



Minutes of Board Meeting - 20/02/13 - Sports Club 7.30pm.

PRESENT - Matthew black (Senior Energy Advisor), Kayt Howell (Co Ordinator) , Hugh Edmond, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Chrissy Pollock (Energy Advisor), Iain Frazer, Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, Jamie Pearson, Derek G Hulme, Holly O'Donnell.

APOLOGIES - Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray

ACTION

PROJECT UPDATES

GARDEN - Moving forward towards kick off. DGH will measure area accurately and DH will redo plan from that information. That will give us quantities of beds and planters we need to construct, length of fencing etc. Will be looking for donations of pallets and bags, sleepers too if available - the idea to use as many recycled materials as possible.

The area will be cleared by a team supervised by the Stirling Council Justice Department for free - we will provide skip for the debris. IF mentioned that we should make contact with the group on Kilsyth - who may be able to provide some of the materials we need.

CP

We need to have an interested group established to run the garden as they see fit after about six months. Should there be any issue in the continuation of the area as a community garden we need to have a plan to utilize the completed works for a community area ensuring the site is fully enhanced for use by the community.

BIKES - CP has made contact with FPS regarding Bikeability courses. Our budget is tight but we are getting quotes for bike storage and bikes themselves to order in the near future.

AUDIT - last push to get information from the remaining 24 homes. DGH to complete his. 'Access' is being used to record the data which we will use to target our work. **DGH CP MB**

LOG SPLITTER- MB covered main points of the proposal and the board was happy with the report. JP proposed that decisions be made to allow the project to move forward. The board discussed the options regarding ownership and use of the kit. MB to update the proposal based on the boards comments and circulate for approval.

MB

The Board agreed that a community committee needs to be establish the criteria of the method of use. FDT will retain right to review and change if necessary.

STAFF TRAINING

HOD had asked for proposals for training requirements from the staff as felt necessary. Staff outlined the training that was currently on the cards and who was undertaking it. - including Media training, first aid, chainsaw and garden management.

KH & KM agreed I pad training would be beneficial to get the most from the kit. MB had a training request which was expensive but would look out the proposal and forward to the board. Daikin and Mitsubishi ASHP training could be available and useful in the near future for MB and CP.

Other smaller issues such as Wordpress and Access could be obtained through home tutorials if time was set aside to complete properly.

ALL

PV at SPORTS CLUB

JP reported that the Community Council had been receptive to the conversations regarding removal of trees - reassured that some form of replacement will be planted to stabilize the bank.

CP has put together an outline proposal for Sandy to put his additions too. SNH are to be contacted regarding SSI and lamprey.

When information is collected the proposal will be properly presented and openly viewed via the Community Council for feedback.

CP JP

RHPP2.

Directors discussed the recent changes to planning requirements for MCS certificates and the 31st of March cut off for the interest free loans.

KM also discussed the RHPP2 voucher scheme for renewable installations which we are also able to offer to those outside of Fintry.

CARRON VALLEY MEETING

GC gave a brief report on the meeting held in Fintry with members of FDT and Carron Valley group with the intention of working together to keep all parties informed of the proposals being made regarding community benefit by wind developers with interests in the local area.

The interests of both groups are different but the conversations useful.

The PFR development at Cairnochhill was turned down but an appeal is being made to the Scottish Government.

The community benefit package being offered would appear quite generous at £5k per megawatt with 10% or the development for Community investment. There is no guidance or direction as to what constitutes a 'community' other than people who expressed an interest before planning goes in. The preference would seem to be to have a 'body' to deal with rather than individual communities - although concerns have been expressed over that agreement happening.

JP spoke of the FCC's concerns that FDT would be presenting as being 'in favour'. GC said that an expression of interest is not an approval of the development - however should the development go ahead then FDT would be interested in discussing options. KM suggested that the FCC also put in an 'expression of interest'. JP explained that the idea was yet to be discussed and sold to FCC. The decision on the appeal will be needed for further discussion.

FDT have to put in a note of interest before the next FCC meeting. JP asked for GC to attend the next FCC meeting to further explain the reasoning behind our 'expression of interest'.

JP GC

GRIT at SPORTS CENTRE

JP had asked about FDT financing a salt store located at the Sports Club - the directors discussed but decided due to the high risk of flooding there would be a serious risk of contaminating the Endrick.

Date of next meeting was agreed for 20th March - **Now changed to 27th.**