



Board Meeting - 20/04/13 - Sports Club 7.30 pm

PRESENT - David Howell, Kayt Howell (Co ordinator) ,Chrissy Pollock (Energy Advisor), Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor), Iain Frazer, Jamie Pearson, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Gordon Cowtan, Holly O'Donnell, Derek G Hulme.

APOLOGIES - Hugh Edmond, Gordon Murray, Pete Skabara.

ACTION

PREVIOUS MINUTES

DH checked and accepted Board approval of last minutes.

CHEAPER ENERGY TOGETHER.

GC asked MB about the cheaper tariff offers which FDT circulated as an idea to members. MB was disappointed by the performance and email spamming of the Cheaper energy Together and had hoped it would have been more useful to those who signed up. Offers were very similar to any other to other market comparison sites.

FLING BUDGET

FDT's presence at the Fling this year will centre on the Cycling - as we will be launching the cycling branch of FEET shortly. We intend to have a bike amnesty for those who have unused bikes and for those who may need, workshops, obstacle course , test drives for the electric bikes, promotions for maintenance workshops etc. We will also have activities to gather support of the new Community garden site. The Board agreed a budget of £500.00. HOD will liaise with the PTA.

STAFF

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND.

Board agreed to calculate the previously agreed 5% of profit amount to then forward to the CC to administer as they see fit to help community groups and organizations as a community benefit fund.

KH JP

FRESH

FDT intends to hold another FRESH (Fintry Renewable Energy Show) in 2014. Initial outline plans have been considered by staff . We have a better lead in time and a budget available to produce a substantial event with additional associated workshops/events than before.

Board agreed the £10k budget (secured through other funding). Sponsorship for certain aspects will also be considered.

ALL

CURRENT PROJECT SUMMARY

Garden - Planters from pallets became too problematical in securing usable pallets and in construction time, bag liners etc. Have gone for 100% recycled plastic planters which are robust and will not require maintenance and are also easier to move, if need be, by fork lift. Orders are being made for various materials to prepare areas and lay grass protector. Pins are urgently needed for securing protector material - DGH to source. **DGH**

Grade 1 material for path area will be required DGH - will also source this. **DGH**

Gathered pallets are free to those who can use them.

FDT GRANT CRITERIA.

Board discussed the application for grants for two separate households owned by one person. In each household the projects met the criteria and would result in carbon savings. The board reiterated that each grant would be considered on it's individual merits and all would be at the discretion of the FDT Board. Agreement was given for the grants.

KH MB CP

PELLET BULK BUY

IF raised the question of potential bulk buy of biomass pellets for the community. The board discussed the storage issues and who would be responsible for any damage and waste. MB and IF discussed blown delivery options and minimum quantities of orders. MB will look into further options. **MB**

Reserved business

Next meeting - 22nd May '13.