



FDT meeting - 2nd September 09. - Millhouse 8pm

Present : Bill Acton, Martin Turner, David Howell, Pete Skabara, Michael Carr (Energy Agency), David Smith, Gordon Cowtan, Kayt Howell (Admin)

Apologies : John Duckworth, Alex Ellis.

Michael Carr.

Directors were all familiar with the recent e mails forwarded by Michael highlighting the difficulty in obtaining firm and accurate quotations for the external cladding / insulation works for the steel frame houses at Culcreuch Avenue and Kippen Road.

There is a need to decide a strategy to move forward on this.

- a. Decide it is too costly /difficult.
- b. Check if we have enough information to enable us to utilise SSE money and piggy back on Stirling Grant subsidies.
- c. Pursue proper detailed surveys and quotes to refine costings.

MC will apply for Council funding, SSE money, research Energy Assistance packages and get back to us about maximising funds available.

Of the 16 properties, MC has 13 replies to his letter so far with the remainder in post.

2 of the properties are council owned and the Council have agreed to fund the work on these.

Stage Two.

GC asked MC to re-send the e mails outlining the work proposed in phase two.

The proposals include; Draught proofing, Combe (?) ceilings, Solid wall insulation (Sempatap).

MC to send copies of sample letters and questionnaires to be sent to householders.

MC reminded the Directors that nominated local decorators can be trained using a sample home to become familiar with Sempatap etc.

MC advised that there is £15.4 million available through CCF though next round may be last.

Projects of less than £50 k are generally passed through without the full in depth application.

MC suggested that FDT look on the CCF website and research ideas that would benefit the community and come within FDT's remit.

DS will be applying on behalf of projects for the school.

MC informed the Directors of the delays regarding the Mobile Home project. Still intending to complete before winter.

Daye Tucker

GC went through the feasibility study which Daye is pursuing if successful in obtaining funding through Leaders.

(See Email -Notes on Anaerobic Digestion -24th August 09) -will re-attach with these minutes.

Daye is completing the application forms and keeping in touch through each stage.

MT suggested further consideration of utilising the co2 produced back into polytunnels to assist plant growth.

Further information on this venture will be made available at AGM.

FRESCo.

All directors had looked at the feasibility /financial model prepared by Andy Lyle.

The next stage is preparing the business plan and negotiating with suppliers of kit.

Pilot projects will then need to commence depending on interest and house type suitability.

The Governments 'Heat Incentive Scheme' where users are paid for every kw of renewable energy produced, was discussed. Scheme should be available in a couple of years time.

MT suggested speaking to Andy re leasing heat pumps etc.

Again more information should be available for the AGM.

FEET.

MT discussed the system he has been looking at to provide shared transport for use by all in the community.

Transport is a hot issue at the moment and this could be a good time to push forward with a solution to Fintry's transport issues.

The scheme would involve a voucher system to be used by both drivers and non drivers and sufficient vehicles would be needed to discourage people from using their own 'second cars'.

Suggested vehicles- 2 x small cars, 2 x medium cars, a minibus and a van.

Person would be required to run data base and booking system and potentially double as driver of mini-bus for Surgery and School clubs run etc.

MT suggested looking at the 'Moor Cars' website to see how system works.

DS stated his involvement with the Bus proposal group had taken tangents and may dry up altogether as a consideration.

Hall.

As JD not present this evening, this item will be discussed at next meeting.

School.

DS reported the on the outdoor equipment installed at the school. Children are enjoying great benefits from it's use.

DS will contact CCF re other project funding for the school. Applications will be made through FDT.

GC will e mail CCF details to DS.

FDT to handover cheque at small presentation on Friday 4th at 2.30 pm.

New Frost.

DH,MT, BA & GC discussed the increasing number of enquiries they are receiving from other groups and individuals interested in renewables or trying to achieve a 'Fintry Model' for their own communities. The more well known the Fintry story becomes, the more enquiries they receive.

An enormous amount of time has, and is, being spent by them on taking their knowledge and expertise to various communities and interested groups which means considerable sacrifice of their 'day jobs' and free time.

As such they intend to source funding to enable them to provide a suitable consultancy for these types of enquiry.

The funding would be from CCF or Developers and would **not** be from the Wind farm money.

AGM.

The AGM will be on 24th October 09. - 3pm.

Two Directors are required to stand down and present for re - election.

DH has offered to be one of the directors to stand down prior to the AGM

GC and KH will organise some suitable graphics for event.

Alex's e mail.

All points made were covered.

The final point of focusing on one or two projects rather than many was agreed by all but with the exception that timing for funding from the CCF pot is coming to an end and as such it is prudent to maximise our applications to the fund for all relevant projects as soon as possible.

Next meeting 7th October 09.