

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

Minutes of meeting 11th. August 2011

1. Apologies: M. Bateman, S. Ferguson, and M. Houston who was able to arrive halfway through the meeting.
2. Present: H. Grainger, A. Sutherland, F. Ellam, W. Fraser, F. Ross, A. Holt, J. Sharpe.
3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by W. Fraser and seconded by F. Ross.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. These were all to be covered in the agenda.
5. Phase 3 Energy Efficiency applications. The Secretary had prepared an application form for individuals enquiring about grant aid and this was approved.
6. Errogie Smiddy project. The Secretary gave an update with regard to the pending planning permission, funding, and the project timescale.
7. Scottish Community Foundation report. The Secretary undertook to complete the biannual return.
8. New applications: A grant of £3000 for a PV panel installation in Foyers was approved and a further application for an installation in the Whitebridge area for £3000 was also approved subject to technical appraisal from one of the Directors. Both applicants had received a price from Eco Living the contractors who won the competitive tender process run by Energy Saving Scotland.

9. Grant eligible installations. Directors agreed the following would qualify:

PV and Solar Thermal panels
Wood burning and pellet stoves
Biomass boilers
Ground and air source heat pumps
Wind and water turbines
Single to double glazing

Not eligible: New build houses and replacement double glazing.

Directors also agreed that details of applicants should not be published in the Trust's minutes.

10. Senior Citizens Lunch Club application for £2000. Jane O' Donovan gave an update on a joint operation starting in October with the Whitebridge Hotel providing numbers don't exceed 30, above that they would revert to the hall. She also submitted an additional application for 12 individuals to attend a food hygiene course at a cost of £325. It was agreed that this was necessary for the volunteers helping with the lunch and the qualification would also have a wider application within the community. The main grant would initially be for £1000 and reviewed after the first 6 months of operation.

11. Application to be a Director. A new application had been received together with a brief CV. As the Trust already has 10 Directors it was agreed that the applicant be asked to reapply at the AGM in March 2012.

12. Date of next meeting Wednesday September 28th.

A. Sutherland, Secretary.