



FDT meeting 11/05/10 - Fintry Inn - 8pm

Present: David Smith, Martin Turner, Pete Skabara, Bill Acton, Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell (Admin), Jamie Pearson.

Apologies: David Howell.

School.

DS discussed the second phase of proposals for creating an outdoor environmental and educational resource for the school and others in Fintry. The area would include planters, story telling areas, bark trails, information tagging of trees and plants and much more.

The area would be accessed by a new timber bridge crossing the lade burn from the net ball court area.

DS ran through the proposals with drawings provided by Mac Dick of Sloping Garden Company(?)

All materials would be rustic, locally sourced where possible, and environmentally friendly.

Directors discussed whether this project should essentially be financed by the community income from Earlsburn North. However in order to progress the project over the coming summer months, the directors agreed to consider using the balance of the CCF grant being utilised for FRESH to cover the initial phase of providing the bridge. From this point the project could be further funded from the community income from Earlsburn North.

The Directors could not commit further FDT funds at this time due to the pressure of other projects requiring attention.

Other Projects

JP mentioned the footpath project which Cicely Roy was involved with. Again this was not being considered for FDT funding at present but may receive assistance from the E. North project. MT suggested there may be material from the Earlsburn North construction site which could be utilised for hard core for the footpaths. GC to chat to Ewan and find out who to talk to about this.

JP discussed the signage proposal as presented to the Community Council and MT was hopeful of attending the next CC to discuss further. FDT must secure the title of 'Britain's First Carbon Neutral Village'.

GC mentioned the carbon calculating company 'Econometrica' (?) who are interested in using base data to calculate the FRESCo effect. Directors believe this would be an interesting project depending on what the potential return would be from the information sharing.

Allotments

PS reported on the area available at Ballakinrain. 25 acres are supposedly available for donation to projects which would put the land to good use.

Directors discussed the proposed allotment scheme as suitable for consideration.

KH mentioned that Tracey Tysvaer had offered to co ordinate any group interested in allotments and that information had been e mailed around the membership. KH had forwarded the information of the garden sharing scheme (Albion Allotments) supported by Carbon Neutral Stirling to Tracey.

Jobs

CVs are beginning to arrive , mainly by e mail. KH will forward round the Directorship. Closing date is Monday 17th May. Directors have agreed to meet that evening to review and select for interviews.

Steel Frame insulation project.

FDT has received a letter requesting information on the progress of the Steel frame homes insulation project.

Directors discussed the issues which have prevented this project from progressing.

It was decided to ask Michael Carr from the Energy Agency to attend a meeting on the Friday of the FRESH week end to discuss the details with residents involved.

Information relating to this meeting should be added to the leaflet for the door to door drop prior to the show.

A later meeting on the same evening is to be arranged for the other community representatives who will be receiving funding from the Earlsburn North windfarm. JP has list of those to be contacted. This will allow the communities the opportunity to discuss their different proposals for the income.

Graphics and Advertising

Directors agreed that Ben Howell (student Graphic Designer) should be involved in providing graphics for the various items required.

The FRESH poster with bullet points should be up dated and used as the Graphic for ads in the Scotsman, the Observer and Scottish Renewables.

Other items required include,

The hand out flyer and door to door drop leaflet.

Posters

Banners

Pop ups

Pull up displays.

GC will prepare the text for these items as necessary.

Willy Sangster is being asked to provide costs for the work. KH to contact again.

FEET

Has been turned down for CCF funding but will be supported by FDT funding.

It is hoped that the project preparation will be completed by the end of summer.

Next meeting Monday 17th May 8pm .