



Minutes of Meeting - 20/04/10 - Fintry Inn - 8pm.

**Present :** David Smith, Gordon Cowtan, Jamie Pearson, Martin Turner, Kayt Howell (Admin), David Howell.

**Apologies:** Pete Skabara, Bill Acton.

**\*A\*** = decision/action required.

## **FRESh.**

KH ran through the items booked and to be confirmed for the event so far. These included coaches for the trips to the Wind Farm, mini buses for visiting local installations, Elspeth English - Environmental education, Ronnie Mackie the Ecology Centre, The Science Centre Eco Show and Buskers.

Directors discussed the budget for gazebos to accommodate exhibitors and guests for FRESh and the FLING.

KH to compile list of costs so far.

Directors discussed the outline program of events.

Friday morning talks - FDT, Maitland Mackie, Fife Diet, Carbon Neutral Stirling.

Saturday 'Tech Talks' - Representatives of various technologies to be confirmed. **\*A\***

KH to find out advertising costs for Scotsman and Glasgow Herald.

Stirling Observer article required. **\*A\***

Bearsden and Milngavie Herald? **\*A\***

Poster has been updated by Ben. Other Graphics requirements and content to be decided as soon as possible to allow time for ordering and printing. **\*A\***.

DS suggested using photo shoot on 30th May as a potential publicity opportunity.

Exhibitors to be contacted and invited. **\*A\***. KH to look for 'Free flow' contact information.

Exhibitors to include; Ecoliving, Highland Wood Energy, LoCo2, Danfoss, Free Flow.

Local installation candidates to be contacted. Kelsos, Alex Ellis, Robin Morris, Gordon will do Solar /Water, Bill to do Hydro. **\*A\***

Alex Mason to be confirmed for car parking. \*A\* GC to look out fee info.

Meeting to be arranged asap between, FDT, PTA and Sports Club. \*A\*

JP to speak to Community Council about new signage for the village.

## **JOBS**

FDT currently have two grants for two different jobs which need to be used this financial year.

One is for a salaried position to promote the work of FDT, define a future for the Trust over coming years and facilitate the ideas and projects of the Trust.

There has been previous discussion over the splitting of the salary for use as payment for sub- contracted or free-lance work. GC to ask the grant body for advice. Decision must be made as to how to administer this fund. \*A\*

Directors to consider co-opting a director to the board who would be able to fill the role.

Other position is for the Energy Officer.

Directors have been made aware of some interested people however job must be advertised as soon as possible as surveys by EST are already underway.

Suggested postings for the vacancy are Stirling Observer, University network and Development Trust Association. SR also have job vacancies on their daily briefing e mail, free to members. Posters in village too. \*A\*

Job description required. GC to check. \*A\*

It is suggested that the Energy Officer also manages FEET. MT to talk to Sandy about ex PO accommodation as suitable working office for Energy Officer. \*A\*

## **Memberships**

Some of the original memberships are nearing the end of their three year period. Directors to look at ways of extending membership period to 'life', rather than have everyone re - apply. GC will check with accountant \*A\*

## **FRESCo.**

Surveys are underway.

Document of information for all participating in project to be completed and emailed/ posted. \*A\*

LoCo2 information to be included.

## **AOB**

MT to pick up e mail contact from Dave Hawkey of Edinburgh University.

DS had been contacted by another party interested in purchasing own turbine and donating income to local school. May be further contact.

CAT- Centre for Alternative Technology. MT raised the subject of working with CAT to provide the training for the installers of kit in the FRESCo project. CAT are known as the leaders in providing this service. Due to unforeseen financial pressures they would be interested in providing the necessary training courses with payment being 'upfront'.

The estimated cost being £1,000 x 10.

Directors discussed the need for this, the risks and the benefits of this method of training versus the training being offered by installers of kit.

Directors decided to find out more about what the local trades people interested in the training would actually wish to achieve.

The directors will look at the CAT website for further information.

JP asked about the discounted rates being offered by installers on the FRESCo project and whether it would be applicable to all who choose that technology or whether FDT should support those who may be at risk of not receiving. GC said this had not been the discussion he had had with installers, but that discounts would be available for all. When the grants run out then it may be that FDT will review this.

MT discussed the discount being negotiated by Bill regarding Bore Holes for heat pumps.

Bill seems to have managed to get to a cost of £2k per household on a take up of 10 plus -which is a greatly favourable cost to the norm. MT suggested that FDT should cover this cost as an obvious means of using our funding to support the community. This was agreed by directors.

KH mentioned being approached by Katy Rodgers regarding her recyclable packaging for dairy products and how she may be able to provide a service to the community for assistance with kit.

Directors agreed to discuss this further with Katy at a future date.

The Menzies Hall is currently getting quotes for double glazing. Directors feel that the issue of insulation for the roof be resolved as a condition of providing further funding assistance. \*A\*

Directors discussed the idea of co-opting two further directors to the board to deal with the increase in workload.

John Duckworths resignation letter was shown to other directors.

Scottish Renewables directory 2010 was shown prior to filing.

MT to have further discussions with LoCo2

**Next meeting still to be arranged. \*A\***

