

HEN Minutes
6th November 2008
Aigas

Present: Marion, Morag, Faith, Sheila, Orrin, Wendy, Anne, Toni, Susan, Bob

Apologies: Duncan, Suzann, Jenny

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of previous meeting	ACTION
Noel and Ailsa to be invited to the next meeting.	Marion
The previous minutes were accepted.	
	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference 2009	

<p>The date of the conference will be either Saturday 14th or 21st March 2009.</p>	
<p>Draft programme for conference to be produced by the end of November.</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Sheila</p>
<p>Sheila to check with Jenny where SNH is at in terms of venue and date, and take over.</p>	
<p>The issue of whether the aim should be towards community or individual actions was raised.</p>	
<p>It was noted that SNH is interested in the angle of how climate change affects the natural heritage.</p>	
<p>Susan noted that the Climate Change Bill is working its way through the government. Susan to find someone who has done a calculation on how Scotland will carry out its 80% reduction target.</p>	<p>Susan</p> <p>Sheila</p>
<p>Sheila to ask Richard about flood maps and effects on eg. the coastline for the conference.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
<p>Susan to find out what schools have done for climate change. We can also contact all the teachers we do know of to ask them. It was noted that Friends of the Earth have materials aimed at secondary schools. The committee wondered whether eco schools are developing secondary school materials and if Eleanor Gordon is doing anything on climate change particularly.</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Wendy</p>
<p>Wendy to contact Pat Thornton in the Educational Resource Partnership regarding the resources available for schools.</p>	
<p>It was noted that Hugh Fraser will forward things out to schools.</p>	
<p><u>Funding</u> The Highland Council has donated £1000.</p>	
<p>It was felt that the offer of an adaptation workshop was possibly not suitable for this time, with a focus more on action.</p>	<p>Marion</p>
<p>Marion is applying to the climate challenge fund (they have a strand for awareness funding), deadline was Monday. She has also approached the co-operative but was unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
<p>Susan will investigate possibilities with SEPA further. SNH has offered in-kind funding with the Great Glen building as venue.</p>	<p>Susan</p>
<p>It was suggested that if we don't raise enough money we could</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of HEN Project Officer 	
<p><u>Funding</u> LEADER programme – but the launch is delayed. Also has to be matched with public funds. Marion met up with Ailsa regarding this.</p> <p>Esmee Fairburn – could still apply to this, doesn't require match funding. See it in the bigger picture of climate change.</p> <p>Climate Challenge – possible to put in a bigger application to this fund. Is 3 years of funding, no match funding needed. The council want us to do this for them – they can help us but can't get the actual funding. Focus on awareness raising and training for communities (including schools). This requires a lot of work pulling it all together and having the time to do this properly. Or we could go for 1 year funding as a kind of scoping “where you're at” funding. If we could get someone for 6 months to come and sort our admin and make proposals. The next deadline is February.</p> <p>Marion to circulate proposal once more, and add Wendy to the distribution list. Everyone else to feedback!</p> <p>Could potentially invest in getting someone else to complete the application for us, but need to check this won't go against us.</p> <p>It was noted that FEVA can fund training.</p>	<p>Marion All</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 	
<p>Editing: Toni & Duncan. Deadlines: to Toni by the 20th December, newsletter out by 1st February. Content: FEVA, conference, nappy project. Bob to invite Friends of the Earth, Inverness to be in the next newsletter.</p> <p>Morag to ask the NEL (Northern Educators Link) if they would like to edit a newsletter edition, focussing on who they are, what they do and who is in it.</p> <p>Toni to speak to Ailsa regarding getting the newsletter produced and booked in early.</p>	<p>Toni & Duncan Bob</p> <p>Morag</p> <p>Toni</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEN Training Programme 	

<p>It was noted that FEVA can provide financial support – Toni to speak to Jenny to ask Julia about this.</p> <p>Other possible funding could come from SNH or the Cairngorms National Park.</p> <p>Morag to feedback by the end of November whether there is a slot where Aigas could become involved.</p>	<p>Toni</p> <p>Morag</p>
<p>• Networking</p>	
<p>Cairngorms National Park They are very interested in becoming part of HEN. If they were, this could have positive impacts of funding (eg from Esmee Fairburn).</p> <p>GLOW Internet resource for all schools (teachers & pupils). LTS (learning teaching Scotland). Out of 32 local authorities, 27 have signed up. Highland have signed up but are not online yet. They want to talk to HEN about involving non-school educational organisations, and put on schools out.</p> <p>Invite them to come and talk to HEN.</p> <p>Local Food Conference Fri 7 Nov, Toni is going. Toni to ask Joe Hunt (H & I Local Food Network). Food hubs - producers drop off produce at certain areas, customers place orders online and pick them up from the hub. They are placed about 50 miles apart. Douglas Henderson.</p> <p>SDRC Event Event next week in Drumossie Hotel. Forres food security.</p> <p>It was noted that if someone represents HEN at events, they could get expenses. Bob to come up with a proposal for expenses. This is especially important if we do join with the Cairngorms.</p>	<p>?</p> <p>Toni</p> <p>Bob</p>
<p>• Any other business</p>	

<p><u>Website & Emails</u></p> <p>We currently pay £100 per year for our website and 1 email address. Toni suggested changing to increase the usability of both of these, to John Abatex in Dingwall. To set up a new email address and enable us to email out from within the website. John suggested it would be £500 per year. This would enable us to email all 600 people in our database.</p> <p>Before making this change, we'd need to do a bit of work – taking out duplicates, ones that don't exist, organise (eg. schools in schools database).</p> <p>Sheila to email latest email list, everyone to look at it and annotate as appropriate: T=teacher, C=committee member, X=delete. Email back to Toni by the end of November.</p> <p>Bob confirmed we have the money to do this. Toni to get a quote from them.</p> <p><u>Voluntary Action Fund Community Chest</u></p> <p>Can get £1000 to build the capacity of your group. Toni to complete the form, ask for Nicole as referee.</p> <p><u>Good Academy Glasgow</u></p> <p>Graduates do design work free of charge! (though not printing).</p> <p>Bob to double-check the</p>	<p>Sheila All</p> <p>Toni</p> <p>Toni</p>
<p>• Date of next meeting(s)</p>	
<p>Dates were put forward for the year at the previous meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th January 10am Toni's house (Toni to email directions!) • 16th April • 25th June • 24th September • 12th November 	<p>Toni</p>