



Minutes of FDT meeting 04/10/10/ Fintry Sports club - 7pm.

Present. David Howell, Jamie Pearson, Gordon Cowtan, Stephen Strachan (Energy Advisor) Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), David Smith, Bill Acton, Pete Skabara, Kayt Howell (Admin) and Bruce Crawford MSP

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GC ran through the projects FDT are currently undertaking to inform Mr Crawford. The directors and Mr Crawford discussed FRESCo and the number of households in Fintry now ready to install. 33 households are moving forward from 55 original enquiries to FDT.

The group discussed the difficult to insulate properties, RHI's and Government loan scheme and Green investment banking.

SS highlighted the potential benefits of RHI over the next few years to generate take up of renewables. The group discussed the current accreditation process for installers and how it can lead to higher installation costs. MT added that as a policy issue for government - grants for local installers should be considered enabling them to become accredited and easing the process. Industry needs to be able to take on board training programmes as opposed to it being a specialist issue.

The directors discussed soft loan options which may assist residents with financing installation. A business plan would be required to allow FDT to be able to assist with loans or interest payments.

SS discussed his involvement in other projects. The Sports Centre's move to bio mass/wood chip and on that theme the potential to offer alternative heating to the difficult to insulate homes in terms of a district heating system. The problems of distribution through the road system were discussed.

Mr Crawford suggested ***SS** should look at the new community centre installation at Throsk (?)

KM discussed her involvement in investigating securing a woodland/ forestry area for Fintry which would provide social and educational amenities as well as being harvested to supply wood pellets for bio mass users in the village. KM discussed the potential link with Forth Valley College for further education in forestry management and related courses.

The proposals to the Forestry Commission need to show our ideas are sustainable, educational, of community benefit at a level beyond and improved on existing. KM has meeting on 29th October with Stewart Chalmers.

Mr Crawford added his support and continued praise of Fintry's pioneering efforts and our journey. "Fintry is exemplar".

He and the directors discussed the substantial benefits to FDT's work of The Climate Change Fund and all expressed their hopes for its continuation despite the many variables regarding government budgets.

The directors discussed the transport issues pertaining to Fintry and described FEET (Fintry Energy Efficient Transport) and the proposals for a rural car club. Mr Crawford suggested ***KM** gets in touch with Tom Steel of the Health Board to discuss this.

Mr Crawford left the meeting shortly after 8pm.

Other business -

JP discussed some feed back figures regarding the usage of the 'dial a car' by Aberfoyle coaches. Directors discussed the need to publicise the facility. ***JP** to put together A6 advert to address this. Take up expected to improve when community realise the availability of the service and it's flexibility.

GC reported that CCF will be reporting back later this week on funds from under spend on FRESH for use for School project.

SS is organising the details and installation dates of residents who are ready to install.

Directors discussed a potential rolling programme of a training or an apprenticeship scheme for accredited installers sponsored by FDT. CCF may be an option for funding.

KM discussed potential Orchard sites and the pros and cons of each. ***KM** to discuss with DS re areas around the school.

Group discussed hosting a Christmas market in Fintry utilising local producers, artists and craftsmen. Decisions to be made on best date. DS to talk to PTA.

Next Meeting - Fintry Inn - 18th October - 7.30pm.