



Minutes of FDT board meeting 27/11/13

Present: Holly O'Donnell, Chrissy Pollock (Energy Advisor), Iain Frazer, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Gordon Cowtan, Jamie Pearson, David Howell, Kayt Howell (Co ordinator),

Apologies: Pete Skabara, Gordon Murray, Hugh Edmond.

ACTION

AGM BOARD MINUTES

DH ran through the minutes of October's AGM and the directors unanimously approved them.

TURBINE REFINANCE

GC reported that progress was now being made on the refinance of the turbine. Discussions are still to be had with SIB and some other details still to sorted out but it would appear that all parties are keen to get this matter resolved before Christmas. GC will keep the board posted of progress. **GC**

SCHOOL WOODLAND MAINTENANCE

FDT have been approached and asked for assistance in meeting on going maintenance costs , either directly or through direction to available potential grants. FDT have asked for an idea of costs in order to respond appropriately and are waiting for feed back on figures.

NURSERY CLOSURE

The directors discussed the threat of closure to the nursery building as part of the Council's cut backs. A group of young families and other residents are already campaigning to reverse this decision with the support of Bruce Crawford MSP . The board agreed to compile a letter of support to send out to the appropriate parties. Concerns over the new PV recently installed on the Nursery building, through FDT, were discussed. **HOD**

FEET

The board discussed the arrival of the new EV - part of the FEET Fleet. It will be decaled with FEET logos soon. Team are looking into a one day hire rate available to non members. This would be run in partnership with the Sports Club - additional services are needed for their card machine. Sports Club will receive discounted hire rates for their members although over all the best deal will always be to be a full member of FEET. Intention is to host introduction and promotional days soon to make members and others interested aware of the car's specific requirements and use. **STAFF**

FRESh

Board and staff discussed the preliminary thoughts and ideas for FRESh (Fintry Renewable Energy Show). A date has been agreed with the Sports Club to host on the Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of May 2014. Board discussed potential speakers and guests and the general format over the two days. KM asked that everyone give some time and thought to the plans any specifics/ requests which should be considered. **ALL**

EXTERNAL CLADDING

Staff reported on the concerns of residents over the unfortunate delays. This is largely due to the waiting for approval on the Building Warrants. Everwarm have forwarded a letter of explanation which has been hand delivered to all concerned and gives a suggested revised time table of January 2014.

AOB

1. Board discussed the Stirling Council withdrawal of funding for the DRT transport used as the shoppers bus on a Wednesday. The Board agreed this was particularly insensitive just prior to Christmas as no other transport options were available . The Board agreed to look further into the circumstances and costs with a view to supporting the bus, temporarily, until further discussions can be had with the Council and Bert (DRT) to reach an agreement. **DH KM**
2. Colleges of Scotland. KM gave a brief summary of the meeting she had had with Chris Smith our Media Advisor and the colleges. Arrangements are being made to have a further meeting with all interested parties in Fintry in the near future. KM will keep everyone posted on progress. **KM**

NEXT MEETING 22nd January 2014