

Minutes of AGM 25/10/14. Menzies Hall 2:00 pm.

Present: FDT board members and staff: Gordon Cowtan, Holly O'Donnell, David Howell, Hugh Edmond, Gordon Murray, Jamie Pearson, Christina Pollock (Energy Adviser), Matthew Black (Senior Energy Advisor), Kayt Howell (Project Co ordinator), Justyna Carey (Admin Assistant), Associated with FDT Ann Winther, Graham (Lateral North)

Apologies: Pete Skabara, Iain Frazer

Apologies and welcome from the chair

David Howell opened the meeting welcoming everyone present and expressed apologies for those who were not able to come. Then he welcomed Gordon Cowtan, the FDT treasurer to present the Trust's financial report.

Financial report from the treasurer:

GC had drawn everyone's attention to financial report, the summary of which was printed out and handed out to all present at the AGM and is published on the FDT website.

In summary FDT total income for the year is just over £150k, majority of which is grant money, the remainder is bank interest. The total outgoings is just under £200k, of which about £140k is from the grants and the rest from the reserves.

Presently FREE account gross income is just under £580k. The outgoings are interest repayments - £186k, turbine share and maintenance about £107k, capital repayments are just over £130k. Total outstanding loan for the turbine is £1.8M. FREE's income was the biggest in one year so far as the weather was quite windy.

Next CG answered questions from the FDT members and then the chairperson passed the discussion to Kayt Howell, current project coordinator to report on FDT activities and what was achieved so far.

Last year's FDT work highlights are:

- Completion of Climate Challenge Fund project that supports FDT staff and enabled provision of free energy advice for Fintry residents, install external wall insulation, solar panels at the school and biomass boiler
- Fintry FRESH that included free presentations and workshops, FRESH food (that included engaging with local school) and FRESH fields,(outdoor activities and entertainment for families), FRESH eggs (Our inaugural awards for the community sector)
- Support for FEET cars, cycle club, garden and orchard.
- Free wood fuel events
- Visits from universities
- FDT grant scheme
- Workshops (that included visitors from other areas)
- Fintry Masterplan that will be discussed later by Anne and Graham.

Afterwards questions from FDT members were answered.

Next the elections of new directors took place. Two present directors Holly O'Donnell and Gordon Murray stood down. All FDT members present were asked to come forward to be considered for elections in FDT board. There were no new candidates. HOD and GM stood for re-election. A vote was taken and all agreed. Everyone congratulated re-elected board members.

Then the discussion moved on to the Fintry Masterplan. Ann Winther opened the presentation stating that residents' comments are still in the process of analysis. The data for the Masterplan were collected from questionnaires delivered to doors, an impressive umbrella stand/workshop in the village centre, a display board and comments page in Fintry Sports Club and workshops with local groups and businesses. The masterplan looks into Fintry's next 20 years.

From all collected ideas the 3 main areas of future development emerge:

- A youth club that could involve a youth worker, a skills development place, a youth space for a range of ages from toddlers to teenagers.
- Broadband and connectivity to it, fast reliable connections that would support individuals and local businesses.
- Affordable housing that includes shelter and/or affordable housing, GP surgery and nursing station located in the village, this could also create some local jobs for local people.
- Public transport, affordable and reliable public transport.
- Fintry brand, creating a unique, recognisable brand like producing a local beer at Fintry Inn, building on economic success of the community.

The questions and suggestions from the FDT members were noted and answered by Anne and Graham.

During concluding remarks Meg Duckworth thanked FDT for substantial donation for the village war memorial in the kirk. Mrs Duckworth stated that FDT financial contribution set the ball rolling and allowed other funders to contribute to the restoration project. As a result the war memorial is now fully restored and it will be officially rededicated during the upcoming Remembrance Day by the Queen's representative.

DH officially closed the meeting and invited everyone for tea, coffee and some snacks to the Lesser Hall.

Next AGM Oct 2015, exact date tbc.