



FDT Meeting - 07/10/09 - Millhouse 8pm.

Present : Gordon Cowtan, Alex Ellis, David Smith, David Howell, Bill Acton, Kayt Howell(Admin).

Apologies : Martin Turner, John Duckworth, Pete Skabara.

Media Appearances

1. STV are compiling a one minute piece on Fintry and its turbine story. GC assisting with information. Will be filming shortly.

2. Panorama are preparing a programme on communities and organisations who utilise the Climate challenge agenda - to be aired before the Copenhagen Conference. Fintry will be involved in the programme.

CCF Applications.

GC had meeting with Rebecca Vivers of the Climate Change Fund. One major stipulation is to establish 'Clear Community Support' for projects. GC is putting together a brief outline of projects and a questionnaire. This will be issued via Michael Carr's address list, which will explain to the membership what is being proposed and gather feedback.

Rebecca had been in touch with DS and discussed the school projects and advised of deadlines and application confirming connection with FDT. DS will move this forward with further advice from Rebecca.

School letter.

The Board received a lovely letter from one of the school's P7 pupils, Isla Kinnear thanking them for the new equipment at school. GC will post on web site.

Bus / Transport.

DS had meeting with the Stirling consultation group looking at transport requirements in the Stirling rural areas. The group have been moving slowly due to all the considerations which need to be taken into account. A tender document is being prepared to provide the types of transport which may be required.

AE said the tender document had also been sent to the Community Council and has invited David Brown, Transport Manager to attend CC meeting.

DS presented the outline survey document and agreed with the directors the additional information required to establish Fintry's unique requirements.

The questionnaire will be included with the other project questionnaire via Michael Carr. Research team will do analysis of results. Timing is important to allow information to be returned and assessed by mid December.

DS will forward the information for the transport questionnaire to the Stirling group.

GC to discuss distribution specifics with Michael.

Cover letter and FDT questionnaire to be compiled.

All CCF applications need to be completed for January for the panel review in February.

Menzies Hall

Due to JD's absence, DS contacted Sheila Frazer who suggested a meeting with the Hall-committee sometime in January to discuss the best way forward in reducing the Hall's carbon footprint.

CCF were prepared to look at the insulation of Community buildings.

AGM

The AGM will be held in the Menzies Hall at 2pm on the 24th of October 2009.

The AGM will be held in two parts.

The first part will be the business part - covering the structure, finance, on going projects and reports.

The second part will be a less formal session with refreshments for those who wish to stay and discuss more of what FDT has planned.

An A4 handout will be available outlining much of what will be covered at the AGM.

Two Directors need to stand down and present for re-election. David Howell and Gordon Cowtan have offered to do this.

FRESCo

Andy Lyle who is undertaking the feasibility study has now sorted out much of the financial model and has been contacting suppliers of kit ,negotiating trade prices and looking at training for local installers. Andy is continuing discussions with Electricity suppliers for lower supply prices.

The new Government 'Renewable Heat Incentive' program which pays varying amounts of money for every KW of renewable energy produced depending on the kit/type , will effect the figures for FRESCo.

The actual figures are currently unavailable and so much is left to guess work at the moment.

FDT are suggesting moving forward with a pilot scheme of a cross section of 20 homes in Fintry using renewable kit.

CARES will cover approximately 50% of the kit costs which reduces the risk to householders involved in the pilot.

Energy usage and costs will then be monitored.

Householders will be encouraged to 'blogg' their experiences.

Risks and capital outlay will need to be assessed.

Michael Carr

GC passed enquiry re the work and insulation project for the caravan park to Michael.

Glenfiddich Award

Frost has been nominated for the award in the 'Environment' category. Ceremony is on December 7th. Voting can be done through the Glenfiddich website.

AD - Daye Tucker.

On going. Daye still making contact with all the necessary parties.

Next Meeting - 4th November.