

URCHFONTS PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Notes of the meeting of the CFC Working Group held on 19th March 2008 at 4 Peppercombe Close, Urchfont

Present - Peter Newell, Chairman
Jim Batt
David Byford
Alan Cannon
Pete Nobes
Mary Treneer

1. Welcome and apologies - Richard Bromley
2. Notes of the meeting held on 9th January 2008 - Agreed
3. Matters arising -
 - (a) School Waste Committee - Mary was still trying to make contact.
Mary
 - (b) Kennet Times - Peter and Jim had received the most recent edition.
 - (c) CFC Network Days - Jim had attended the Network day organised by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust with Richard on 1st February at Langford Lakes and had thought it worthwhile. Peter and Richard had attended the recent Network day on 15th March at Market Lavington. Key points arising included -
 - The World Changers Website to be launched 31.5.08
 - The County wide Local Area Agreement with central Government would include a CO² per capita performance indicator
 - Kennet District Council (and North Wiltshire) and Cricklade Town Council had signed the Nottingham Declaration re climate change commitments
 - The Network would in future be largely web based with probably an annual meeting
 - (d) Oil Brokerage Service - Peter had investigated this service based at Great Cheverell and on the figures he had been given after the brokerage fee of £15 per annum a saving could be made of some £38 per annum for 2000 litres between the cheapest and most expensive prices quoted. It should be borne in mind that prices were changing daily.
4. Energy Efficiency Campaign -
 - (a) Pilot Households -

Outcomes of Fuel Monitoring - Pete tabled preliminary figures illustrating some 37.7 tonnes per annum of CO² emissions saved. However there were three households where it had been difficult to assess the results and one had not responded. There were various variables which should be noted including the mild winter, installation of new electrical equipment, new boilers etc.

Final Report - Peter undertook to redraft the Interim report in the form of a final project report when Pete had finalised the fuel monitoring results. Peter/Pete

Prizes - The Hallidays had already received a prize for being the lowest consumers of fuel from the outset of the Project. Pete had prizes available including - two eco-kettles, two wind up radios and a solar powered mobile phone charger.

It was agreed that prizes should be presented to -

The Arnotts - for the largest reduction in CO² overall
The Kimbers - for the largest reduction in oil (after the Arnotts)
The Thomas' - for the largest reduction in electricity (altered from the Davies' subsequent to the meeting)
The Pritchards - special prize for achieving a substantial overall reduction in CO² with little expense

Peter would consult the winners on the prizes they would like. A presentation photo opportunity would have to be arranged.

Peter/Pete

(b) Extension to Pilot - Grant enquiries/applications - Peter reported on the current position -

North Wessex Downs AONB - awaiting outcome of Leader+ application
Transition Towns Initiative - no response
Good Energy - Juliet Davenport, Chief Executive, to speak at Parish Meeting (25.4.08)
Community Action for Energy - to send information on possible grants following recent telephone conversation
Scottish Power - refused grant application
Energy for All (Westmill Wind Farm) - visit planned
Cooperative Group - Peter to telephone following useful discussion at Network day
Big Lottery - Community Sustainable Energy Grant Scheme - awaiting further information

Peter suggested that it would be helpful to reduce the budget to a more attractive/realistic level (from £31500).

Peter

Two applications had now been refused on the grounds that there was insufficient priority given to fuel poverty in spite of this having been covered in the applications. It was noted that there were some 35% retired people in Wiltshire and substantial numbers of housing association tenants and retired in the Parish, not all of whom were in fuel poverty.

(c) Energy saving products - Peter reported distribution as follows -

Low energy light bulbs	100
Pipe lagging	6.5 packets (x 5 - 1 metres)
Draught proofing	12 rolls
Radiator panels	78

Pete had a few hot water cylinder jackets available. Scottish Power were investigating the availability of small bulbs.

(d) Energy Day - Peter explained that the date would have to be altered as the Village Hall would have building work in hand from May to October. It was agreed that this should now be held on 15th November 2008. Peter would book the Village Hall and the Energy Day Working Party would pursue the detailed arrangements. Peter/Energy W/P

(e) Street Lighting Review - Peter explained that with the support of District Council and Mouchel Parkman (on behalf of the County Council) the Parish Council were exploring with residents of selected streets the possibility of some street lighting being reduced to part night lighting. So far there had been mixed reactions with some concerned about security and others welcoming the proposal. Those with concerns might consider security lights with sensors/time switches.

5. Community Wind Turbine - Peter, Pete and Richard had arranged to visit the Westmill Wind Farm at Coleshill, Oxon, on 17th April.

6. SW CO+ Carbon Positive Awards 2008 - An application had been submitted for this award scheme.

7. Publicity - Alan reported that he had written three articles for the Parish magazines on case studies from the pilot households together with coverage for the free products and recently a 'Tip of the Month'. It was agreed to continue with the case studies as they had made a real impact of readers. Other topics could be interspersed including possibly the School Waste Committee and the compost and chippings used by the allotments. Alan

Mary reported upon a new project for schools being run by the the District Council and Yellow Pages from 31st March to encourage the recycling of yellow pages and to use these for an art competition. Alan would explore possible publicity with the School. Alan

Richard was still working on CFC pages for the Parish Website. Richard

8. Date of next meeting - 10.00am Thursday 15th May 2008 at 4 Peppercombe Close, Urchfont

9. Any other business -

(a) Earth Hour - This would be held for one hour at 8.00pm on Saturday 29th March 2008 when people were being asked to switch all electrical equipment and lights off except fridges and freezers.

(b) KDC Recycling results - Mary reported upon recycling results for January 2008 of over 30% of waste going through black boxes compared with 22.12% for the next best performing authority. The overall recycling and composting rate was just over 37% nearly 10% more than the next authority.

(c) Climate Change Bill - Peter reported upon the campaign to encourage MPs to support the Bill and sign the pledge card with the slogan 'I love a Climate Bill with Bite'. It was noted that no Government Department has met their CO² emission targets nor had ministerial cars been reduced in size. There was a disappointing lack of good practice by Government. It was agreed to write to Michael Ancram MP and encourage others to do so. Peter