



Minutes of Board Meeting - Sports Club - 24/11/12. 2 pm

Present: Holly O'Donnell, Hugh Edmond, Jamie Pearson, Kelly McIntyre, (Project Manager) Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, Christina Pollock (Junior Energy Advisor) Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor) Kayt Howell (Admin)

Apologies: Peter Skabara, Derek G Hulme, Iain Frazer, Gordon Murray.

ACTION

New Director.

DH welcomed FDT's newest director Hugh Edmond, who was elected to the board at the AGM in October. We are all looking forward to Hugh's fresh perspective and the experience he brings to the board.

Woodland

We have now completed the planting of a considerable amount of native tree species in our newly agreed Woodland. A good morning's work and major thank you to all who volunteered their time to help. The woodland will be used for further outdoor activities and workshops in the future and will be accessible for all the residents of Fintry.

An enquiry has been received from a resident who wishes to have further information on the use and management of the woodland. Directors discussed and DH to reply on Boards behalf.

DH

Bulk buy electricity.

A resident has enquired about FDT being able to instigate a scheme where we could bulk buy electricity for the village. Directors discussed the issues of the past when FDT looked at this possibility several years ago, - including being told by Ofgem that it wasn't possible, and the issues of different tariffs which would need to be made available throughout the country. MB will look into what the current status is and reply.

MB

Ashden Award

KM outlined the position with our entering the Ashden Awards this year. We have now been shortlisted and have secured the references needed. The next stage requires a programme of work and decisions on what, should we win, we would be spending the money on. As we have several ideas in the pipeline for projects, we need to look at what fits the criteria of the award best. Directors and staff are tasked with providing thoughts and ideas for further consideration via e mail.

AGM

All present discussed the recent AGM and the outcomes. All went according to plan with no major issues to report!

Grant allocation

The board discussed the uptake in grants this year and the provision for the coming year in light of the disappointing income from the turbine.

It was agreed that the same spend of £24K be put against the grants including Warm Home Fund grants. We have been asked by residents when there will be access to a second round of grants. The board discussed and felt there were still those who need to be made aware of the system and that we need to focus on those who haven't received their grant as yet. The staff agreed to promote the grant scheme and complete as many as possible by next October.

STAFF

The board discussed looking into the possibilities of providing commercial grants or commercial soft loans. It was agreed to look into the feasibility as preparation for the future when funds would be available.

KM GC

AOB

FDT will be present with a table/stall at the school Christmas Fair

FDT is taking part in the Christmas tree festival at the Kirk - 7th,8th and 9th of December.

Other matters left for discussion at the Board Only Meeting - 28/11/12 ;

Staff reviews

Directors disclosure forms

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Accounts