

## **NHTT Energy Group Meeting**

When: Monday 9 November 2009

Where: Victory Hall, Collessie

Who: Tom Morton, Louise Barron, Hamid Van Koten, Marianna Lines, Sandy Finlayson

Apologies: Neil Stoddart

1. Minutes of previous meeting
  - a. Accepted
2. Matters Arising
  - a. Letham Primary School: Neil and Tom met with Mrs Gibb. Neil is taking this forward so we have a programme of projects in parallel with CaRB. Neil doing a survey and we will then put together a toolkit for the school.
3. CaRB Project
  - a. Update on Programme- Tom reported that we are keeping on programme and everything is going well.
  - b. Update on Finance- Tom provided an update here, handing round detailed figures for review.
  - c. Community Survey- Survey progressing well with good interest in NHTT Action Groups so we need to think about how we engage with these individuals. Results are already highlighting some interesting issues.
  - d. Smart Monitors- Final decision on type of monitor still to be made. Neil and Tom have met to discuss. A decision on this and a plan for getting these out to the Communities needs to be made in the next 2 weeks. **AP- Neil**
4. Community Buildings- We nearly have all the baseline data. We have EST report for Letham and Giffordtown both recommended Biomass boilers to replace existing ones. We should get Collessie in the next 2 weeks. Info has also been sent for Monimail Church. Once we get them all, look at options and go back to hall committees. For next meeting have a proposal for improvements. **AP- Tom**
5. Community Renewables- Tom is proposing that we go for funding for Community renewable feasibility and highlighted the potential in
  - a. Biomass, reasonable proportion already using wood. How would this work? How would we develop it? Collessie has no mains Gas, is a conservation area with lots of listed buildings so hard to make improvement but would make a suitable place for community heating. Biomass district heating system in Collessie worth taking to feasibility.
  - b. CHP- discussion around this.
  - c. Wind- great potential to generate electricity. While we might reduce the amount of heating in long term electricity demand is going to increase partly due to electricity powered vehicles.

- d. Landfill site- Melville wood. The council capture the gas get MGW electricity. We could capture the heat from it. Fife council would be interested in doing feasibility. There is a MGW of heat in our area that we could potentially be tapping into.
  - e. Hamid raised solar for community car pool highlighting as would be important in energy descent plan. Tom believes that at the moment though Solar does not wider community application.
  - f. Possibly require as much as £80k
6. Energy Champion- Key to delivery of CaRB. We want to develop the good social interaction via the survey. They will be trained to give energy advice and work through stages of monitors and toolkit. We have training budget, would be better to have a smaller number of well trained individuals. Need to establish who these people are going to be. TM to speak to Neil and move this forward. **AP Tom**. Training late Nov, early Dec. Late Jan, start Feb take toolkit out to the community.
  7. Launch Events- Louise, Tom and Sitar to liaise to set dates for these at end of Jan/Feb 2010.  
**AP Louise**
  8. Next Steps – As above
  9. Social Enterprise- carry forward as Neil not present

#### **AOB**

- Carbon Footprint- Discussion around this agreed that Reap petit would give us a standard. Hamid to progress. **AP Hamid**
- Leaflets- Louise to get more printed if required. **AP Louise**
- LB Set up team meeting end November of survey team with Tom present. **AP Louise**

**Next Meeting: Monday 7 December 7.30pm, Letham Village Hall**