

# Esk Valley Community Energy Group

Minutes of Meeting  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
 Comondale Village Hall, Comondale

<b>Present</b>	Action
Geoff Banner, Richard Evans, Mike Ford, Mike Gilbert, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Andrew Maisey, Colin Mather, Ernst Nef, John Randles, Joan Rees, Debbie Trebilco, Mrs Walker, Peter Woods	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Tom Chadwick, Peter Dingle, David Maloney. Steve Smith, Geoff Walker	
<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
Agreed as a true record, with amendments.	
<b>Danby Village Hall – Report of initial fabric survey carried out by Colin Mather and Mike Gilbert – Verbal report from Mike Gilbert</b>	
<p>The hall was built in 1957 by Harland Brothers. The land was donated by Lord Downe who also gave an interest free loan for the building. It commemorates three local clergymen. It was built using the stone from farm buildings that were flooded when Scaling Dam was constructed.</p> <p>The building is stone with a half brick inner, and as such is a “lightweight” building. The cavities contain lots of mortar droppings, but the ties appear to be in good condition. The steel trusses are on concrete pad-stones. Most places were accessible, the only place not accessible was under the floor at one end of the main building, this could be problematic when insulating the floor. There are ventilators in the roof and ceiling spaces. There is limited insulation in the roof space, less than 2”. The stage space is not insulated and the land below ground level has no tanking. The end areas (above the supper room and above the toilet end) are boarded and are big areas. The two ends of the building have solid sub-floors, the main hall sub-floor area needs further investigation, but is very shallow at one end.</p> <p>The doors would benefit from having weather-strips fitted. The heating would be suitable if the insulation was right. Tackling the problems of the wall insulation should be the last option as it was a big job to tackle.</p> <p>Colin asked Mike to do a cost calculation for the floor and roof insulation. Mike G and Colin to speak to the Village Hall Committee to advise them of the findings and encourage them to apply for LEADER funding so that they can increase the usage of the hall.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>MG MG/CM</b></p>
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	
<p>Colin has attended 3 local parish council meetings, Sleights, Egton and Glaisdale. At these meetings he explained about the work or the group and how insulation was the easiest option for carbon reduction. At Egton and Glaisdale the presentation was well received, however members of Sleights PC claim that all properties in Sleights were adequately insulated and do not wish to receive any help from Esk Energy. It was decided to pass any relevant information to the Parish Councils and leave it to them to distribute to their residents. Colin concluded that 5 years ago when Upper Esk Community Energy Group was set up there was little easily available information, but things have now moved forward and insulation/renewables information is now readily available from a number of sources.</p> <p>It was decided to encourage local activists to attend Esk Energy meeting. PW to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>PW</b></p>

make contact with an interested party in Goathland.	
<b>Information Dissemination</b>	
<p>Dissemination of information is now a priority for the group. It was acknowledged that the website was a good information tool and should be added to regularly. Peter J to circulate a draft of the FAQs and this to be included on the website when it is completed.</p> <p>It was suggested that Energy Fairs could be held in other Parishes. Colin has arranged a public meeting to give advice about the new Feed In Tariffs (FITs) and the Renewable Heat Incentive. A press release and posters will be produced when a date is set.</p> <p><i>Subsequently arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Danby Village Hall.</i></p>	<p><b>PJ</b> <b>JH</b></p>
<b>Project Reports</b>	
<p><b>Hydro</b> All the permissions are now in place for the Ruswarp project. Thanks to all the hard work of the Hydro sub-committee. The next challenge is securing funding.</p> <p><b>Wind</b> The photomontage maker has said he can do a better job of the photomontages when the trees are in leaf. A feasibility study may be eligible for funding from the SDF. Peter W to submit an SDF application.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p>
<b>AOB</b>	
<p>John Randles asked about Broadgate Farm in Westerdale that appeared in the Hydro Feasibility Study as having potential. The owners would like to know what the next would be. Peter J suggested they should apply to SDF for a feasibility study. It was suggested that some group members should meet the owners on site.</p> <p>Peter Woods offered to arrange a site visit to Abbeyfield to look at the Heat Pump. Those interested in attending are Mike G, Geoff Walker, Debbie Trebilco, Mike Ford and Colin.</p> <p>Colin announced that he now had a small number of paper copies of the publication "Sustainable Energy Without the Hot Air" which are available to borrow. This publication can be downloaded from <a href="http://www.withouthotair.com">www.withouthotair.com</a> A link to this will be added to the Website.</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p> <p><b>JH</b></p>
<b>Details of next meeting</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm in Commondale Village Hall	<b>GB</b>