



FDT Board meeting. 25/09/13 - 7.30 pm - Sports Club

Present: Christina Pollock(energy advisor), David Howell, Hugh Edmond, Jamie Pearson, Iain Frazer, Matthew Black (senior energy advisor), Holly O'Donnell, Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell, (Co ordinator) ,

Apologies: Derek G Hulme, Gordon Murray, Pete Skabara, Kelly McIntyre(project manager)

ACTION

Previous minutes were approved.

AGM

The board discussed the format for the forthcoming AGM on November 2nd 2013. It was agreed to stick to the layout of last year which worked well. Election of board members will be required as every year. Posters and notes to membership to go out shortly . Directors discussed which two directors need to stand down for re-election. The Board will have another meeting prior to the AGM to ensure all requirements are in place and discuss the draft accounts and necessary info for the handout on the day .

ALL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL - common good fund.

The board discussed the details of how the fund, donated by FDT to the Community Council for distribution to community for other needs, are to be regulated and controlled by the CC. The board agreed that to make the fund accessible to all , there needed to be some flexibility on the strict regulations set out in the draft. The aim is not to deter , smaller groups or individuals with a funding need but not the ability to meet such stringent criteria. FDT are to revisit their guidelines and add some flexibility to the guidance notes . Accountability and transparency is paramount and will be built in by the collective decisions made by the Community Council.

JP & GC

EARLSBURN EXTENSION

JP advised that all agreements are in place for the go ahead of the extension and that the group concerned with the community benefit negotiations will be reconvening shortly. To harness the experience of FDT, it was decided to co opt GC to the Community council to assist with advising the group and contribute to the discussion.

JP & GC

GRANT CRITERIA

The board discussed the application of current grant criteria to a residents application as it was slightly different to the general requests and agreed to pass for approval and payment.

FREE LOGS TO FINTRY RESIDENTS

Directors and staff discussed the success of the recent distribution of winter fuel to the community via the generous donation of seasoned timber from the Drapper's woodland windfall and the assistance of the Fintry splitters. Further work on controlling the distribution will be put in practice for the next event which is intended to be around late October, early November, ensuring a fair share to as many residents as possible.

Staff to look into making this part of a bigger workshop to help finance the work of splitting the logs for older residents. **STAFF**

PROJECT REPORTS

Staff outlined the work on reports for grants and planning aspects of the next "4 Days in Fintry" to be held at the end of October , beginning of November. The four days will include an Orchard day which will involve the children of the primary school , a Green Deal and RHI information evening, AGM and project information share, Launch of Cycle Fintry with bike maintenance and obstacle course.

INSURANCE

KH discussed the various policies needed for our different projects and how we are looking to review these and consolidate where we can. **KH**

AOB

MB mentioned the construction of an AD at Claylands farm. Directors discussed whether contact should be made to form some sort of partnership with others in the village who would be keen to add their waste materials. **MB**

MB had been approached to circulate information regarding the road to Killearn and get feedback from other residents on the roads condition. Board agreed that this was a Community Council matter and that we would pass the enquiry to them.

RESERVED BUSINESS

DATE of NEXT MEETING - 23rd October.