



# Esk Valley Community Energy Group

Minutes of Meeting  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010  
 Danby Village Hall, Danby

<b>Present</b>	Action
Tom Chadwick, Richard Evans, Mike Ford, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Andrew Maisey, Colin Mather, Andrew Muir, Ernst Nef, John Randles, George Robinson, Steve Smith, Debbie Trebilco, Les Underwood, Geoff Walker, Erwin Wennekes, Nigel Wilson, Peter Woods	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Geoff Banner, Joan Rees	
<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
Agreed as a true record.	
<b>Presentation by Nigel Wilson about the plans for Westerdale Village Hall</b>	
Nigel showed a presentation about the proposed renovation to the hall which hope to include insulation and the installation of renewable energy production systems and/or renewable heating systems. He gave a brief history of the building and the proposals for the renovation. Planning permission has been applied for and is expected to be granted. They intend to insulate the walls to cure the damp problems, replace the kitchen and put PV slates on the south facing room, using "heritage slate PV tiles". Mike F gave advice about the connection to the grid. For the heating they are considering a ground source heat pump. Various group members were able to give advice and opinions about the various options for this including advice about bore holes.	
<b>Communications Action Plan</b>	
<p>Peter has contacted all the clerks at the relevant parish councils asking for a slot at their parish council meetings. So far there has been only one response, from Egton who are very keen and will be contacting again about going to the April meeting. One aim is to find a contact in each parish and offer to help with Energy Fairs in each parish. The Whitby 10.10 group have good climate change connections and may be interested in joining forces to put on an Energy Fair in Whitby.</p> <p>Tom Chadwick and Richard Evans to meet and work on the solid wall insulation information.</p> <p>Erwin to investigate draft proofing information.</p> <p>It was suggested that for the website a list of FAQ should we included. All were asked to submit 5 questions and 20 of these will be chosen to put on the website (full list attached).</p>	<p><b>TC/RE</b></p> <p><b>EW</b></p>
<b>Feed In Tariffs (FITs)</b>	
The feed in tariffs for electricity productions were explained (list of tariffs attached). There is to be another incentive scheme which is currently at consultation stage, but will likely be introduced from April 2011 of Renewable Heat Incentives for such things as solar hot water panels. In order to qualify all types of renewable heat installations must be fitted by accredited installers, who appear to be "loading" the prices.	

<b>Updates</b>	
<p><b>Hydro</b> The landowner agreement is on the verge of being signed.</p> <p><b>Wind</b> A photo montage has been produced for Mr Burridge's site and work is ongoing on the photo montage for Peter Woods's site.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	
<p><b>Abbeyfields</b> At a recent meeting of the Residents group at Abbeyfields the residents expressed extreme gratitude to the Esk Energy group for all their work on the initiation of the heat pump installation. It was reported that the rents were due to increase due to the rise in gas prices, but when challenged they said the increase was to recoup the cost of the GSHP, however it was pointed out that grants were secured for this so there are no cost to recoup. This will be followed up by the residents group!</p> <p><b>Settle Hydro</b> The CREP team are organising a trip to the Settle Hydro Turbine Project to meet some of the directors and view the site. Spaces are still available.</p>	
<b>Details of next meeting</b>	
<p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010 In Danby Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm start</p>	<b>JH</b>