



COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY

APPLETON AND SPAUNTON COMMUNITY ENERGY GROUP

Notes of Meeting

Tuesday 14th November 2006
Village Hall, Appleton-le-Moors

Present – Jonathan Allison. Helen Beaumont, Dave Hall, Jim Hall, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Steve Lonsdale, John Marsden, Dave Rawlings, Nelly Trevelyan,

Apologies - Jim Bailey, Dave Grewer, Richard Gunton, Petra Slangen

District Heating Scheme

A feasibility study will go ahead when funding comes through from the SDF. Two quotes have now been obtained. To add value to the study the group will have to do some survey work themselves, for example how many properties already have hot water central heating systems. Judie will produce a survey form for distribution.

There is the possibility that external funding could be found to cover all of the installation costs.

Energy Efficiency

Nick Coakley, the Renewable Energy Officer from Ryedale District Council has offered to provide a free training course for energy efficiency advisors. In view of the withdrawal of funds by Yorkshire Forward for the CREP it was thought that the group should take up this offer, to enable them to make a start with advice to households in the area. If it was found that some homes needed more insulation there may be the opportunity to bulk purchase materials.

Community Interest

If the group decides that bulk purchases of insulation materials are required there needs to be the correct structure in place for this to happen. In fact for any of the proposals to move forward a formal group need to be established. Dave proposed that the group forms a Community Interest Company, which is a formal limited company, limited by guarantee. This would mean that members of the company would not be liable except for a £1 membership fee. The assets of the company would be locked and could not be shared out but would be for the benefit of the community, as would any profits. There is funding and practical help available from the NYFVO for the administration of this type of company. Dave volunteered to be the company secretary and keep the accounts, while Nelly and Jim offered to be directors. All others present except Peter and Judie will be members of the company. Anyone in the villages would be eligible to become members of the company. Any profits from the company will have to be put back into the community with perhaps another group being formed to administer these funds.

All agreed that Dave should proceed with the work needed to set up the company. He will report his progress at the next meeting.

It was agreed that another newsletter should be produced to include details of the Community Interest Company and invite others in the community to join it.

AOB

John asked for advice on the efficiency ratings of wood burning stoves, Peter explained about the certification system.

Richard Craggs has asked to be on the mailing list for the group. Dave will pass his details to Judie.

Dates for next meetings

Tuesday 12th December

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday 30th January

Tuesday 6th March

Tuesday 3rd April