



FDT

FINTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

AGM. 25th October 2008

Menzies Hall, Fintry, 2pm.

Minutes of Meeting No.2.

In attendance: Pete Skabara, Martin Turner, Bill Acton, David Howell, Gordon Cowtan, David Smith, Alex Ellis, John Duckworth (Directors) Kayt Howell (Admin)

Michael Carr (Energy Agency), Anne Winther (Post Grad. Stirling), 13 Residents/Members.

WELCOME

GC opened the meeting and welcomed all who had attended despite inclement weather.

MICHAEL CARR

GC introduced Michael from the Energy Agency who has been co-ordinating FDT's current insulation project.

Michael gave full and thorough report on the project so far beginning with notes from the Surveyor Joe McAleer.

192 households have been surveyed with 19 declines.(1 has changed)

This equals a 90% uptake.

101 lofts to be insulated.

21 Cavity walls. (16 to receive both).

106 households = 56% of the community.

By 31st October, Joe will have visited all homes. This will be followed up by letters being sent to all those not yet contacted with the expectation that a further 50 homes will be completed by November.

Energy saving advice will be sent out to all households.

Analysis has been carried out on approx. 2/3 of the community. Using 2007 price data;

Average energy bill =£2,140

Average saving should be = £386.

This is equivalent to 3 tonnes of Co2 per house.

The Thermal Imaging project will take place on the 28th/29th October 2008.

Michael outlined the process and explained about permission for access to private drives being required.

This will provide day and evening images identifying areas of heat loss from each home.

During the survey for insulation, further questions were asked to identify other areas of consideration for coomb ceilings, solid walls and other micro renewables. 96% of those surveyed were keen to be involved in the next stages of FDT's projects to reduce carbon.

Michael took questions on solid wall insulation and displayed a 10 mm foam which may be suitable in some cases.

ANNE WINTHER

Michael was thanked for his presentation and GC introduced Anne Winther, a Post Graduate of Stirling University who is conducting research on Development of Sustainable Communities in Rural Scotland.

Anne outlined her research of Fintry and thanked all members of the community who had taken part in her surveys and workshop shops.

Despite a power cut, Anne managed to present her data which outlined the behaviour patterns, energy usage, and future planning of the residents of Fintry. Anne hopes to complete her full report in the near future which we will be able to read in the Fintry Focus.

FDT 's FIRST YEAR.

DH gave a report on the activities of the trust during the past year, including the open day and the visit to the Wind Farm site and also the on going insulation project as well as the other research and discussions on future projects being carried out by the board on the communities behalf.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GC then gave a full financial report on the past year of FDT and FREE.

This included a breakdown on all the income and expenditure, the liabilities outstanding for VAT and the insulation project, and the award from the Climate change fund.

The opening balance had been £1,041 and the closing £175,000.

Questions were taken from the floor re.- the period the income covers, who FDT banked with and capital repayment from income.

All were impressed with the application and award from CCF which covers the difference in the cost of the insulation project after the SSE allowance, leaving our income from the turbine intact.

FUTURE PLANS

GC handed over to PS who outlined the aims of FDT over the next year and into the future. PS outlined the principles by which FDT will be governed and the actions it would take to further reduce the carbon foot print of Fintry and provide a sustainable and environmentally friendly community. The focus of the coming year was mainly to be the community buildings, - Sports Centre, Menzies Hall, the School and the Kirk.

PS and DS had prepared a leaflet which refers to the future plans of FDT and methods in which the community could be involved as well as contact information. This was distributed to all in attendance.

MT spoke of the Strathblane Energy Fair which he and DH had attended that morning and reiterated how important it was for the community as a whole to embrace the ideas of change. In addition how important it was to maximise the income we have by applying for available grants and match funding opportunities. Fintry's situation is unique, a first, and that meant some trail blazing and required all to be on-board to bring the correct ideas and opportunities to the attention of the Board.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS.

Questions were received from the members on the following issues;

How best to communicate ideas to the board?

(e mail was suggested, initially)

How would FDT consider and support an idea from residents?

(FDT would hope that members would research and provide the necessary data to allow them to consider the idea as a potential project under the principles outlined)

Would a newsletter be provided?

(FDT would update it's web site and keep members aware through e mail and the Fintry Focus)

It was agreed that some members of the Board were very aware of new technologies and green schemes and that information should be made available to the community to investigate further.

Mrs Roy informed the group of FOOTPADS and their aims to provide a suitable footpath from the Sports field to the North Lodge.

The FDT board will discuss this fully at their next meeting. Mrs Roy will forward details to the Board.

ELECTION

As no new nominees were presented to stand for the Board the members were asked to show hands in agreement for the Board members, as is, to continue for the next year. Large Majority in favour.

NEXT AGM MEETING.

24th October 2009.

Tea served.

