



**Minutes of FDT Meeting 18/03/09 Summerfield 8pm.**

Present : Gordon Cowtan, Martin Turner, John Duckworth, Michael Carr (Energy Agency), Pete Skabara, Bill Acton, David Howell, Kayt Howell (Admin).

Apologies : David Smith, Alex Ellis.

**Michael Carr.**

GC invited Michael to present update on the insulation project.-

Some general loose ends to tie up -such as the Menzies Hall, some householders who have been slow to clear attics, and to follow up a recently sold property on Kippen Road.

Clyde Insulation to present last invoice by next week.

The Final Report was given approval by directors. Michael will update figures as soon as available.

Michael to check data protection legislation prior to releasing information and statistics for further analysis.

FDT and Energy Agency to organise joint press release on completion of project. Michael will do initial draft.

£100k as headline figure for project.

Park Homes- Grant Rooney of Alba (?), preparing pilot project which aims to be completed before next winter.

A specific re-roofing experiment may be tried on two of the homes.

FDT asked for selection criteria to be made clear.

Directors in agreement to move forward to Phase two of Insulation Project - in stages.

Stage 1. is essentially all work required to assess the villages further needs and specific requirements.

Stage 2. Would be the delivery and implementation.

Sample letters to householders compiled by Michael issued to Directors for discussion/ approval.

Directors to comment on the above by next week.

Amendments relevant to staging of the next phase will be done to prevent any misunderstanding of time scales.

BA asked Michael to further explain about draught proofing project. Michael outlined various products in use including 'Quatro seal' for doors, windows and letter boxes etc.

Steel framed Houses - Much more poorly insulated than similar houses of different construction. £500 per year more expensive to heat.

Approach to be made to house holders for pilot project. Quotes can be obtained from contractors for Steel framed units as a whole. Contributions available for those who meet certain criteria,- On benefits, over 70's.etc. This is part of a Government assisted package - 'The Energy Assistance Grant'.

Design aspect for the external cladding to be considered.

MC will draft initial approach for survey letter to occupiers of all Steel framed homes.

MC will also ask 'Sempatap' people to exhibit at FRESH.

Following an approach from Moffat CAN to request our surplus energy meters,-Directors agreed to keep until after FRESH.

## **FRESH**

A list of exhibitors is required within two weeks.

JD will use list as it stands to get things rolling with Stirling Observer.

DH has quotes from Glasgow Science Centre for providing their Eco Show and 'buskers'

Directors agreed to book show over 4 hours with the addition of buskers throughout event.(Saturday Only)

DH to confirm.

KH has quotes for various bus types for both dates. Directors agreed one 57 seater required both days for Windfarm trip and a small 16 seater mini-bus for the installation visits which we could add to with Pete's car and other if necessary.

KH to confirm booking.

Still looking for a speaker on Solar Heat to take part.

PS raised the issue of security. Directors agreed that the police should be advised of events and details of those visiting home installations would need to be taken.

This led to discussion on the various administration factors involved and how it may be possible to collect information on numbers of visitors at each event/exhibit.

## **Menzies Hall**

JD reported that heating system would be arriving next day and that through contacts they had managed to find an alternative supplier at £800 less than original.

### **Transport.**

DS had forwarded notes on his meeting of 03/03/09 at Dial-a-Journey offices and attended by interested parties relevant to providing a local bus solution for Fintry.

In David's absence directors acknowledged the work undertaken so far and agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting when DS can expand further.

MT suggested that we establish FEET. - Fintry Energy Efficient Transport!

### **Sport Centre.**

Invoices to be checked against original quotes prior to payment.

### **Notice Board.**

Directors felt that a notice board and suggestions box in the style of the existing mirror and post office sign was not appropriate for FDT. Alternatives to be considered.

### **AOB**

MT suggested we make an approach to Stirling Council regarding wind/solar powered street lighting as featured recently in 'Bright Green Energy'.

PS suggested contact within Thorn lighting be invited to attend FRESH.

GC raised an approach he had had from a commercial organisation in the Village who were asking if FDT were able to fund an energy efficient heating system. It was confirmed that FDT will not consider doing this at the moment but will offer to work with the organisation to find assistance and grants from other sources.

**Next Meeting - 22nd April.09.**