



Minutes of FDT meeting 23/03/10. 8pm Rowanbank.

Present: Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, David Smith, Martin Turner, Kayt Howell,(Admin)

Apologies: Pete Skabara, Jamie Pearson, Bill Acton.

FRESH

Some concern expressed over the remaining time left to organise the event, however several people/groups have been considered for invitation and presenting talks.

For Friday talks it has been decided to open with a presentation of the Fintry story from its conception to its current projects.

Others to be confirmed are Maitland Mackie, Fife Diet, Rachel Nunn CNS, possibly Comrie again, Steve Salt, Peter Lodge (Dunning Hydro group), Bruce Crawford, Eva Schonveld (Transition Scotland), Mark Ruskell, Daye Tucker.

MT suggested that the communities involved with the Earlsburn North farm be invited to discuss their plans for the turbine income.

GC still trying to secure event for the Friday evening and has contacted George Monbiot's agent, Fanny Armstrong (Age of Stupid), contact of OMD.

PR to be kept in house. GC and KH had meeting with Ken Young. Directors felt that was not the way to go for this event.

Stirling Observer, Bearsden and Milgavie paper, 'Homes' magazines, Scottish Renewables advertising all to be considered. Next Focus out beginning of June. Parklife have confirmed inclusion for next issue.

Text for local leaflet drop to be agreed.

KH to try and contact Sally McNair to do update.

KH to contact Ben to rework last years graphics for flyers, invites and posters.

Fence banners are at Gordon's. Will need date changed.

Willie Sangster to be asked about printing further portable banners. KH.

Directors approved costs for coaches and Science Centre performances. KH will confirm and organise payment details.

KH confirmed mini buses needed from 1pm - 3pm both days and large coaches from 3pm - 5pm. This allows guests to attend local installation trips and still visit the Wind Farm.

Meeting still to be organised with PTA and Sports Centre to iron out the logistics, but FDT have booked centre for 4th and 5th and KH has booked Hall for mornings of both dates in case needed.

Gazebos to be purchased for use by all those taking part on the Saturday.

Organising of event to be done by e mail and meetings as necessary over Easter period but must move on.

FRESCo

Cicely had passed on contact e mail for Emotion Energy, installers of Solar PV and Solar thermal.

GC and BA have been finalising discounts with the list of installers for the FRESCo project.

Text to be compiled of contacts of suppliers and installers for those who have an interest in the training opportunities.

Further update to be compiled and sent to interested parties but to include as much information as available. The package to include;

- Kevin's flow chart document.
- Further explanatory information from FDT.
- List of suppliers and installers of Kit.
- Description and contact info on training opportunities.
- Information on LoCo2 tariffs if available.

Other document to be compiled and circulated to all members is a FAQ/Update on the spending program of turbine income, including supporting Sports club, Menzies hall, FEET, continued insulation program, and draught proofing.

Third sector fund

Directors to review and consider all options to enable decision and a plan for FDT for the coming years, ASAP. GC to circulate info.

AOB

A review of the administrator's workload is currently underway as she has been in the post for 2 years. It is anticipated that as the Directors are satisfied with her input that this arrangement will be continued, but a review is still due, and may flag up unexpected issues.

More broadly, the FDT wishes to ensure the long term viability and sustainability of the local community. This will be realised in the area of awarding contracts for work and employment with a default position of preference for locals. If the cost of work is felt to be priced excessively, tenders will be invited more broadly, but the award of such contracts will not go inevitably to the cheapest bid, as the environmental and economic costs of contracts going outwith the local area will also be considered."

Next meeting of Board will be after Easter break. Hoping to change evening to Tuesday and meet in Inn.