



Minutes of Open Meeting - 23/05/12 - 7.30 pm Lesser Hall. Fintry.

Present : Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor) Kayt Howell (Co ordinator) Chrissy Pollock (Junior Energy Advisor), Gordon Cowtan, David Howell, Iain Frazer, Kelly McIntyre (Project Manager), Jamie Pearson.

Apologies : Pete Skabara, Derek G Hulme, Holly O'Donnell, Gordon Murray.

ACTION

FDT Grant Criteria.

MB suggested a change to the existing Grant Criteria in order to allow residents to claim the FDT Grant of £500 in conjunction with the Renewable Heat Premium Payment allowances (which is around £850 for ASHP) - in order to maximise the assistance available and encourage further take up of micro renewables and assist in reaching F8 targets.

Directors discussed the proposed changes and were in favour. CP to revise criteria on documentation and the new conditions to be backdated to 1st April 2012. MB will advise any residents currently considering installs.

MB/CP

CP presented the proposal for the Fintry Warm Home Fund. This would provide a number of larger grants to assist those on low incomes under £20k but above the cut off for benefits/credits and government assistance (just over £16K). People in this bracket are frequently disadvantaged due to the lack of assistance available. CP suggested if fuel poverty figures were presented by applicants then a grant of £1000 with criteria very similar to the existing FDT grant be made available. The grant amount was based on the figures presented in the F8 submission - £24K. 8 x £1K (for new grants) leaving the £16K already agreed by the board to continue the original grant scheme. CP to work on issues discussed . Board approved in principle

CP

Petty Cash Card

Board agreed to go head with the application for a cash card which can draw petty cash amounts from the visiting PO van. Amount per month to be limited to £200.

KH

Rent for Base Office space.

Board agreed to pay the Sports Club one years advanced rent for use of the conference room as a base for FDT, for presentations and hosting workshops. Rent is £100 per month.

GREEN PAGES.

The local directory , first published at the back of the Focus has been updated and proof read and is ready to print. The Green Pages will be delivered when the community survey begins, by the energy advisors. FDT had previously agreed to fund the cost of printing to maximise the use of local trades and services and cut carbon figures for the village.

STAFF

Car Share Club

The Car Share club has been launched utilising the FEET cars. Next stage is to get the bookings organised on line making the system more accessible. Considering a pairing with Avigo as an option. GC was asked to assist in the setting up of the system. **KM CP GC**

DRT Grocery Service

DRT are now providing a small grocery service in addition to their prescription service. Bert Comrie will take orders up to 20 items, purchase at the Co op and deliver as and when convenient between bookings. Cost of delivery and service is the same as standard fare charged to nearest Co op. FDT can provide canvas bags to Bert to help with deliveries.

F8 Update report.

KM explained that 'F8' is the title of the new CCF funded project which provides finance for the next three years. KM mentioned that much of the history so far had been sent round to the board via e mail but in summary - the team had met most of it's targets so far even though time had been required to get established and off and running. The new baseline survey is the main thrust at the moment as we can't use the now out of date statistics of the 2009 survey. KM gave a summary of the questions included in the survey and the methods proposed to gather data - this is in partnership with SSE who will provide us with small Dell palm devices and a 'Tough Tablet' to show residents in presentation where the the work and information will take us and illustrate an individual home's own road map. MB has been able to source and access a thermal imaging device which will find the source of cold spots within a home.

A small pilot scheme of the survey to test the questions and the recording methods will take place shortly. All information recorded will be password protected - KM will register with the data protection agency.

KM

As the survey contains questions on behalf of the Fintry Community Council JP asked when it was due to begin in order to feed back- KM suggested early to mid June.

Still some items required for IT for the staff but Board has given approval to go ahead.

CP has been looking at the Community Garden project and has found a potential solution as an alternative to sleepers yet made from recycled materials. The sports club have agreed to the use of the far end of the field to accommodate it and put in trial test beds. Currently looking at grant funding options to pay for project.

FLING

FDT will have a stand at the Fling on June 9th 2012. As many as possible to be available to man and support information distribution, new memberships to car club and the trust as well as advice to the community. It was thought that the smoothie bike was overly expensive to have again but some 'fun' things will be available on the day.

SSE have asked if they may have a stand this year.

ALL

FRESh School Award

CP and DH have presented an Award to the Primary School as a thank you for their efforts and skills during FRESh 2012. CP also took the Eco committee through the Carbon Cutter Police force activity which encourages the children to be vigilant in carrying out selected carbon reducing actions and recording them. Completion will mean receipt of a CCP certificate and CP will calculate the carbon reductions achieved by the school project. DH suggested printing the CCP logo badges for the kids to wear.

CP

Drop In Surgeries

Our Energy Advisors are staffing Drop in sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays 10 am - 12 noon and 2 pm - 4pm which are particularly to provide advice and arrange visits as necessary regarding all aspects of energy reduction and new system installations. The staff at the office base are always happy to receive enquiries on any of our projects and activities.

Draught proofing workshop.

Plans are underway to find training suitable to FDT advisors which will then be used to hold workshops and pass on the skills and disseminate the information to interested others within the village who are then equipped to assist further members in the community. KM and MB looking into materials and kit needed.

KM MB CP

In addition MB asked about the possibility of investing in a better anemometer as the current one was not providing very useful data. The board discussed the options including the return of the faulty unit and looking into the cost of hiring a more substantial kit prior to purchasing another.

MB

Insurance.

KH discussed the quotes and the queries regarding FDT insurance cover as policy is now due for renewal. The Board asked to obtain information from GM before continuing with the new quote then proceed.

Feed back from the floor.

Mr Flisch encouraged the format of open meetings to allow greater understanding among the community of the projects and workings of the Trust. The Board agreed and discussed the possibility of holding similar meetings within the base office at the Sports Club.

AOB

KH had received a letter from Sheila Fraser regarding Stirling Council's approval to go ahead with the insulation of the hall roof/ceiling . At the moment we only have one quote. MB will collect more information and get other quotes to compare. **MB**

RESERVED BUSINESS was covered by the Board.

Date of next meeting - suggested 13/06/12 - to be confirmed.