



Minutes of FDT meeting - 21/09/10 - 7pm - Fintry Sports Club.

Present : David Howell, Gordon Cowtan, Stephen Strachan (Energy Advisor), Jamie Pearson, Bill Acton , Martin Turner, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Kayt Howell (Admin).

Apologies : Pete Skabara, David Smith.

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Energy Advisor's Report.

SS gave his report on the previous weeks activities.

The most pressing issue is that of the quotes for Bore hole drilling from Rocklift which have just gone out to residents ready to move on with ground source heating as part of the FRESCo project.

Directors discussed the various issues regarding the quotes - the specifications of the quotes, the market testing, the additional costs which may be incurred through excess water issues. Also buffer tanks to deal with micro bore, back up oil systems, and RHI.

SS in direct contact with each of the residents wishing to use ground source and will talk through the different potential costs regarding their specific installation.

Costs are a major consideration for most and Directors discussed options and methods where FDT could act as guarantor and allow the residents a solution to meet the 25% deposit payments up front. FDT would also act as last resource insurers in the event of excess costs due to unforeseen technical circumstances.

The directors asked ***SS** to look into the following:

1. The possibility of pulling together all the residents involved to discuss the various cost implications in moving forward now.
2. To check the accuracy of specifications of bore holes required for each property.
3. To let those participating know of the FDT guarantor role.
4. Despite confidentiality issues , FDT may be in a position to smooth the other elements of cash flow issues.
5. Discuss with Ecoliving, FDT's considerations of guarantor for deposits.

SS reported on the latest stage of the Sports Club move to Biomass.

The original CARES grant fund of 70% may now be down to 50%. There are issues with the project due to time scales. Application must be made in order to be installed by end March 2011.

FDT directors need to consider their assistance level depending on the amount of grant available and potential RHI's if FDT retain title. Massive carbon savings would be made with new installation. All agreed that the grant application should be completed and submitted ASAP.

Roof insulation would be another area for providing big carbon savings for the club but not an issue re CARES award for heating source. SS had conversation with David Gunn.

Some area of negotiation may arise regarding allotment and community orchard sites.

Site for storage container for chips to be decided. (Hopes to link with future woodland project). Chips are ready to burn in five days, depending on turning.

SS meeting with Sandy and Chris from Sport's Club committee.

SS reported on the difficulty to insulate homes:

The amount of interference for internal cladding is prohibitive. External cladding is costly. Householders need to be encouraged to look at more efficient heating systems as alternative. Suggestion of district biomass system.

Project Manager's Report

KM asked for the director's agreement on the CCF write up for application for school project. Agreement given.

KM suggested approaching Arnold Clark re Fintry's transportation poverty and ask for assistance utilising his lowest emission cars. Sourcing contacts - in the meantime GC suggested looking at the Corporate Social Responsibility web site.

KM discussed transport issues with Rachel Nunn of CNS at Killearn Eco show. The information regarding the fee structure for Aberfoyle Coaches 'Dial a Bus' was interesting. *JP to put together A5 info sheet for distribution. Residents need to have easy access to the facility. School children are increasing their use of facility for after school activities now that the new term has begun.

KM has been discussing with Cicely Roy the issue of Micro AD system within the village. At the moment the council does not collect food waste in the village as it would result in 'several wasteful journeys'. If Fintry hosted a depot and charged a disposal fee this could potentially run a micro AD system which could provide the heat water and energy for poly-tunnels etc.

Directors discussed potential linkage with Balfron High School and/or Ballikinrain.

KM has had many discussions re woodland project. Two sites to be considered at Carron Valley. Both need to be scoped. Educational element to be considered - Harvesting and Forestry skills training. There's a need to show that we would manage and use it better than it's current use. GC has arranged a contact for KM with forestry chap from Bucklyvie.

Orchards - KM to visit farm at Rowerdennan. Along riverbanks is suggested as good site as roots take on water which relieves flood plain damage.

Roslyn from Community Woodland Association to visit to look at potential in Fintry and discuss our story so far. - 23/24 th October 2.30 - 4.30 pm. May wish to visit turbine.

Greendale Development Trust wish to visit and discuss the Fintry story on Wed 6th October.

Given the continued interest from other groups, the Directors discussed the possibilities of promoting FDT in this way. BA suggested starting with allocating a fund and taking it from there.

There needs to be some sorting out of the relationship between FROST and FDT when engaging other communities.

GC visiting the Clachan wind farm group. Saturday 25th September.

Change of role within FDT.

GC raised the subject of a need to change his role within FDT preferably before Christmas.

The trust has grown and operates in many different ways. GC's role of dealing with the majority of contacts, administration and management now needs a.n.other to take over. The options are for someone within the current board to take over and expand the role OR to share the various aspects among the existing board.

However, it is GC's opinion that the role now requires a part time professional approach as the needs of the Trust and community grow. Someone needs to have a handle on all the aspects of the Trust. The board should be able to act as an advisory body to the 'Manager' and not be caught up in the day to day activities.

*GC is happy to produce a job description of the role, as he sees it, and then the board would need to consider how best to fill the position with the right person for the organisation as well as consider how the new employee should be funded.

Next meeting Monday 4th October 7pm - Sports Centre.