



FDT meeting 27th May 2010, Fintry Inn, 8pm.

**Present:** Gordon Cowtan, Bill Acton, Martin Turner, David Smith, Jamie Pearson, Pete Skabara, David Howell, Kayt Howell (Admin)

\* Action.

### **Government Interest Free Loans.**

Directors discussed the difficulties now presented by the statement just announced- that the interest free loans relating to installing renewable domestic technologies are to be withdrawn mid June 2010.

The Directors agreed that an e mail should be sent out to all residents who had expressed an interest in the current project to alert them to the situation.

The proposal is to have our new Energy Advisor available at FRESH to advise and assist with the applications and push through as many as possible. One of the difficulties being the need to have an EST report completed prior to application and not all households have been contacted by EST as yet or have the reports through.

The timing is more than unfortunate given the stage we are at with this current project.

Other options would include waiting until the RHI's are in place and looking into the legal implications of providing some form of loan assistance through FDT which would not interfere with it's charitable status etc.

\*MT to contact the installers who will be exhibiting at FRESH to make sure they are able to provide quotes on the day.

\*DH to draft e mail to residents.

### **Energy Advisor.**

Contracts have yet to be formally agreed and signed subject to receiving references, however everyone is very pleased with the candidate selected and his potential to benefit the community.

Start date is expected to be 26th June.

\*GC to contact Sandy Kelso regarding the office and the use of address for the Energy Advisor.

## **Project Manager**

Interviews to be scheduled for the 12th of June 2010. Again at the school.

\*GC to contact candidates to arrange appointments. \*KH to e mail list.

## **Local Development Plan and Open Spaces**

JP reported on the meeting he attended and the discussions had with the Principal Planning Officer.

The main area discussed was the site of the Castle drive towards Menzies Estate.

Plans for the next 20 years included interest in developing Fintry. The existing headache of the capacity of the sewage works to sustain development still exists. The proposals being that the land owner and developers would need to fund the cost of a study by Scottish Water to look into the issue. Stirling Council would look into developments if the sewage issue was finally solved.

## **FRESH**

### **Graphics.**

Kenny French has assisted in providing ideas and costs and maintains that we can still manage to produce some of the graphics on time.

FDT pop up logo is being made.

4no. Street signs need to be re done with panel to allow updates each year.

Pull up signs may be problematical in terms of the amount of text on each. Ben working on it.

Looking for smaller 'Feather Flags' for FRESH and FDT logos.

\*KH and BH to get images and art work ready for ready for Monday (Bank Holiday) to start printing on Tuesday.

\*GC to look over last years leaflet and amend for printing by \*DS when ready.

\*GC to do article for Stirling Observer.

## **Timetable**

Thursday Evening -set up at Sports club. 7pm(?)

Friday 9am -be at Sports club to assist exhibition people and greet speakers.

Friday morning "Community Renewables" talks. (10am -12 noon) Sports Hall.

FDT - MT (also chair)

CNS- Rachel Nunn

Fife Diet -

Maitland Mackie

Visits to domestic renewables kit in Fintry. 1pm -3pm

Hydro -BA (mini bus)

Wood Boiler -RM (mini bus)

Air source-JK (foot)

Ground Source -SK (foot)

Photo Voltaic -MT (foot)

Solar Water -GC. (foot)

Visit to Earlsburn 3pm - 5pm (by coach)

Friday evening discussion with Moor Cars at INN. (time to be confirmed)

Saturday Morning 9 am at Sports Club to assist with anything(!) and greet speakers.

Saturday "Tech Talks" 10am -12noon (DH chair)

Intro to Energy Advisor.

Moor Cars-transport.

Ecoliving -Heat Pumps

Gunter Waltron - AD

? -Bio Mass

Rensis -Solar PV

12 noon - Residents with Energy Advisor.

Repeat of local visits 1pm -3pm

Windfarm visit 3pm -5pm.

Other relevant points re FRESH:

Mini bus will need to be accompanied by a director.

Coach will need to be accompanied by director.

Photographer (s) needed. (PS?)

Moor Cars man requires taxi booking (?)

Fintry Inn to be booked for how many Friday?

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Bring FRESH badges to Kayt.

Raffle tickets for Coach trip tickets (KH)

Forms for local trips (KH)

Time table of visits to be worked out.

Street Signage to go up ( hopefully)

### **Steel Framed Houses**

Letter to go out to all residents of steel framed houses to arrange meeting after FRESH to discuss issues and way forward. \*GC to draft. Requires delivery.

### **Earlsburn North**

Community workshop for Earlsburn North communities, to be arranged for after FRESH and before Community Councils break for summer.

**Next meeting with Energy Advisor, Tuesday 1st June 2010, INN. 8pm.**

