

DATE: 31/08/16 LOCATION: FDT office TIME: 7.30pm

| DIRECTORS & STAFF | Present | Apologies |
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| David Howell (Chair) | y |  |
| Gordon Cowtan (Treasurer) | y |  |
| Holly O'Donnell |  | y |
| Hugh Edmonds | y |  |
| Iain Frazer | y |  |
| Stuart Higgins | y |  |
| Gordon Murray |  | y |
| Jamie Pearson (FCC Chair) |  | y |
| Matthew Black (Sen. Energy Advisor, Project manager) | y |  |
| Kayt Howell (Manager) | y |  |
| Guest. |  |  |

| Agenda Item No. | Summary Discussion | Decision | Action. |
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| 1. Balgair | MB updated board on the customer statements, savings and financial status of the  Biomass project.  Majority of residents have made marked savings. | Board is keen to find an explanation for the 30% over estimated heat sales figures. | MB to contact David Palmer.  MB and GC are monitoring financial aspects and will report back. |
| 2.SMART Fintry | Stage gate 1 formally approved. 1st Steering meeting held. General agreement between all partners should be signed off soon. Tariff almost finalized. Sign ups will take place at the end of the month. | To stage the heat pump installs to Dunmore and School as phase 1 and to aim to include Culcreuch in 2nd year. | MB and GC will keep the Board updated with progress. |
| 3. Goodwill fund |  | Hold for discussion on Jamie’s return. |  |
| 4. Accountants | GC & KH explained issues and potential solutions | Investigate alternatives | KH to contact other firm. |
| 5. Forestry Research | SH gave report on site visits, contacts and interested parties. Discussed nursery development and potential grant from FDT. | Further development of the Grant to be developed and continued research of potential suitable sites and opportunities which will benefit Fintry. | SH will keep Board updated on any developments. |
| 6. FDT website | DH asked about progress. | GC to add to his list | GC to develop. |
| 7. AGM date | Discussion on potential need for a change of date/time of year. | No objection to moving date if it does not effect the charities legal requirements | GC to check and confirm new date. |
| 8. Bank Accounts | KH explained the problems and formal complaint made against our current bank. | To change banks. | GC & KH will look into process. |
| AOB | A reminder of the need to provide work place pensions | To progress with Nesta – the government scheme. | KH to keep the Board informed of requirements and processes. |

Information to be seperately minuted:

Objections to be recorded:

Date of Next Meeting: **TBC.**