

Transition Black Isle Main Committee Meeting 17/11/2010

November 2010 Climate Challenge Fund Project Co-ordinator's Report

Following the Climate Challenge Fund Project Officer's visit in October we agreed with her that only two further progress reports would be required: at the ends of the October and January. The first of these was submitted last week and provides an up to date synopsis across all the projects. The activity section of the report was as follows.

CCF Progress report

Grow North: There are now 74 households involved in the project, with 56 people attending training sessions. Late summer/autumn tasks have been covered in training sessions, including fruit, ground preparation, and planting out. Notes on the training activities have been compiled.

Community Gardens: Progress at the two existing gardens has continued with steady numbers. A review of current and possible community gardens has been commissioned and will report in early November, allowing decisions on funding and management to be made in good time for the next financial year. The likely new Community Garden at Rosemarkie has formed a committee and begun to negotiate a lease, with the involvement of the TBI solicitor.

Black Isle Diet: 42 people had signed up for the Highland Food Challenge by mid October. Monthly local markets have continued to be organised at North Kessock with demand for stalls exceeding the space available though there is still scope to increase footfall. Additional advertising has been planned. Options for purchase and management of a fruit press have been investigated and will be acted on shortly.

Greening Homes and Gardens The open day was held on 11 and 292 people attended the display at Findon Community Hall. Three seminars on energy conservation, renewable energy, and composting were held during the event. 17 homes were open to visitors, hosting a total of 257 visits. During the exhibition Energy Saving Scotland did 47 Home Energy Checks with visitors and were asked to carry out 9 home renewable visits.

Smart Meters: Community meters are still in use and the school project has been active with the school meters distributed to students (and their families) just before the October break.

Website: The website has been managed and updated, and is now the central reference point for all TBI activity and information. In the month 20/8/10 to 19/9/10 1355 website visits were recorded, 43% of which were new visits, and 693 visitors were recorded.

PR Support: Promotional support to other projects has been a feature of this period, particularly Greening Homes and Gardens and Black Isle Diet. Planning for winter outreach events has also been undertaken.

Core project: 2 claims submitted to CCF. Budget review undertaken and resulting budget proposals accepted by CCF

Additional information

The most recent claim for CCF grant was also sent in at the end of October. The total claimed is currently £48,145.94 with £37,726.04 remaining to claim. The amount claimed includes £4900 of advances which we have still to spend.

With over £42000 or 44% of the project still to spend it will now be important to undertake the work covered in the revised budgets and spend money as soon as possible. I suggest we review progress in about one month's time in order to decide whether any final budget changes are required.

Richard Robinson
Project Co-ordinator
12th November 2010

CCF Project roles at 15 October 2010 (no changes from 6 September)

Project	Group	Lead person	Contractor
Greening Homes and Gardens	Energy	Martin	
Smart Meters	Energy	Martin	
Highland Food Challenge/ BID	Food	Anne	Freya
Grow North	Food	Bob	Sheila
Community Gardens	Food	Tommy Kathryn (budget)	
Website/ Newsletter/ PR	Awareness	Maggie Wendy (budget)	Teen
Core	Core Group (Wendy, Vanessa, Penny)	Wendy	Richard Gail