



Board Meeting, Fintry Inn, 7pm, 28/09/11.

Present. Jamie Pearson, David Howell, Gordon Cowtan, Chrissy Pollok (FDT assistant), Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Kayt Howell (admin), Matthew Black (Energy Advisor), Gordon Murray, Derek G Hulme.

Apologies. Pete Skabara.

***Action**

AGM

Directors agreed that the agenda for the AGM on 29th October 2011, 2pm - follow the format of last year with similar agenda.

There are positions for two new elected Directors and one appointed Director.

JP's specific role to be outlined.

***GC** to check out the legalities of life time membership while resident in Fintry.

New this year will be the opportunity for members to write and present questions (anonymously if preferred) at the meeting which will be collated and addressed in a Q&A session.

Tea and coffee will be served at the end and an opportunity to view the 'Wind of Change' film. (***PS** to provide kit to play)

***DH** as chair will provide introduction, ***GC** will cover budgets and accounts, ***KM & *MB** will provide reports. Directors will share responses at Q&A.

***KH** will organise posters and question forms etc.

Draught Busters.

MB explained the project undertaken in Lochwinnoch where draught tests are done on each household, results recorded and then workshops held for those who wish to undertake a DIY solution. Directors discussed the project and have asked ***MB** to ask if the representative can come to Fintry to discuss.

A door to door approach is the preferred option and provision would need to be made for those unable to complete the DIY solution.

GRANTS.

Directors discussed the current uptake figures for the grant scheme.

An application has been made for a household just outside the boundary of Fintry but where the residents are considered part of the village and contributed greatly over the years to the village community. Directors voted unanimously in favour of providing the grant in these circumstances.

KM has been placing ads in local press regarding scheme and MB's letter is being delivered and e mailed to all residents and refers to the grant scheme as a method of assistance in making a difference to comfort and fuel costs this year.

DVD

The board discussed the quite phenomenal interest in the DVD. Requests continue to come in for copies, views on You Tube are rising, articles are appearing in many publications, and is also on Facebook and Twitter.

***KM** to store hard drive copy at Burnbank with KH.

GC is showing film and doing talk at Stirling University. KM has many similar presentations in the coming weeks.

With the volume of interest and the requests for further information from other communities, it was agreed to add a FAQ to the website. ***KM** will begin the suggested content and directors will add to it when circulated.

In addition it was agreed to reserve the first Wednesday of each month as an open night forum to which other community representatives could be invited.

REPORTS

Directors were happy with the reports submitted by KM and MB and had no further questions.

FREE Directorship.

Further investigation of the details regarding the maximum numbers of directors for FREE, has revealed that last months vote provided one too many. In the interest of aligning the directorship with FDT and avoiding excessive legal costs for changing the Mem & Arts, the directors agreed, due to PS's absence, to continue with DH and GM taking positions as directors of FREE.

ASHDEN AWARDS.

***Directors** are to look at the details of the Ashden Award application and decide via e mail whether it is possible to submit an application prior to the deadline of October 25th.

LOCAL DIRECTORY.

Directors discussed the need for a local directory to promote use of local trades people and suppliers within the community. ***KM** to discuss with Cicely regarding impact on Focus advertising and the possibility of annual pull-out printed within Focus. As it would meet with FDT's local sustainability agenda then board would consider meeting some of the graphics and printing costs .

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.

The club has approached the board for assistance. Directors discussed various ways which may provide some help while meeting our objectives of sustainability and carbon reduction. CP suggested some criteria options. ***GC** to discuss further with the club.

Next meeting 19/10/11.