

LLANIDLOES ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD.

Directors meeting held on Thursday 13th. January 2005 at Glanafon.

Members present: David Utting, Gwen Prince, Barbara Anderson, Nick Venti, Graham Brand, Beck Woodrow, Gareth Davies, Chris Lord-smith (Chair).

Apologies: Andy Warren.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

1. Wood Energy Meeting: Gwen reported on a successful meeting attended by around 60 people. There is a lot of local interest in using wood energy. Funding is available from a wood energy business school for feasibility studies. Possibilities in Llanidloes for a wood heating project are Bodlondeb and Maes-y-wennol, the Community Centre, Library and Medical Centre.

2. Energy Survey: Chris reported 50 returned so far. We need a minimum of 100. Bodlondeb should be targeted. Members could be asked to help distribute more around Llanidloes.

3. Attitudes to Renewable Energy: 60 questionnaires were completed at the stall at the Xmas Lights. Georgina will distribute more to High School parents when her exams are over next term.

Spirit Funding and Charity Registration

Nick brought a copy of the funding bid for members to see. We are applying for funding for a Project Officer to work 24 hours per week. We hope to get match funding from the Community Enablement Fund. LLES's contribution will be in kind in the form of advice and expertise from members. Gareth reported that he needs to change the name of the bank account to 'Llanidloes Energy Solutions' instead of 'Savers'. He needs some directors signatures and documentation for this.

Membership and Funding

BA reported that Mayor Edward Breeze had joined as our 100th member, with his wife as the 101st. There had been a report in the Llani Weaver. Recognising that we need more funds, it was suggested that we ask members to give £1 or more each month by standing order using the Gift Aid scheme as soon as we have Charity Registration. It was suggested that we hold specific fund raising events over the summer and launch the Gift Aid scheme in our next newsletter. BA suggested members activity groups with a specific remit. C L-S to co-ordinate research into P.V, solar wind and biomass. GD to co-ordinate Wood fuel research. BA to phone members to ask for volunteers for each group. It was agreed to hold a 'members meeting' on Tues 22 Feb to announce to result of the spirit application and

discuss forming activity groups. An agenda will be agreed nearer the date. It should be a social evening, perhaps with shared food.

Job description:

It was agreed that a sub-group would draw up a job description for the next board meeting in anticipation of a successful bid. The members are C L-S, DU, NV and GD.

Spirit Funding Bid.

Project Officer: 24 hrs/week @ £9hr.

Total Costs for P.O. £13,613

Funding requested £9,694

Balance to be made up from Comm. Dev. Fund.

Any Other Business

NV reported on a meeting about biodiesel and said that a plant might be established in Powys, possibly in Welshpool. The Community Forum are organising a community conference in early March and LLES have been invited to contribute. C L-S will talk on R.E. GP is invited to talk to an environmental group in Ludlow and BW will attend a Community Land Trust meeting. DW would also attend for CPRW.

The meeting was closed