



## FINTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Minutes of FDT meeting 03/06/09 8pm Rowanbank

Present; David Smith, Gordon Cowtan, Martin Turner, David Howell, Bill Acton, Kayt Howell (Admin).

Apologies; Pete Skabara, Alex Ellis, John Duckworth.

### **FRESh**

Directors discussed the pros and cons of the event and it was generally agreed to have been a valuable and enjoyable exercise as well as being successful as a first attempt.

It was agreed the Exhibitors benefited from the quality of leads and genuine enquiries.

The talks and presentations had been well received.

Feedback from visitors had been very encouraging.

It may be best to consider next time, fully utilising one venue instead of two. This would create an improved, busier atmosphere, cover catering and refreshments, minimise confusion for visitors, and generally centralise the event.

Speakers could then return to desks to answer queries from visitors.

Directors agreed to stick with a business/commercial day and a separate family day. More could be done next time to engage the families and local residents on the family/community day. The Science Centre's contribution was praised.

DS suggested a leaflet drop as part of our advertising to attract more members of the community.

MT suggested we organise the event in June to correspond with other green events.

GC suggested considering pre-booking arrangements for the business day.

It was agreed to re-run the event again next summer having learned a lot from our first attempt, and to start the organising by October this year to minimise the administrative pressures.

It may then become a biannual event.

## **Michael Carr**

(refer to Michael's e mail of 05/06/09)

GC has data base.

DH asked about draft proofing. GC mentioned it would be part of Phase 2.

GC to contact Moffat re. left over energy meters.

DS to use some for Fling raffle prizes.

## **Menzies Hall.**

New heating has been installed and the improvement has been appreciated by hall users already.

Insulation for main roof area to be considered. Derek Hulme to be contacted.

Fuller report on JD's return.

## **School Funding.**

DS referred to his discussions with Ewan Fraser about the Community Fund and DS's knowledge of other village schools being in receipt of funding for projects from this.

GC and MT explained that Fintry was not in receipt of the community fund as agreed in the negotiation / deal with the developers which reflects Fintry's unique circumstances.

DS then highlighted the loss to the school that this represented and all directors agreed that it had not been previously considered and it was an obvious draw back to funding for school projects.

DS made a presentation to the Directors illustrating projects the school was keen to urgently pursue - all within the ethos and directives of the Trust.

The projects included;

Developing the Woodland Area - which the Castle owners had agreed in principle to lease to the school. This would be for both educational and leisure purposes for the children, be part of the work of the school Eco committee and assist in the pursuit of the Green Flag Award.

Outdoor fitness and training area.

Composting and planting.

External building graphics with environmental theme.

DH and BA commented on the value of these projects for the children - getting the Green message across to the next generation.

GC asked about other sources of funding, the Councils commitment, if any, and stated that the Trust did not wish to pay for items that the Council should be providing.

DS explained the lack of council input but added he was looking at lottery funding, any assistance from the Co-op, some PTA funding.

Directors suggested applying for funding through the Trust to the Climate Change Fund.

The Directors agreed that the projects had great long term potential and were part of the agreed areas of attention marked out at the Trust's AGM to tackle the Community buildings /facilities in the village.

In order to enable the initial practical steps of getting these projects under way and allowing the disruptive element to take place over the summer break, the directors agreed to fund 50% of the estimated total of £15K prior to the other funding applications.

The Directors present welcome feedback and comment from those absent.

FDT will apply to CCF on behalf of the school.

The Directors suggest formalising agreement with the Castle.

### **Car Pool**

MT sent round e mail on 2nd June outlining 'CarPlus'

System currently in use in Edinburgh. System uses a booking system allowing travellers to book journeys in shared cars. Edinburgh model uses subscription, voucher scheme.

The booking and tracking system is German and covers multi use vehicle insurance.

FDT would need to know what the 'Package Cost' would be and further details of how the scheme and voucher value would work. It should be suitable for use for non drivers too.

DS added that Pam Campbell was looking into how the scheme for transport may be extended throughout the Balfron Cluster. Awaiting survey.

**NEXT MEETING 1ST JULY @ Millhouse.**