



Board meeting 21/06/11, Fintry Inn, 7pm

**Present:** Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell(Admin), David Howell, Stephen Strachan (Energy Advisor), Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager) Jamie Pearson, Derek G Hulme.

Ewan Fraser (Falck)

**Apologies:** Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray.

Wind farm figures.

As an exercise in due diligence, FDT had invited along Ewan Fraser from Falck Renewables to compare production and financial figures re Earlsburn windfarm.

The board were satisfied with the results and further information will be available from year end accounts.

Funding for Project manager and Energy Advisor.

Funding has become available through an 'Exemplar' fund through Jon Rathjens department, which Fintry qualifies for due to its outstanding achievements. The fund has very specific requirements including communicating and advising other groups. The grant has to be used by March 2012.

KM will work on the specifics required to meet the criteria outlined by the fund. The board to be involved in final draft. The board also needs to consider the changes and plan beyond the next nine months of funding. The goal being to reach a point where the staff positions would be self sustaining.

As SS is moving to new employment, a replacement Energy Advisor will be required to continue the community energy project and the other invaluable work SS had undertaken in the last year.

Directors discussed the urgency of advertising the position and updating the job description.

SS will prepare last report and organise handover of information. Depending on agreement of new employer SS will hopefully attend some handover meetings to assist in the continuity of the role of Advisor.

KH will check on the grant applications in the interim and pass to directors for approval and payment.

Directors discussed the setting of budgets for the grants at this years AGM and the potential of pre-approval of grants to assist in letting people plan ahead to have work done.

KM to set up online holiday chart for staff and Directors.

Next meeting to be arranged.