



FDT meeting at Hillend Cottage. Wednesday 24th February 2010. 8pm

**Present.** Martin Turner, Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, Kayt Howell (Admin).

**Apologies.** Pete Skabara, Jamie Pearson, Bill Acton, David Smith.

### **Earlsburn North**

MT discussed the meeting of parties, with an interest in the development, taking place on the 9th March 10. There have been a number of comments submitted both for and against the windfarm extension.

An FDT presence at the meeting would be valuable particularly in relation to the income division between communities and how this may be handled.

FDT would be happy to assist in terms of experience but would prefer not to be seen as controlling all funding for the community. Solution must be agreed on how this would work.

### **Pilot Study plan B**

Menzies hall is booked from 9.30 - 12 noon 06/03/10.

MT has had discussions with Sue Kearns and invited her to watch FDT in action at the meeting on 6th March!

MT has also been talking to the people at Scottish Renewables and keeping them up to date with FDT 's activities.

Tariffs have come through from LoCo2 who had attended our presentation of the original pilot study proposals. Their Heat pump tariffs look particularly interesting, seemingly offering approximately a quarter less than SSE.

GC to call Jamie of CES to assess where we are and to ask about potential funding of the Farm scale turbines.

KH will e mail/contact all those who have expressed interest in Pilot Study to invite to meeting on Saturday 6th March.

CCF funded energy officer will not be in post for couple of months yet so those who wish to act quickly will need to use the services of EST.

Directors discussed the potential working practises of the future Energy Officer and where he/she may be located within Fintry.

Suppliers and installers costs need to be finalised and suppliers informed of the likelihood of a larger scale initial project with plan B.

Directors discussed the possibilities of 'group usage' of renewable technologies and the complications which may arise.

The creation of FRESCo is not essential for Plan B but directors feel it would be beneficial to see through to completion.

GC to contact Stephen Phillips.

Directors discussed the potential for a loan mechanism to assist any residents who have difficulties in meeting the credit criteria. May be very problematical especially with consumer credit act etc. May need to approach from the position of secondary guarantee.

## **FRESh**

Much to be done. Dates confirmed as Friday 4th (Business Day) and Saturday 5th (Family Day in conjunction with the Fling).

FDT must discuss with PTA about events for the Friday evening and the general setting up and sharing of the facilities.

GC to contact Sandy re act for Friday evening.

Discussions to be had with, Falck, Science Centre, Coaches, Exhibitors, Scottish Renewables and more.

KH has put paragraph in Parklife for next issue and booked the Sport Centre for the 4th & 5th June.

Directors discussed best way forward with publicity for FRESh through contacts with BBC.

**Due to meeting on 6th March and impending FRESh, next meeting on 3rd March 10, 8pm. Burnbank Cottage (unless advised otherwise) .**