitable Status and get on with the purchase of the woodlands. We have secured almost 94% of the purchase price through the Community Land Fund and will now seek the remaining £18,000 from other grant-making bodies and charitable trusts as well as our own efforts. The full amount must be raised by October 2006.

### **Local Fundraising**

Local fundraising will also continue and a huge thank you to all who made it along to 'A Night At The Races', or who supported it by providing delicious food, fantastic raffle prizes or their time. The night was a huge success and very well attended – raising £1007.37! That'll help towards the purchase! Please get in touch if you would like to suggest a fundraising activity. Donations will be welcomed now we have charitable status and donors will be able to apply for gift aid (tax benefits).

Watch out for posters advertising 'Another Night At The Races', this will be during the school summer holidays. We will be looking for 5 new sponsors for the horses. We will also require raffle prizes, helpers and food for the evening.

There will be a 200 draw being held very soon with 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £500. Tickets will be on sale in and around Dervaig.

## Website

The website [www.nwmullwoodland.co.uk](http://www.nwmullwoodland.co.uk) is regularly updated. If you would like to receive news by email please get in touch with Michelle Cowe email: [michellemull@phonecoop.coop](mailto:michellemull@phonecoop.coop)

## Channel 4 Big Art Project

The woodlands are being considered as 1 of 3 possible sites on Mull. A consultation process will start soon. Details are available from Channel 4 website.

[www.channel4.com/culture/microsites/B/bigart](http://www.channel4.com/culture/microsites/B/bigart)

## New Posts

In early June we will be applying for funding to create 2 posts - a Project Manager and an Administrator. These posts will be funded by Growing Community Assets Fund provided by the Big Lottery Fund. The Project Manager will be responsible for the long-term management and development of the woodlands and woodland project work with support from the Administrator. These jobs will be advertised locally as soon as funding has been secured.

## Let Us Know!

We will be holding a public meeting in due course. See local press and posters. This meeting will be an opportunity to tell us again what you would like the West Ardhru and Langamull woods used for. Have you had any new ideas since the feasibility study was carried out? Do you have any concerns? Remember – it's your community and your community woodland! If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to share your thoughts or ideas, please let Michelle know.

**Thanks again for your interest and support – if you have any questions or queries, please contact Michelle Cowe, Community Animator or one of the Directors (Tom Addy, Chris Baker, Calum Duffy, Ann Evans, Julie Paton, Colin Morrison, John Morrison, Andy Mortley, Matthew Reade & Rob Strachan)**

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## North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd - Membership Form

**Why Join As a Member?** The company will be owned and controlled by its members. Membership will allow you to vote at all General Meetings and to become eligible for Directorship if you want to get more involved in the company's affairs.

**Membership – Full** membership is open to you if you are aged 18 or over, have your main residence in the area defined in the constitution of the company (Torr Cottage to Ulva Ferry) and entitled to vote in the Local Government Elections in the area. **Junior** (age 12 – 17) and **Associate** members have no voting rights and are not eligible for Directorship

Please complete & sign the form below. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:	
Address:	
Tel / Fax:	
E – mail:	
Membership	FULL                      ASSOCIATE                      JUNIOR

NWMCWC is a company limited by guarantee; I understand that should the company fail my liability as a Member is limited to a maximum of £1

Signed:

Date:

Please return to the address below  
Registered Office: Penmore Mill, Dervaig, Isle of Mull PA75 6QS  
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