



Minutes of Board Meeting - 19/06/13- Sports Club - 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : David Howell, Gordon Murray, Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor), Hugh Edmond, Iain Frazer, Kelly McIntyre (Project Director), Kayt Howell (Co-ordinator), Gordon Cowtan, Holly O'Donnell, Derek G Hulme.

APOLOGIES : Pete Skabara, Jamie Pearson, Chrissy Pollock (Energy Advisor)

ACTION

MATERNITY LEAVE

KM is due to go on maternity leave as of 28/06/13. Maternity package has been agreed and approved, all information has been forwarded to our accountants.

From a project perspective, KM has organized with staff that all projects are covered and planned to continue to completion before her return with no expected 'new' works before that time. Areas which will be covered include the garden, the bike club launch, 4 day Fintry workshop, audit study, website work, media work and packages. KM has made clear that all sign offs go via KH and enquiries are re-directed through the info @ address.

The Board confirmed that they were happy with the plans in place.

Staff

ENERGY MONITORING

GC presented the idea of putting together an online monitoring system which will use data from the audit and that of individual householders who record their energy use. Residents would access the site to upload a mixture of data and narrative. Some households would hopefully agree to have data sent through automatically via an installed device. The information would be gathered and analyzed. IF referred to a monitoring system using a USB interface through Scottish Hydro which stores data on the sensor. Directors asked about the use of data and what it would provide. GC said he wanted it to be interactive and develop a method of behavior change. The information would be Cloud based. GC would set up the system and if successful would be funded via CCF. (Application being prepared) This would work alongside, supplement and compliment, the F8 project. Board approved the application and continuation of project.

GC

LOCAL BUSINESS FORUM

GC and PS were invited to attend a business forum aimed at bringing together businesses within Fintry who would benefit from contact and communication with others in the village. The initial meeting set out to identify issues and where each party could assist. FDT has offered to look further into the waste issues discussed. MB & CP tasked to do some research. DGH to arrange contact with colleague (Paul) to provide further information.

MB, CP DGH

TURBINE UPDATE

GC, treasurer, informed the board that as a result of the error in the income calculations discovered late last year FREE received an additional £67,000 under the production sharing agreement at Earlsburn. FREE also received just under £47,000 as the standard payment under the agreement for the semester ending in March this year.

GC updated the board on the process of paying down a third of the outstanding capital on the turbine as defined in the original production sharing agreement. It appears that there is now only one clause in the legal agreement left to resolve so hopefully this will be completed shortly.

DH, chair, stated that there is considerable outside interest in the Fintry Project and the board was aware some misinformation has been reported. DH reminds those interested that all information, including financial, is open and available via our website.

INSURANCE

KM outlined the potential changes regarding FEET insurance through Moorcar. Previously all insurance for all car clubs affiliated to Moorcar were covered by the Co op who were then happy about covering the various branches and we have the benefit of low claims. At that point the cost was around £900 per car and all other costs , booking system etc brought that to £1500 per car. CO OP will no longer cover extraneous car clubs and our cover is due for renewal at the end of July. KM has been talking to the CO OP and Jeremy of Moorcar has offered to provide all the additional for £200 per car if it jumps to £1300 per car for insurance. Many other clubs use Co wheels which use a telematics system which is not particularly tailored for Fintry. A solution required before end of July. In Jeremy's court at the moment.

KH CP

Bike insurance is being chased by KH. Bikes can not be hired out for use until insurance in place. Club aims to be launched by end of July and when the bike store shed is in place.

KH

PV for SCHOOL

MB is looking at the possibility of providing PV for the school or nursery roof funded by FDT who will manage the FITS repayments as an educational fund.

All relevant quotes and surveys are complete and job is estimated at between £5K - £6K.

When further information becomes available MB will circulate to Board for consideration. This proposal addresses our key aims of reducing energy consumption and Co2.

MB to look into maintenance costs and the Council's preferred suppliers etc and report back.

MB

BIKE ENQUIRY

Following the success of the cycling events at the Fling recently - there have been many enquiries as to when the cycling club will begin and when will it be doing 'bikeability' courses for youngsters.

FDT intend to launch the bike club in late July once the bike store and full insurance are in place. The primary school are organizing their own cycle training. Directors discussed the possibility of organizing a bike bank at a later date when the needs and storage have been assessed. To begin with the club will only hire to over 18s.

EXTERNAL INSULATION

MB & CP are considering the options available to the residents and will advise accordingly. Some issues have arisen on some of the companies customer service and clarity. The Councils ECO funding has been delayed

Team also looking at options for the Caravan Park Homes.

BYE FOR NOW.

Kelly signed off on maternity leave with the best wishes of the staff and Board.

Next meeting - pencilled in for 24th July.