

## **NHTT Energy Group Meeting**

When: Monday 8 December 2009

Where: Letham Village Hall

Who: Tom Morton, Louise Barron, Hamid Van Koten, Neil Stoddart, Sandy Finlayson, Crispin Hayes

Chair: Sandy Finlayson

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted

### **2. CaRB**

- a. **Programme-** There has been some reorganisation of programme to account for Nick going on paternity leave 18/12/09 so pulling together toolkit at the moment. Survey analysis will follow. Tom taking forward 2 CCF applications.
- b. **Finance-** There has been slight redistribution as putting more money into energy champions. Making sure we draw down all we need before March 2010. Tom needs all CIK and claims ASAP.

### **3. Community Survey**

We are not at 60%, we are at 55%. Contacted 238 out of 289 and surveyed 162. 76 have refused. We have the quality of data we require but Tom would like to push for 60%.

Neil to provide figures factoring in number of empty properties. **AP Neil**

We will keep survey open but not put massive effort in.

Sandy offered to go round the non-contacted.

### **4. Smart Monitor Programme**

- a. We have purchased 50 Efergy Elite Monitors which are due to arrive 09/12/09.
- b. Along with the monitor we will hand out energy diaries, Carbon Counter book and instructions for monitor.
- c. Energy Champion Training starts on 13/12/09 when smart monitor programme will be discussed.
- d. As the Monitors cost £600 less than anticipated we aim to purchase enough for all households that requested a monitor. They will then be kept for 1 year. Once this is complete the monitors can be handed onto other groups for use.
- e. Discussion around distribution of monitors. It was agreed that we would get as many out before Christmas as possible and the rest would be put out in the first week in January. Distribution will be done by appointment made in advance. Details to be agreed. **AP Neil**

## 5. Toolkit

- a. Developing the technical options this week. WC 14/12/09 will look at financial side of things. Most of the data analysis from Survey has therefore been shifted to January. **AP Tom to confirm who contact is in Nick's absence for Survey and Carbon foot printing.**
- b. Once complete we may get Katie Connolly to revamp the document
- c. Principle of the toolkit will be that there is something for everyone whether you live in listed building or privately tenanted property.
- d. Launch events 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- we need to start planning these out. **AP Louise to start putting together potential list of participants.** Also need to organise general NHTT presence. Sandy provided some feedback from East Neuk event. Our events will probably be more focused. Tom is arranging Thermal Imaging over next 2 weeks. **AP LB to publicise thermal imaging and ensure people have the option to 'opt out'**

## 6. Community Renewables Feasibility

Tom is working up proposals for wind, biomass and methane as per November minutes. We are currently looking for money for desk based feasibility study which we are hoping CES will fund for wind energy. Tom has been in touch with the Newburgh team as they are also looking to maximise community benefit.

It is planned that CCF will fund Biomass and methane feasibility. We will have results of both by end of Jan 2010.

Need to do some kind of press release mid January when application goes in as there is a need to manage public response. Need to keep emphasising community aspect of the project.

Hamid feeding back from recently attended seminar: Scottish Government has set targets of 50% renewable energy by 2020 to achieve that. This potentially means that there is going to be a serious push on renewables so we need to speak to fife council.

## 7. Community Buildings

In principle the funders are supportive of this application we need to demonstrate that this would be an exemplar project in the application. Tom is currently working with the hall committees.

## AOB

- a. Crispin brought proposal: *Water Resources Development for Small Scale Hydro Power in the NHTT Area* to use previous resources and establish and find new resources. Crispin presented the group with an Outline Project Proposal which is available separately. The

scheme would feed into the grid rather than power individual homes again being a community project.

Tom highlighted 22 expressed an interest in Hydro power in survey. These were not just people who have the resource.

Work still needs to be done on Carbon Savings of the Project

**AP Tom to pass CES contact onto Crispin**

It was agreed that this is something worth investigating so Crispin has to take the proposal forward to a level where ready to approach funders. **AP Crispin**

- b. Hamid- Transition Training is definitely going ahead on 30 and 31 Jan. AP Louise to send Tom the details.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 19 January, 7.30pm Letham Village Hall