



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Tuesday 3rd July 2007
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

Present

Jim Hall, Dave Grewer, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings,

Apologies

None

Parish Council Meeting

Jim was only able to stay until 8pm as he was due to attend the Parish Council Meeting, but needed some information before attending this meeting.

The cost of a parish poll conducted by the electoral officers from Ryedale District Council is likely to be in the region of £1000. It was thought unlikely that the Parish Council would or indeed could fund this. It was decided to hold a postal vote and to ask the Parish Council (Clerk) to be involved with the vote counting. At the meeting Jim will ask the PC how and if they wish to be involved further.

He will report to the PC that the date for the public meeting is likely to be 24th or 26th July.

District Heating

The final feasibility report has now been received and as it is a large document Dave intends to put the summary on the Parish Website. The cost of a district heating scheme is around £2.5 million, this is due to the uncertainty of the ground conditions and the spread of the village (this despite being told by Nigel Mortimer that the village lent itself very well to this type of scheme). This high cost reduces its economic viability, even with 60% funding and 40% of the capital raised by loans.

Another option to use biomass would be to help fund the replacement of individual oil boilers with wood burning boilers and the groups involvement would be to set up as a biomass fuel supplier. Town and County Fires, a wood burner producer and distributor, based in Pickering is keen to be involved in such a scheme.

Energy Efficiency

A contact from Future Energy Yorkshire has put the project team in touch with a company who install loft and cavity wall insulation. The team are working with this company to put together a

package to fund 50% of cost of insulation and lighting. However Yorkshire Forward has still not yet confirmed funding. This package will be put together as soon as funding is confirmed.

Solar Hot Water

It is thought that there would be a lot of interest in having solar hot water panels fitted if discounts could be obtained. Peter Jones told the group about a company called Navitron who supply solar hot water panels at very competitive rates. Peter is currently trying to persuade the owner to come to talk to the group.

Sustainable Communities Conference

Peter Jones gave a short report about the Sustainable Communities Conference he had attended that day at Newcastle University.

Date of next meeting for core group members

Thursday 19th July (possibly during the day time) to make final arrangements for the Question and Answer Event.