

AGM minutes . 31/10/15

2pm Menzies hall Fintry.

PRESENT: Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, Iain Frazer, Hugh Edmond, Holly O'Donnell, Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor) , Kayt Howell Co ordinator.

APOLOGIES : Jamie Pearson, Gordon Murray

Approximately 30 FDT members,

Guest Speaker: Sandy Wito - Veitch Cooper.

David Howell (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and praised the turnout. Apologies were given for Board members unable to attend. David then handed over to Gordon Cowtan.

Gordon Cowtan (Treasurer) explained the availability of the summary accounts printed at the rear of the AGM handout, and the full draft accounts being available for more detail, on our website.

Gordon explained FREE - Fintry Renewable Energy Enterprise and it's function as the trading arm of the Trust and the newly set up FCE - Fintry Community Energy. Gordon explained that FCE has only been running a few months and there was little relevant information to impart at this stage .

Following a run through of the accounts summary, Gordon invited questions from the membership.

Questions regarding the accounts were taken from, D. Skelhorn, A Watson, S Higgins, J Milne, S Kelso.

Gordon answered where possible in the allotted time and offered to discuss specific questions with individuals at the end of the meeting.

He agreed that the draft accounts should be available in advance of the AGM, and explained the current difficulties faced in achieving this and our plans to look into a suitable solution.

Gordon then handed over to Kayt Howell(Co ordinator) to give a project report.

Kayt took the membership through the handout leaflet which covered the projects and involvement of the Trust over the past year and the areas of work we are hoping to engage in.

This included , the final results of the CCF f8 project, our various grants, Fintry Possible consultation, visitors , our partnership project with Transition Stirling - SLCF, our car club closure and reasons, etc.

Kayt then mentioned that FDT had reached the finalist stage of the Green Energy Awards, for the Balgair District Heating Project and congratulated Matthew on all his hard work and invited him to give the membership a report on this and his other energy efficiency work within Fintry.

Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor) explained his role in the Balgair project as FDT's project manager, forming and managing relationships with all parties involved in the project's completion, from residents to installers, and funding bodies.

Matthew went on to report on his continued energy advice role which he utilises under his one day a week position with SLCF (Stirling's Low Carbon Future), his work with RHI , FITS and planning applications for new technologies.

Matthew then outlined the Fintry Tariff project , the funded feasibility study through CARES and the current work being undertaken to provide a locally produced green tariff for the community via a smart meter system. The proposal is that energy used by the village is monitored, controlled and offset against energy produced by the Strathendrick AD plant, 4 miles outside Fintry.

Matthew then invited Sandy Wito of Veitch Cooper, energy specialists to give a presentation to the membership on the details of how the project may work.

Sandy's presentation is available via Matthew , matthew@fintrydt.org.uk and shortly via our FDT website.

Questions were taken from the floor following the presentation.

Questions asked were about cost to home owners, the technology involved, the ability to control own environment, the 'Green' credentials of our proposed energy source via the A.D.

Matthew invited the membership to complete an energy use survey and explained the need for as many to sign up and engage as possible.

David H then moved to the election of directors explaining that every year two directors must stand down or for re election. This year Iain Frazer was standing for re election and a space was available on the board by the position vacated by Pete Skabara, due to work commitments. David thanked Pete for all his contributions over the years.

One member of FDT had come forward to stand for this available position - Stuart Higgins. Stuart was invited to give a brief introduction to himself. As there were no other contenders , David H asked for a show of hands to approve the re-election of Iain Frazer and the new election of Stuart Higgins to the Board.

All approved. David welcomed both onto the Board.

David H then brought the meeting to a close and invited every one to enjoy some tea & coffee and discuss anything further, less formally.