

Board Meeting 22/08/12. Office base, Sports Club - 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT** - Derek G Hulme, Gordon Cowtan, Holly O'Donnell, Jamie Pearson, David Howell, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Kayt Howell (Admin), Chrissy Pollock (Junior Energy Advisor).

APOLOGIES - Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray, Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor).

ACTION.

DH ran through the previous minutes and action points. This led onto a discussion on the responses to the questions of the current audit from the residents. It was agreed that some questions, which required information on household income, be revised to include banding of incomes and to also provide and explanation as to why the information was needed. **CP** 

KM and CP explained that the information was both to assess fuel poverty and to allow assistance to be targeted where appropriate.

The board also discussed the additional Sunday afternoon meetings for directors without staff. The first will be on the second Sunday of September (09/09/12).

The previous minutes were approved.

# ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

KM reported on the discussions she has had in the hope of extending the time period for having the Citroen EV on loan in Fintry as part of FEET. KM is looking into all the Stirling Council incentives, maps of charging points etc ,in order to provide a suitable information package to those who wish to try the vehicle or considering an EV of their own. Fintry is very much the 'go to' for car club information and we wish to be equipped to provide further information and links with other clubs. Directors discussed the current mileage range of EVs.

#### CYCLE GRANT

FDT has been awarded a grant from Cycle Scotland to enable provision of 2 electric bikes and 5 regular bikes along with suitable storage to supplement the FEET fleet. The details are still being considered but would hope to include cycling proficiency for the children and confidence classes for all. The hire would also be linked to the Tourist trade in Fintry. Through the request from a youngster in Fintry the Board agreed to look at putting a bike store/rack of some type at the bus stop to allow children in outlying houses to cycle to catch the High School bus. The board also discussed the potential locations of the bikes to accommodate those further out of the village.

## GRANT CRITERIA.

The energy advisors had suggested that there be an addition to the current grant criteria to include re-lamping with energy saving bulbs. The Sports Club has saved 2.6 tonnes of carbon by doing this and a resident is considering changing 70 lamps to energy saving which would amount to another 2 tonnes of carbon saved.

The directors approved proposal to add exchange of lamps but not fittings. MB CP

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Staff had a recent meeting with Kate Kelly of Trellis & FED. Kate is assisting FDT with information on access and funding regarding our proposed community garden. We now need to have a plan of the area showing the intended layout of beds and access to progress further. DH has offered to draw this up.

DH

The board discussed the various needs of the community garden and suggested visits to look at other allotments and raised beds in the local area.

#### **AOB**

The board and staff looked at various options for pushing the last leg of the Audit. Suggestions included via the primary school, in next Focus and within village groups such as FADS as well as through our own membership.

**RESERVED BUSINESS** 

Date of next meeting

19/09/12