



FINTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Board Meeting. Fintry Sports Club. 7pm. 10/08/11

Present: Pete Skabara, Gordon Cowtan, Gordon Murray, Kelly McIntyre, (Project Manager), Matthew Black (Energy Advisor), Jamie Pearson, David Howell, Kayt Howell (Admin)

Apologies: Derek G Hulme.

DVD.

KM is finalising dates and details for the official launch of the 'Wind of Change'. The proposal is to time it with the re-opening of the Scottish Parliament. KM and directors discussed the distribution to other levels of government.

ENERGY ADVISOR.

Matthew Black, our new energy advisor, was introduced and reported on his first week in post.

MB, KM had completed the handover of information and contacts from Stephen Strachan our former advisor, and MB has been contacting residents with existing projects and new enquiries recently received.

MB to contact SS for further details re Sports Club Biomass installation which is now underway.

Board also approved a further course for MB run by Eco living on Heat pumps, to bring MB up to speed with most recent technology.

GRANTS

21 grant applications have been processed so far for a variety of carbon reducing measures outlined by the schemes criteria. Some of the applications require further information before completion.

Directors discussed some of the details of the more unusual applications and enquiries.

This leaves scope for further applications for this year's budget.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.

DH to chat to David Smith re plaque for outdoor classroom.

FDT TROPHY/AWARD.

As the Trust is keen to engage and encourage environmental awareness among the younger residents of the village, the board discussed the idea of sponsoring an FDT environmental award or trophy.

FDT seeks to be more engaged with the wider on-going community activities, sponsoring aspects, and also look to new opportunities to work with the school in light of the new head teacher.

CAR CLUB.

The board discussed the costs and financing of the car club. The car club costs are 'cost neutral' in that the main costs of the cars, insurance, the booking and membership system are met by other bodies. While there is a small cost for valeting and maintenance this is well under the budget set aside at last years FDT AGM.

As more members join and contribute, which of course will take time for behaviour change to happen, the scheme should then finance itself.

The joining cost of £60 goes to Moorcars and the mileage and hourly rate comes to FDT.

AOB

GC to find out costs for an independent industry specialist to review our negotiated deal with the wind farm developer as a matter of due diligence.

AGM date proposed for October 29th at 2pm.

Next Board meeting to be arranged.