



FDT Board Meeting - 21/08/13 - 7.30pm Sports Centre Office

**PRESENT:** Christina Pollock (Energy Advisor), Kayt Howell (Co ordinator) David Howell, Derek G Hulme, Gordon Cowtan, Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor), Iain Frazer, Hugh Edmond.

**APOLOGIES:** Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray, Holly O'Donnell, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager) [Maternity Leave]

## **ACTION**

### **WIND DEVELOPMENTS**

GC reported that the project discussed earlier in the year - working with Rachel Nunn and Grampian Housing Association has unfortunately hit problems and is now redundant.

### **DATA MONITORING**

This was declined for CCF funding so we are looking into alternatives. Have had a positive response from residents interested and able to supply data. **GC**

### **SMART GRID**

FDT has been approached by a consortium of academic researchers who are planning some research around future smart grid scenarios in the UK. This research would be part of the UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) and would therefore feed into current modelling of the future energy landscape in the UK. A workshop for research is to be held in the village on the 5th of October and FDT will assist in recruiting approx 14 residents who wish to participate. **KH**

### **AGM**

The date has now been agreed and the hall booked for the 2nd of November 2013. Two Directors are required to step down and stand for re- election each year. DGH has offered to step down. One more director to oblige. AGM will follow the same set up as before but will be part of a four day event being held over that week end as part of the F8 project. This is being brought forward to allow a clear path to organize FRESH 2014 **ALL**

### **FINTRY GRANT**

With the change to EST loans and the hopeful prospect of RHI happening in 2014, the board discussed the options of adding to the existing grant availability within Fintry. MB explained the complicated processes surrounding the Green Deal and costs for EPCs and assessments.

Discussions looked at various options which may be considered to help residents install renewables - with as much assistance as possible from FDT, but including utilizing the RHI payments. The Board looked at the grants being made for an new renewable heating system to the home and not the owners and that it would be regarded as a debt to be

settled on the house if owners sold. The legal implications need to be thoroughly considered.

**ALL**

#### EV CHARGING POINT

EST will fund a new faster charging point which will be sited in the Sports Centre Car park where the FEET cars are currently parked. Load checks are needed for the Sports Clubs supply. Our Nissan Leaf EV for FEET is due to arrive later this year and will benefit from this. Paper work needs to be completed signed and sent off. The power used for charging EV's will be funded by FDT. Another exciting addition to our car club fleet.

**KH, CP**

#### CYCLE FINTRY

Is now up and running with the booking system available online to members of FEET and CYCLE FINTRY. We have had some new members join up. Actual launch will be part of a cycle day in the next Four Days In Fintry. Staff will be applying for further funding to assist with maintenance costs and insurance for future years.

**KH, CP**

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden has now been planted out and further plans are in place for planting fruit bushes and hedging trees for biodiversity. Budgets for Grants and reports are almost complete. Staff will promote at Fintry Show on 31st August. We are looking at the best way to maintain the garden grounds and keep it in order. Board agreed to fund a monthly general care budget until further funding is secured.

**KH, CP**

#### WOOD FUEL

MB is continuing to partnership with Wood For All and cut and stack wood with permission of the Drappers - from their land. MB is considering the best distribution methods and how to utilize the Fintry Splitters. IF may be able to supply bags. The board agreed to fund a complete kit including chainsaw to fully equip MB in his work in this area. MB & KH to look at costs and insurance.

**MB, KH**

#### NURSERY SOLAR PV

MB reported that installation was agreed for during the school October week and all had gone smoothly with the process.

#### EXTERNAL INSULATION

CP reported that EPCs had all been carried out including the non traditional houses and that we were waiting to hear if these will also be fully funded. Hoping works will commence in the near future.

#### CYCLE TO WORK DAY

12th of September - will encourage uptake and approach the school.

Next meeting - 25th September - Sports Club 7.30pm. DGH offered apologies for that date.

