

## Minutes of TBI Open Meeting at Glachbeg on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### Present:

John Wood, Kirsty Shaw (part only), Maggie Dove, Richard Robinson, Anne Thomas, Agric Hadron, Bob Bull, Tommy Keyes, Wendy Price, Penny Edwards, Martin Sherring

### Apologies:

Vanessa Halhead, Caroline Vawdrey, Toni Clark, Ken Naismith, Freya Manson, Julian Paren, Mary Paren.

<b>Matters Arising</b>	Agric still to set up membership details on line  NHS are setting up a stall at Raigmore on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March for Climate Week, featuring TBI literature, and then at 3 other venues during the week. Volunteers to attend should contact Anne.	<b>Agric</b>  <b>All</b>
<b>Food Group report</b>	Kirsty was welcomed as the new N Kessock market manager.  The first Cromarty Community market will be held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May, and subsequent markets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, with or without CCF funding. If the CCF application is unsuccessful, TBI assistance will be sought for publicity (PR, advertising, banners, etc.). Kirsty agreed to give John details of possible groups for teas, and offered a banner salvaged from the Highland Homes Expo. Wendy agreed to check with Acorn about producing publicity materials. Kirsty pointed out that May will be the 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Ferintosh market, so could be an opportunity for a press release on community markets generally.  It was suggested we should consider introducing the Tingle to the Community Markets. Kirsty agreed to invite Dave from the Greenhouse to the June TBI meeting.  The Growing Guide is almost complete. Agric to add a short section on seed saving. Volunteers will be required to slot the title pages into the folders.	<b>Kirsty</b>  <b>Wendy</b>  <b>John</b>  <b>Kirsty</b>  <b>Agric</b>  <b>All</b>

	<p>The formal agreement with Toni and Andrew re. Loch na Mhoid has not yet been returned by them. Wendy to chase.</p> <p>Cromarty School will be growing veg in raised beds in their grounds, volunteers required to help on Monday afternoons. Culbokie School will also be working at Netherton on Monday afternoons, and lesson plans are being prepared. Tommy to share lesson plans with Cromarty School.</p>	<p><b>Wendy</b></p> <p><b>John/ All</b></p> <p><b>Tommy</b></p>
<p><b>Report from events</b></p>	<p>Anne was involved in a meeting with Roseanna Cunningham on Community Engagement. 17 people attended from a variety of organisations. Anne was able to raise concerns that climate change and peak oil are urgent problems and are not being treated as such. She is to fill in a feedback form which should further emphasise what she said.</p> <p>The HEN conference was thought by HEN directors to have been a success, 14 attended TBI workshops. There is a possibility of the tennis courts in Avoch being used for allotments.</p> <p>The potato day was a great success, could have been even better-attended with more publicity. Ideas for other similar events – general vegetables, potato tasting, apples (but NB avoid the Dupars' apple event this autumn), seed swaps.</p> <p>End of the Line was very poorly attended.</p> <p>Wendy gave a talk to N Kessock WRI, attended by approx 30 people, which went well. Her talk is available as a powerpoint file.</p> <p>Approx 50 people attended the No Impact Man film, it was thought that cooperating with the Cromarty and Resolis Film Soc had been helpful.</p>	<p><b>Anne</b></p>

<b>Co-ordinator's report</b>	Richard is producing a final report for CCF on the 2010/ 11 project. It was agreed that the Comms Group should consider producing an annual report to members/ others, setting out activities during the year.	<b>Richard</b>  <b>Comms Group</b>
<b>Treasurer's report</b>	<p>There is no cash available at present, but all bills have been paid and there's one final CCF claim to be made, so we're still anticipating a small surplus at the year-end.</p> <p>Feedback is needed from project leaders on the format of financial reports. Martin to chase.</p> <p>We urgently need to resolve office-holders for the coming year. Martin is willing to act as either Treasurer or Convenor, but not both. The treasurer role should be less demanding next year, although there will be additional complexities in OSCR reporting. It would be best to have a treasurer who could easily visit the bookkeeper to see invoices at the same time as cheques are signed. Wendy to produce some notes on the Convenor role, and circulate the current membership list to active members with a plea to look at it and think who might be prepared to fill either the treasurer or convenor post.</p> <p>We still have an offer of around £1,750 from HIE for "Corporate development" work. Penny to follow up the idea of training for directors/ trustees, Richard to speak to Plexus about adding the facility to pay donations or subscriptions on-line, including gift aid.</p>	<b>Martin</b>  <b>Penny</b>  <b>Wendy</b>  <b>Penny</b> <b>Richard</b>
<b>CCF Bid</b>	Wendy circulated a summary of the bid. We are likely to hear a response soon, Vanessa had heard Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> . If we are successful, there will be a number of contract posts be advertised, and it would be good to co-ordinate this into one advert. It was noted that there is some difficulty with the division between those responsible for each project	<b>Energy gp</b>

	<p>and those wishing to tender for some of the paid work, so the previous assumptions about who would lead each project need to be re-visited. Tommy to consult the education group to identify a new project leader.</p> <p>It was agreed there should be a meeting of office holders and project leaders to discuss the management of the work, and consider joint action on recruitment.</p>	<p><b>Tommy</b></p> <p><b>Wendy</b></p>
<b>Food directory distribution</b>	Bärbel is distributing the directory in Cromarty. Anne agreed to set up a Google document to co-ordinate distribution.	<b>Anne</b>
<b>Ceilidh</b>	<p>It was agreed to set up a system for tickets to be ordered in advance, and then sold on the door. Anne agreed to set up a Google document.</p> <p>Maggie had tried to negotiate for electric lights to be switched off during Earth Hour, but the hall are adamant this can't happen for health and safety reasons. The band, however, is happy to play an acoustic set during the hour.</p>	<b>Anne</b>
<b>Scottish Orchards meeting</b>	We've been approached to co-host a meeting with Scottish Orchards. Bob agreed to contact John Hancocks.	<b>Bob</b>
<b>Meeting venues</b>	It was agreed to continue with a range of meeting venues, including members' houses.	<b>Maggie</b>
<b>AOCB</b>	John noted that his house has been accepted as an "Old Home Superhome", having reduced its carbon emissions by 89%. This means that the house should be opened to the public 2 or 3 times/ year. This seems to fit well with the Energy Group plan for an event in March 2012 drawing together the lessons from the CCF project.	<b>Energy Group</b>