

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Minutes of Meeting 22 2 11.

This meeting took place before the Community Council's meeting in Stratherrick Hall and resumed following the Trust's AGM.

1. Apologies: W. Fraser, M. Bateman (for the second half of the meeting) F. Ross.
2. Present: H. Grainger, A. Sutherland, F. Ellam, A. Holt, S. Ferguson, I. Brown and Mhairi Macsween of the Energy Saving Trust Fairways Inverness (for the second half of the meeting).
3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 11th. November 2010 plus the supplementary record of the school car park award following the Trust meeting of 24th. August was moved by H. Grainger and seconded by A. Holt.
4. Energy Saving white goods offer. A. Sutherland gave an update and it was pointed out that due to there no longer being a showroom in Inverness the catalogue that will be distributed to interested parties should include pictures. The Secretary undertook to make this known to SSE.
5. Errogie Smiddy Project. The Secretary gave an update on this scheme explaining that a planning application would be lodged in the near future. Following this approval plus various other permissions and finalisation of agreements with the landowners it would be possible to summarise the project for the community.
6. The draft accounts for the last year were discussed by the meeting and formally adopted by the Community Council's representative.

7. The current financial position is as follows:

Cash at Bank £92,541

Represented by:

Glendoe Fund £66,476

General Fund £26,065

8. Reappointment of Directors: As per the constitution two Directors stood down and both agreed to be re elected. These were A. Holt and F. Ross although the latter was not present at the meeting.

9. Stratherrick School application for swimming lessons and outdoor activities. The sum of £2500 was approved and it was noted that there was a significant contribution from parents.

10. Letters of thanks were received from Dores and Boleskine Church of Scotland and the organisers of the children's Christmas party.

11. Mhairi Macsween talked about the forthcoming Energy Saving Trust initiative to provide Photo Voltaic roof panels or possibly other installations such as solar hot water throughout the Stratherrick and Foyers and wider area. This can be an attractive option because of the potential income generating benefits and reduction in electricity consumption within houses. They hope to get a competitive price from contractors.

Concern was voiced about communication problems with installers from out with our area as had been experienced with the insulation programme. Mhairi said that initial selection had revealed several Highland based firms with an interest.

It was also noted that some applicants for the insulation scheme had needed administrative help and that this would be even more likely with a more complex scheme involving a house holder contribution and may

necessitate the Trust employing a facilitator. The possibility of having income fed back to the Trust through some form of contractual arrangement with the householder and registration of a charge on property title was also raised.

In view of the many questions such as maintenance, reliability, warranties, and the desire of the Energy Saving Trust to distribute a letter to all households in the area early next month it was agreed that a sub committee comprising I. Brown, S. Ferguson and J. O'Donovan (attending as a member of the public) should examine the issues and report back as soon as is practicable to the Trust so that we might determine if and how to support such an initiative in our area.

12. The Secretary submitted and had approved a claim for expenses for the period up to the 22nd. of February 2011 for £443.50 covering 31 hours, 13 phone calls and 160 miles travel to meetings.
13. The meeting closed at 9.15 and a date for the next meeting was not fixed but will be dependent on the Photo Voltaics report from the sub group and any further grant applications.

A. Sutherland (Secretary to the Trust).