



Minutes of board meeting 22/01/14, Sports club , 7.30pm

Present : Holly O'Donnell, Jamie Pearson, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor) , Hugh Edmond, Iain Frazer, Kayt Howell (Co ordinator), David Howell, Gordon Cowtan,

Apologies: Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray, Christina Pollock (Energy Advisor)

Action

Previous minutes approved.

DRT BUS SERVICE.

JP reported the current situation following FCC meeting with Councillors , bus users and Bert Comrie (DRT).

Following discussions and points made by all parties, it has been made clear that Stirling Council will not pay for the service. The service, now temporarily funded by FDT, is used by considerable numbers and is an important facility to many in the village, particularly pensioners.

FCC are now looking into funding opportunities to allow the service to continue. Directors discussed the costs involved and agreed to continuing funding of the service as a stop gap measure until the results of the funding applications come in. JP will make this point clear at the next FC meeting on the 19th Feb 14. **JP**

EPC GRANT

MB outlined the proposal of an FDT EPC grant which will cover the costs of an EPC and Green Deal Assessment for those who are unable to claim the costs back from EST due to being unable to carry out any of the measures produced by the report. This will allow those who have installed renewable systems to get the EPC in place for application for RHI. The Board agreed that this should be put in place. MB to produce the application and criteria documentation. **MB**

FORCE 9

Force 9 will be attending the FCC on the 19th of Feb and will be joining the next FDT meeting on the 26th . The main focus will be to discuss the community benefit aspect from the proposed development at Craigton and Spittalhill. Documents relating to this development are in the foyer of the Sports Club to view.

FDT directors will also be present at the FCC meeting.

GC & DH

FRESH

Plans are underway for the Fintry Renewable Energy Show on the 2nd and 3rd of May 2014. KM had sent a summary of the structure through to the directors and discussed the plans further with the board. It was agreed that the theme of 'partnership and knowledge share' would mean covering topics additional to that which Fintry has direct experience of, making the event much more than just a Fintry related show. DH suggested approaching the BBC2 Scottish Independence Debate producers to invite them to come to Fintry to discuss the environmental policies and issues relating to independence. IF & KM to follow up contacts. GC asked for a plan for FRESH for Directors reference. **KM & IF**

NURSERY

JP reported that further to the recent FCC meeting there were no specific commitments from the councillors present, although the Fintry Nursery was the most complained about issue regarding the Priority Based Budget proposals. There are further meetings towards the end of the month which the community should continue to attend and voice objections to the closure.

FDT has received reminders from the Council for payment of the PV panels which are now installed on a building which faces closure and may then be sold on.

MB will contact the council regarding this matter. **MB**

COLLEGES UPDATE

KM ran through the summary previously forwarded to the board outlining the progress being made with various Colleges interested in utilizing the work and materials created by FDT. There are several possibilities being considered such as additions to existing courses or for the creation of modules or separate courses. The board discussed the importance of accreditation and the next steps being taken to facilitate this. DH has many years experience in creating modules and has offered his assistance when at that stage. KM also explained the connection with Applecross and what Inverness college and UHI are aiming to achieve under the REMOTE project. **KM**

CCF UNDERSPEND.

KH & KM discussed with the board, the current underspend figure and the plans to address this in the coming quarter. **KM & KH**

STAFF REPORT

For the Boards information, KH ran through the project items currently being focused on.

- FRESH
- Colleges
- District Heating
- EPC Grant
- Energy Advice

Delegate Packs
CCF spend
CCF targets for this quarter
EV launch
New charging point
External Cladding
CCF partnership with Sports Club
Requests for visits and information
FEET

PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

HOD reported that there are frequent queries arising at the PSPC which relate to FDT . As such they have requested a board member be co opted on to the council in an advisory capacity. The Board were happy to link with another important community group. HOD offered to be the Co opted member. All agreed. **HOD**

AOB.

IF reminded the board about WWFs Earth HOur on 29th March at 8.30pm. Board agreed to promote and support by organizing a small event.

JP asked about the current status/ agreement re the Greater Good Fund.
FDT awaiting some more information. JP to chase up the application information. **JP**

DATE of NEXT MEETING - 26th FEB 7.30pm.