



FDT board meeting - Sports Club - 27/03/13

PRESENT: Gordon Cowtan, Chrissy Pollock (Energy Advisor), Hugh Edmond, Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor), Iain Frazer, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), David Howell, Derek G Hulme, Kayt Howell (Co-ordinator), Holly O'Donnell, Jamie Pearson
APOLOGIES: Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray.

ACTION

JUST ASK RAB

Directors and staff discussed the door to door approach by this Solar panel installer. MB & CP had had direct contact with them and would handle from here.

POST INSTALLATION CARE

The Board discussed a number of issues brought to their attention regarding post installation support of renewable installs. MB is in contact with all and will relay concerns to those concerned.

Although the customer follow up is the responsibility of the installer - FDT Energy advisors are considering a more set plan of return visits to act as an additional method of catching issues and providing support to new users of renewables -although this is already done in some ways, more informally and with the provision of drop in sessions at the office. **MB CP** FDT are prepared to facilitate a meeting with the installers and customers with issues if required.

MB discussed the potential training for Mitsubishi and Daikin for FDT Advisors.

EXTERNAL INSULATION

MB outlined the changes from CERT - Carbon Emissions Reduction Target -which is essentially now part of the GREEN DEAL and ECO whose priorities are to tackle off gas grid areas.

Home Energy UK approached some of the residents of Culcreuch about provision of external cladding. CP did a great deal of the leg work to get all the residents signed up and as a result the remaining homes will all be externally clad by about May/June.- for free. Unfortunately there are two residents who have paid for their cladding already which is an unfortunate but unforeseen result of timing. No guarantee how long this offer will last.

TRAINING

Directors confirmed their approval of a dedicated day per month for each member of staff to focus on an element of training or work related study or research.

GARDEN

CP & KH had meeting with Drew regarding construction of pallet planters. Drew is planning to do a trial run to see how time consuming or not the planters are to construct. Bags for the inside will still be required. Will calculate overall cost to provide finished planter.

CP pulling together costs for construction of access pathway. Project will be completed in stages as budgets allow.

BIKES/CYCLING

5 standard and 2 electric bikes have been purchased - planning permission is being applied for , for the Bike store , garden shed and poly tunnel.

Plan to focus heavily on cycling for the Fling - including obstacle courses, maintenance, bike amnesty, etc.

FEET FUNDING

We have secured another years funding from Carplus - in the region of £7k which will provide cover for maintenance and other sundries .

KM reported on the Sottish Government funding scheme to supply electric vehicles. Kelly working on this and will keep us up to date. Ideally we would wish to install short charging point. All agreed it would be good to have an EV back in the car pool again.

CCF CLAIM

GC reported on the short notice given by CCF/KSB to submit our last claim of this year. Our objections have been sent. Issue compounded by staff holidays. KM & KH will delay holidays to finalize figures if possible.

LOG SPLITTER

Agreement has been signed and cheque provided to purchase splitter. Hoping to encourage demonstration and further publicity at the Fling.

WOODLAND DAY.

Have had a very positive response. Hoping for good weather now for 20th April. Some places still remain.

NEXT MEETING - 24th April 13