



# Esk Valley Community Energy Group

Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
The Moors Centre, Danby

<b>Present</b>	Action
Geoff Banner, Peter Dingle, Mike Ford, Mike Gilbert, Judie Holliday, Peter Jones, Andrew Maisey, Dave Maloney, Colin Mather, Ernst Nef, Steve Smith, Peter Woods	
<b>Apologies</b>	
Tom Chadwick, Richard Evans, John Randles, Joan Rees, Debbie Trebilco	
<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
.Agreed as a true record.	
<b>Slides and report on the New Mills Visit on 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
A number of members of the group attended a visit to New Mills to view the Archimedean screw turbine which has been installed at the confluence of the Rivers Goyt and Sett. The directors who showed the group around were very frank and open and explained all the problems they had encountered. A slide presentation was shown from the visit.	
<b>Westerdale Village Hall</b>	
A group has been set up who are looking at ways to improve the insulation and energy efficiency at the Village Hall in Westerdale.	
<b>British Gas Green Streets – Funding bid</b>	
Last year British Gas launched a scheme to fund community projects. The scheme was called Green Streets and the scheme was opened to streets around the county that had the word Green in it. This year the scheme was opened up to any community groups and as there were not many applicants in this area the York Energy Saving Trust were approached to see if they knew of any qualifying community projects. They in turn approached Peter Jones. Peter has sent in an application on behalf of EVCEG for funding to install 20 homes and one community building with renewables. A community champion is needed to take a lead in the community with this project. Peter Woods knows someone who may be interested in this role and he will approach them and let Peter J know.	PW
<b>Progress and feedback reports</b>	
<b>Insulation Survey</b>	
The National Park has supplied some A5 leaflet dispensers. The insulation leaflet will be adapted to fit into these. Andrew M will look at the implications of distributing “cowboy trader” warning leaflets. A solid wall insulation leaflet was circulated, this could be adapted for use by the group. It was proposed to devote a future meeting to solid wall insulation.	AM CM
<b>Abbeyfields – Heat Pump Installation</b>	
Grants have been secured from SDF and LCBP and Abbeyfields are on the verge of placing an order with a contactor, however there may be issues with the project management. Further updates will be announced at future meeting.	
<b>Wind Project</b>	
A small group have visited various sites. These include, Box Hall, Clitherbeck and Rosedale Intake. A meeting was held with Robert Sword (Lord Downs Agent who could see the potential benefits of putting turbines on tenanted farms.	

<p>For the next step a funding package needs to be put together. Peter Woods suggested a steering group for this project. Peter and Dave Maloney volunteered for this. They would also ask Tom Chadwick to join them. Each site would be looked at in more detail to gauge the size of turbine that would be appropriate. Debbie T to write to Robert Sword to obtain his views on the project. The Ridgeblade inventor to be invited to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>PW/DM/TC</b></p> <p><b>DT</b> <b>CM</b></p>
<p><b>Hydro</b></p>	
<p>The hydro steering group continue to hold weekly meetings and have attended special liaison meetings with REAC and EA. The amended proposal is for one 50kW turbine. The abstraction licence is expected to be issued on 17<sup>th</sup> October. There will be 6 months fish monitoring before the turbine can be used and for 3 years after commissioning. The application goes to planning committee on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Due to the proposed new payment structure for feed in tariffs there expects to be around £40k per year income. The owner is positive however as yet due to legal involvement the lease has not yet been finalised. The funding for the CREP runs out in March and the work has to be done by June.</p>	
<p><b>Details of next meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting to be on <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> in <b>Danby Village Hall</b></p>	<p><b>CM/JH</b></p>