



Minutes of FDT board meeting 10/08/10 Fintry Inn 7 pm.

Present: David Howell, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Stephen Strachan (Energy Advisor), Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell (Admin), Pete Skabara.

Apologies: Bill Acton, Martin Turner, David Smith, Jamie Pearson.

*** Action**

Stephen's Report.

SS covered his previous week's activities and areas of focus. These included discussions with Chris Longley about the needs of the Sports Centre. SS is looking into the detail and options of providing a pellet system for the club.

***SS** is looking at the possibility of providing a Community pellet store in a location which is suitable for use for the centre but also for other residents.

Directors discussed the suggestion by KM that it may be possible to organise some form of delivery to outlying pellet users.

Directors discussed the various funding options for the Sports Club system including potential loan from FDT paid back by RHI (should they happen), Grants from CARES with top up loan from FDT or full loan and receive the full RHI from system.

***SS** then confirmed the go ahead for purchasing Anemometer and mast which ideally should be used over the period of a year but will provide suitable readings for farm properties to make decisions on turbines.

Regarding the steel framed houses of Culcreuch Ave - ***SS** is putting together a report which summarises his findings and costs of providing external cladding and recommendations for internal insulation. The current suggestion would be to offer the average cost of insulation of homes with loft and cavity against the cost of internal insulation.

Directors discussed the need for a 'closing date' for this offer. October was agreed as a suitable date which would allow residents to make a decision to proceed or not. SS would then assist with the quotes and take residents through the process.

Kelly's Report

KM took the directors through her previous weeks workload as per her report sent by e mail on 09/08/10.

KM got in touch with Daye Tucker about the Farm Fresh idea and finding like-minded rural/agri businesses in the Valley. KM is following some leads and has an AD system to view.

KM enrolled in upcoming Holyrood's Third Sector Conference and the Sustainable Development Forum Autumn Conference. KM reported we were asked to present a case study to the Sustainable Development Autumn Conference and discussed this with Ruth Bush on Friday

KM spoke to Pam Campbell about Investing in Ideas grants and Council Grants for feasibility studies, etc., as well as helping her with finding installers of pellet systems, with help from Stephen.

KM has created Facebook and Twitter groups for FDT. Please sign up and 'like'.

Accommodation for SS & KM.

Directors discussed the needs for suitable working for SS & KM given the current disruption at the sports centre.

It was agreed to make do at the moment with the arrangements as they stand given that in time SS will be more on site than in the office and KM can combine working from home and meeting others, as necessary, elsewhere.

***GC** to contact Chris Longley and discuss how the longer term needs can be accommodated.

Other projects to be discussed when more directors are available - Moor Cars, School Project.

New time and location for Board Meetings.

The current thinking is to meet on Wednesdays again, at the earlier time of 7pm at the Sports Centre.

This makes the next meeting - **Wednesday 25th August.**