

## Minutes of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust Meeting

8<sup>th</sup>. June 2011

1. Present. H. Grainger, A. Sutherland, F. Ellam, M. Bateman, W. Fraser, S. Ferguson, M. Houston, F. Ross. Apologies A. Holt.
2. Also in attendance, J. O'Donovan to speak to the Lunch Club application and Ros Rowell and Alan Hutchison re their energy improvement application.
3. Approval of minutes of meeting of 3 5 11 moved by M. Houston seconded by W. Fraser.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. These were picked up in the agenda for the meeting.
5. White Goods Offer. Take up now stands at 163 and M. Houston raised the point that the freezer which he was interested in was actually "B" rated for efficiency and that the prices quoted by SSE may not be competitive. Generally the service offered by SSE in distributing the goods was satisfactory and makes the Trust's input much less onerous but there are questions about choice from the catalogue. M. Houston will investigate further and it may be worthwhile to push for more of a discount. SSE have put a time limit on their side of the offer of 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2012 and we should perhaps set our cut of date as 2 weeks before that and publicise in the Bulletin.
6. Application for grant aid by Ros Rowell and Alan Hutchinson. This is for a solar thermal heating system and rationalisation of an ad hoc plumbing and heating system linked to a low pressure private water supply. Total estimated cost of the present application is £4865.70. A later phase may involve a further improvement to include PV panels. It was agreed that the Trust offer to provide 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £3000 as has already been discussed at previous meetings.

7. PV, solar thermal and other such installations. There was a debate on how to inform residents of our decision to grant aid such installations as per the preceding item. It was agreed that the secretary draft a letter to be distributed to all households with an item also placed in the Boleskine Bulletin so that everyone can be made aware of Phase 3 of the Trust's our energy efficiency strategy and that Directors would help with distribution and assembly of the letters. It is estimated that there may be £50,000 to £60,000 left in the Energy Efficiency fund for Phase 3 and if we were to exhaust that we have approximately £25,000 in unallocated monies from the River E fund with the prospect of further income from the approved Dunmaglass and Corriegarth wind farms. The Secretary has also written to SSE asking if it would be possible to vire monies from other Glendoe fund which is restricted to charitable purposes by SCF.
8. Cavity Walls at Riverside Foyers. It was agreed that a meeting be sought with the Energy Saving Trust to discuss their contractor Logical's response to the standard of the original insulation and possible remedies. This may also apply to ex Council and Forestry Commission houses in Thain Road, Gorthleck and Inverfarigaig. There was also dissatisfaction expressed at the EST's perceived focus on PV panels and content of the trial energy saving report prepared for the Secretary's house. This all warrants a meeting with the Energy Saving Trust and the Secretary undertook to arrange one with those Directors who wished to attend.
9. Errogie Project. The Secretary gave an update on the project. Planning Permission and other investigations should be over at or around the end of the month.
10. Date of next meeting. 27<sup>th</sup>. of July 2011, 8.00 in Stratherrick Hall.

A. Sutherland (Secretary)