



Board Meeting , 18/01/12, Fintry Inn, 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Jamie Pearson, Kayt Howell (admin), Matthew Black (Energy Advisor), Chrissy Pollock (FDT Assistant), Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Iain Frazer, Pete Skabara, David Howell, Gordon Cowtan, Holly O'Donnell, Derek G Hulme.

**APOLOGIES:** Gordon Murray.

**\*Action**

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES.

Board approved last minutes. DH went through the previous action points:

MB has quotes for electrical work for the Hall and has passed to Sheila Fraser. Approx £8K. DGH asked about the make up of roof. MB and DGH to investigate structure.

GRANTS.

Board discussed and considered several new grant applications. Only one refused due to replacement of oil boiler with same. Three others approved.

Board discussed the situation of providing a grant for insulation for the rented accommodation above the Fintry Inn. After discussion the board agreed that as grants had been made available to all householders in Fintry including other rental situations they would consider the same for the flats in this location. Majority vote in favour. PS abstained.

In addition DH congratulated MB on his recent work on further renewable energy installations in the village - acknowledging that the second wave was always going to be quite difficult to achieve.

50KW TURBINES.

FDT has been approached by a Fintry resident with a commercial premises on some local land. The resident has provided information on a potential installation of two 50 KW turbines and a proposal which could include further income for the community via FDT.

The board discussed the proposals and considered the potential of utilising the EDF grant scheme to assist. The proposal has many areas which need to be considered in some depth. The directors agreed to form a sub group to look into the circumstances further, liaise with the resident, and report back to the board. **\*GC,\*HO'D,\*MB.**

## EXTERNAL INSULATION.

MB and CP to survey the houses in Culreuch Ave, which are some of the hard to treat homes, of which some may be eligible for the Scottish Gas offer of providing external insulation to properties where the residents meet specific criteria.

KM has also been negotiating with the Scottish Government on a pilot scheme for External Insulation. Funds are available but need to be spent by end of March which leaves a tight timetable for securing quotes and assessing which homes would be most suitable. Planning permission is not needed as work is deemed to be permitted development.

The Board discussed the importance of being part of the case study work for Scottish Government and the timescale issues. The directors considered methods and suggestions as to how the invoicing could perhaps be completed to meet the deadline, while the works are completed at a later date **\*MB** to obtain quotes and further information. Decisions can be made by Board via e mail to speed up process. The quotes will allow decisions on number of houses to be included and methods of meeting any over spend.

## ENERGY BOOKLET

MB passed around an energy brochure produce by Portobello which provides useful information to its residents in all matters relating to energy saving and renewables.

Board discussed the pros and cons of producing similar for Fintry and agreed that the website should include an online version when updated. Blogs from those who have installed renewables should be added as well as case studies which give practical and financial information for those who may be considering the same.

## FRESH

Fintry Renewable Energy Show 2012 is scheduled for the 9th and 10th of March.

The outline format has been agreed and the 'Advance Notice' is available to e mail to all who may wish to attend or participate.

KM requested that **\*all directors** provide a wish list of quests and speakers who would then be contacted asap. The visit to home installations will be to the Skabaras (Ground Source), Howells (Air Source) Frazers (Bio Mass) and the Sports club for a commercial installation.

The Primary school has been approached to take part in the event. The Inn has agreed to host the main enquiries desk and some of the discussions and presentations. The hall is booked for the exhibition and the market.

**\*IF** will be our photographer for the event. Signs need to be retrieved from Martin's garage and stored in PS'S garage **\*MB**.

The event requires a considerable amount of organising. **\*KM, \*HO'D, \*CP, \*GC and \*KH** are the main contacts but help welcome from all.

## OUTSTANDING LOAN

Directors discussed the one remaining outstanding installers loan. The contract between householder and installer does not effect FDT. The loan was to the installer to enable the work to proceed. FDT will contact the installer to request payment for the remaining amount.\***DH** \***MB**.

## CAR CHARGER

MB has secured an offer from Zero Carbon World to install a electrical car charger in Fintry.\***MB** to discuss the details with the Sports Club. FDT directors voted and agreed in principle to it's installation.A separate meter will be required and the board agreed to pay for the charges (estimated at £1 each) - for the moment.

## FALCK MEETING

GC reported on his meeting in London with Charles Williams.The discussions included the loan structure and the re-alignment of the payment semesters which were out due to the construction delay. The board discussed the details of the meeting and the options available for paying of the capital costs. The board voted unanimously to agree the changes discussed. GC will report back to Falck.

## FEET

KM reported on FEET and its figures.

There are costs to be incurred for brakes for the Ford and the Mazda is due an MOT shortly. However since the launch of FEET it is now beginning to pay into the account by a small amount. KM has been advertising in local press for users within the DRT zone, and has informed FDT members to the short term membership option.

FDT will need to advertise for a cleaning/ minor maintenance contractor for FEET vehicles.\***KM/CP**

## DIRECTORS TRAINING.

The most suitable evening for the majority of Directors is Monday 30th January. 7pm at the Sports Club Committee Room. \***GC** to inform DTAS.

## AOB

KM and HO'D discussed the idea of including an Ethical Investment workshop as part of FRESH.

Suggestion was made to secure an electric vehicle to have on demonstration at the charge point for FRESH.

Next FRESH meeting Wednesday 25th Jan at 'Winterburn'.after 11.35 am

Next Board meeting 15/02/12. Inn. 7.30 pm.

