

LLANIDLOES ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD.

Directors meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2006 at Glanafon.

Members present: David Utting.(Chair), Gwen Prince, Diana Berriman, Paul Jervis, and Barbara Anderson.

Apologies: Nick Venti, Graham Brand, Steve Jerman and Chris Lord-Smith.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising: The sub group investigating the appropriate structure for the formation of a trading company were unable to meet with Rhian Edwards from Wales Cooperative Centre, and will seek to do so in January.

Action Point: PJ, GB and NV to arrange meeting and report back.

Diana's Report: Diana reported on her recent approach to Potters regarding our becoming a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB) to act as agents for local groups with compliant projects and help them access money from the Landfill Tax Fund. Graham has made a number of comments in the light of his own considerable experience of grant funding, and it was agreed that we would seek clarification from Potters as to exactly how the scheme would be run and how the various responsibilities would be allocated. It was also suggested that Diana and Graham should meet in early January, preferably with David Williams from Potters to discuss the scheme in depth and report back. It was further suggested that he should be invited to the next Board Meeting

Action Point: DB and GB to meet with DW.

Hydro schemes. Both potential hydro electricity schemes were discussed and it was felt that the scheme at Felindre Mill would not be economically viable with the current flow rates and to increase them would require the deepening and widening of the existing mill leat, using a very high flow rate which was unacceptable to the riparian owner. We have applied for funding to enable the hydro engineer to further investigate the potential flow rates and pipe condition at Nant y Geifr reservoir, and to ascertain the likely output using a conventional water turbine.

Action Point: DB to arrange site visit with Richard Drover.

Energy surveys: We have completed 206 surveys, but several require a further follow visit to acquire missing data on electricity/gas bills etc. 4 Commercial audits have been done and a further 2 are in hand with Arena Network.

Biodiesel: DU reported that he had found a company in Cheshire who would be able to supply us, and he will investigate costs further and report back.

Action Point: DU to investigate costs, availability, etc.

Joint workshop with WDM: GP reported that WDM were keen to work with us in an all Wales workshop on how climate change affects developing countries. We are waiting for further details before making a commitment.

Action Point: GP to keep in contact and report back.

A.O.B. A lively discussion developed about the likely composition of the new trading company and its name.

It was felt that 'Llanesco Ltd' (An acronym of Llanidloes Energy Supply Company) would be appropriate. The formation of the company will depend on exactly what commercial energy projects we identify and whether we would ask the local community to take shares in the enterprise, the number of Directors it would need and how it would relate to the charity both financially and administratively.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm after which we joined the survey volunteers for a social evening to thank them for all they have done over the past few months.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 25th. January 2007 in Llani Ltd office at 7.30pm