

## Transition Black Isle Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at Glachbeg Croft, 7.00pm  
Present: Agric, Maggie Dove, Penny Edwards, Vanessa Halhead, Thomas Keyes, Frank Kremer, Karin Kremer, Wendy Price - facilitator, Chris Scatchard, Martin Sherring, Anne Thomas, Catriona Ross, Sue Varley, John Wood.

- 1) Wendy welcomed Thomas Keyes, Frank Kremer and Karin Kremer. She also advised the meeting that Mhairi and Alan of Energy Saving Scotland would join at 7.30pm.
- 2) Apologies for absence were received from Hugh Collins.
- 3) The minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising not covered on the agenda. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.  
We have no problem storing members' personal data under the Data Protection Act provided the members consent to their details being shared within the group.
- 4) PR for Greening Homes and Gardens.  
Teen circulated a PR article for comment which was generally well received. Clarification is needed from RoWAN and EST. The article also needs a paragraph from home exhibitors on what they are demonstrating. Martin agreed to be a contact for questions, interviews etc. Teen needs to finalise the article by the end of the week. The event needs to be prominently displayed on the website.  
Teen has also drafted an article for Chatterbox, their deadline was Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August but **Wendy** is to contact Chatterbox to see if it can still be included.
- 5) Wendy welcomed Mhairi and Alan from Energy Saving Scotland (ESS) to the meeting.  
ESS have mailed out the Home Energy Check (HEC) questionnaires to the villages of Munloch, Avoch and Fortrose. People who have filled in mail preference to exclude unsolicited mail. The HEC is for baseline energy use and makes certain assumptions in its calculations so is not exact. TBI is the first group to partner with ESS in such an exercise. ESS have a call centre (free phone number) to advise recipients who may be having problems filling in the questionnaire, and on the Energy Assistance Package (EAP) available for householders who qualify. After the questionnaires are received back by EST there will be an insulation campaign to address some of the problems highlighted by the surveys.  
TBI's involvement is to make follow-up visits to as many homes as possible in the mailshot areas, if the survey has not been returned to encourage completion, and if the householder is having trouble completing the questionnaire to advise them to call the ESS call centre for help. Members are not expected to enter houses and fill in the surveys for any recipients. TBI can collect completed surveys on behalf of ESS but must not retain any data from the surveys. Many houses in the survey area do not fit with the assumptions on house type, it is OK to make comments on the front of the questionnaire so ESS can feed this back to the designers of the questionnaire. Any attempt to "correct" the inner pages will mean the questionnaire cannot be read by computer and data will need to be entered by ESS staff by hand.  
Mhairi and Alan conducted a Guidance Exercise which was helpful in showing which questions were key in determining household efficiency.

6) Rota, dates and recording method

John suggested that Vanessa advises the Black Isle Area Partnership of the operation so that group leaders can ask their members to encourage participation in the surveys.

Wendy will co-ordinate door-to-door follow-up for Munloch, Penny will co-ordinate for Fortrose, currently no-one is handling Avoch. Anyone wanting to be involved should contact the appropriate co-ordinator. Streets covered should be notified to the co-ordinator to avoid duplication.

7) Security and badges.

People intending to do the door-to-door should mail photos of themselves to Wendy, who will produce identity badges. TBI members can go out individually if they feel comfortable with that, or go in pairs.

8) Greening Homes and Gardens progress.

**It has not been confirmed whether household insurance will cover public liability.** Ten homes and gardens are taking part and signs or placards are needed for each house to display on the day. This has been mentioned to Katy of RoWAN. There will be a box for donations at the Munloch village hall. Maps showing numbered locations will be available at the hall, there will be of each house and directions to it on the reverse, with a brief description of what is being displayed/demonstrated there.

For those who are opening their homes, there will be a chance to see the other properties. Meet at 10.30 am at Anne Thomas' house on 29<sup>th</sup> August, then continue on round the others.

**Wendy** is to invite all concerned, asking them to confirm or decline attendance to Anne. There is a social event entitled "Seize the Day" at Glachbeg in the evening of 29<sup>th</sup>, with entertainment to be provided by the band Carpe Diem.

9) AOB.

9.1) Bob runs a Wednesday evening meeting at Glachbeg from 7.00pm to 9.00pm called "In It Together". It is open to all - especially young adults with support needs - from the Black Isle, Inverness, and Dingwall who are interested in Sustainability. TBI members would be very welcome on any Wednesday evening.

9.2) A community market at North Kessock will probably start in October.

10) Date, place and facilitator for next meeting.

Anne will facilitate, the meeting will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at Glachbeg, 7.30 pm.

The meeting after that will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, also at Glachbeg, 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.