



FDT Board meeting .Culcreuch Castle 7.30 pm 08/11/10

**Present :** David Howell, Bill Acton, Gordon Murray, Derek Hulme, Cicely Roy, Martin Turner, Kelly McIntyre (project manager) Stephen Strachan (energy advisor), Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell (administrator)

**Apologies :** Pete Skabara, Jamie Pearson.

**\*Action**

FOOTPADS.

Cicely Roy attended the meeting to discuss the potential support available from FDT for the FOOTPADS project. Cicely outlined the preparation work which has already been undertaken. At this stage, in order to move forward and apply for grant funding, Cicely wished to establish whether FOOTPADS should or could be affiliated as a direct sub group of FDT.

The directors discussed the project in some detail and the potential issues including legal liabilities and accounts.

The directors agreed to support FOOTPADS where possible and look into the logistics of how best to do this.

Cicely will continue with preparation work and documentation.

NEW DIRECTORS.

GC welcomed Derek Hulme and Gordon Murray as the latest directors to join the board following their election at the AGM. Derek and Gordon were asked to complete some required paperwork. \*KH will put together contact information and forward.

AGM

Minutes were approved.

Company accounts to be approved and added to web site.\*GC

Invitation for new members and list of current directors to go on notice board.\*KH

A reminder to existing members to update their contact details and e mail addresses to be part of the next FDT piece for the Focus.

## PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT.

KM updated her most recent report. This included the forthcoming visit to the Cumbernauld AD site and information about the application for a community orchard. Cicely was able to provide some additional information on the sites being considered and will forward a map which shows the areas of SSSI.

\***KM** to organise and advertise use of the DRT for a Christmas evening at Berits and Brown in Kippen.

## ENERGY ADVISORS REPORT

SS discussed the issues of the different GSHP drillers and installers and the comparison of their professionalism.

DH advised a paper trail of any issues was required to prevent any backlash from disgruntled residents if issues are not resolved. SS was clear his role was to assist the householder through their project although the choice of kit and installer was understood to be ultimately that of the home-owner.

MT suggested SS do a piece for the Stirling Observer. May include an interview with householder.

SS updated the directors on the current position with the Sports Centre grant award and the looking at costs for a suitable pellet store.

## REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS AND INVOICES.

GC asked for board approval of the draft accounts as previously e mailed. Approved.

GC ran through the various invoices for the last month. Directors discussed the fee for the Scottish Renewables membership and the benefits of being members.

## CAR CLUB.

Details are not complete. When further information becomes available KM will summarise the information and forward to the directors.

## AOB

GC raised the discussion of the 'Conflict of Interest' clause and the issue of Director's indemnity insurance. Director's agreed that these issues be prepared for inclusion at our next AGM.

BA expressed his enthusiasm for the 'outreach' aspect of FDT and FROST.

GC & DH both added that the difficulty and confusion lay with communities who approach the charitable body of FDT and receive a response from the commercial enterprise of FROST. This is directly due to the two directors of FROST also being on the board of FDT.

DH stated that it had to be clear and logged in some way that when responding to an FDT enquiry they are acting on behalf of the trust and not FROST.

MT added that clarity and transparency could be further assisted by information on the web site.

Directors briefly discussed the 'outreach fund' to be used by March and the bigger role of FDT to utilise their experience to assist other communities while understanding that free information was not sustainable.

Time restraints on the meeting resulted in the directors deciding to put this subject to the top of the agenda for the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER '10. CASTLE BAR**