

Minutes of meeting 17-11-2010

1. Matters arising from last meeting: a.) Agric to look into the organisation of the membership list with a proposal to file members properly; b) It was noted that we didn't win the pub quiz. Ken proposed the minutes & seconded and agreed by all attending members.
2. Grow North – 5th Feb 2011 will be the final throws of existence for the organisation! Agric to oversee Grow North manual/ booklet. 2010 party to be held at Glachbeg?
3. Community Gardens – Food Group, Ken has identified the Rosemarkie site as most likely, and a lease has been signed for garden plots. It was felt that food group reports needed to be made more available to TBI members; TBI will review the relationship between community Gardens & themselves Dec 16th.

Culbokie market now has a regular TBI stall.

4. Treasurers Report: A brief summary was handed to the group, Martin has identified a surplus of £3,406, of this money £2926 can be spent how we choose. An apple press & a food directory were possible future expenditure projects.

There is too much accountancy to do beyond CCF money, Richard keeps tabs on CCF budget but we still need the rest of our accounts to be managed.

Martin has too much to do & needs to devolve some responsibility, The Energy Group are researching the possibility of becoming a company,

5. Do we need a secretary?
6. A call to arms on the web-site for volunteers to be arranged
7. Project Coordinators Report has been put on the web-site. 44% of project still to be spent, now that recommendations are in a spending review will be held in one month's time. £48,000 claimed leaving £37,000 still to be used.
8. Admin Group: Penny, Wendy & Richard have unofficially become an administration group and they are seeking group approval to act officially in this capacity, they will continue at least until end of CCF money; this was approved by the attending members. Information from the Admin Group will be disseminated to the relevant groups.
9. Future Plans: A future planning day was confirmed for 22nd Jan, events programme & plan for the future of the Black Isle; Richard to look into funding.
10. Highland Food Challenge: 'Our Local Larder' event to be held 11th Dec- stalls & speakers from the community. It was agreed to get at least 500 stickers

printed 'Our Local Larder' as a slogan. 3 events still to come low attendance at last demo was noted (eight people!). North Kessock Market has been expanded to a double sitting as there are so many stallholders.

11. Energy: Martin spoke to HSPC ring, he will sit on the steering group- 'the ring' was originally set up as an agricultural group for tools, equipment, training etc. Frank & Carin (suggestion) will be the people to liaise with for the Schools Smart Meter Project.
12. Communications: Craft Fair Barbel will do the stall. Winter Programme: Food inc film, local larder event , beyond the energy crunch with speakers on the panel, possibly 2 MSP's, David Whitehead (farmer), Neil Sutherland, Mandy Meikl & others.

17th feb 'The End of The Line, (a film). 22nd Feb ' No Impact Man' – a film in conjunction with Resolis & Cromarty film society. 26th Mar Ceilidh. 7th Apr ' The Vanishing of The Bees' (a film, Culbokie Action) ? Masonic Hall as venue, Wendy to make further enquiries. Great Unleashing- do we need one? Wendy will investigate venues & prices for ceilidh & possible unleashing. There was a proposal for a 10 minute speech before the ceilidh.