



# COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

## APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

### Notes of Meeting

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

**Present** – Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan, Phillip Trevelyan

**Apologies** - Helen Beaumont

#### **Energy Efficiency**

Peter Jones has arranged a half day training course with Nick Coakley from Ryedale District Council on the afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Jim will not be able to make this session, however if the course is useful Peter will arrange another one in the New Year. This course will be advertised widely to both energy groups, NP staff and NP volunteers. Nelly has had a letter from YEACC giving a breakdown of the cost of putting on a training course, however she is not impressed with this and will be taking the matter up with the YEACC when she attends its board meeting on Friday. Jim has disappointingly not heard from NEA, who were the favoured providers of this training course, but it is thought that CAfE may now have a suitable training course. Jim will follow both CAfE and NEA up.

#### **District Heating Scheme**

The application to the NP SDF for £5000 has been approved. The SDF panel expressed concern about the fuel supply, this however will be covered in the study (a special note will be made about this in the consultants brief). Dave is still awaiting the terms and conditions for the grant. When this comes through the contract will be let as soon as feasible and it was decided to appoint North Energy as the consultants. There needs to be a clear brief and it was thought that it would be useful to have a meeting with North Energy before the brief is drawn up. This group can add value to the study by such things as surveying households and looking for suitable buildings or sites for the boiler housing. Judie has produced a draft HEC form to distribute to all the households, she will check with North Energy if this is suitable. She has also produced a time recording sheet, so that a record can be kept of time spent on the project (this will help with proving matched funding of time donated).

#### **Community Wind Turbine Project**

George Winn-Darley has contacted NEDL to enquire about the cost of connection to the grid from the preferred wind turbine site. He has now received a quote from them for £276,125,

which seems excessive, and Jim thought that they had not used the most economic option for the grid connection. Peter, Petra and Judie have recently had a meeting with CE, who are the parent company of NEDL at this meeting they stated that they always have to find the cheapest connection for customers, and they are keen to work with the CREP energy groups. Peter will arrange a meeting with them to discuss connection issues, Jim is keen to be involved with this discussion as it is his field of expertise.

#### **Wind Turbines (General)**

Phillip Trevelyan is keen to reinstate his two wind turbines which he has on his property with temporary planning permission. He had been told by someone that planning permission is not required if the mast is under 15 meters. Peter told him this was not true and explained about the planning permission requirements. There followed a discussion about planning applications for turbines and environmental impact statements.

#### **Community Interest Company**

Dave explained the company formation forms to Nelly and Jim, before they signed them. Peter witnessed the signatures. Dave will now go ahead with setting up the company. If we wish to wind up the existing group (to be replaced by the new company) an AGM with 3 weeks notice will have to be held. This will be arranged in the New Year.

#### **AOB**

Peter asked that at the next meeting the Energy Action Plan could be updated. This was agreed.

#### **Dates for next meetings**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April