

Energy Working group - Renewables

Update summary progression report

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Meeting – Wednesday 18th August 2021 @ 2:30 pm

Working Group (WG) Members:

Alan Roseweir, (Chair), Kathrine McNab and Ian Henderson, Colin Love, Tom Burns (SAC) note other interested parties have been identified as follows:

Neil Grant – Energy efficiency Manager SAC

Housing Manager TBI SAC

Gemma Murray - Community and Renewables Energy Scheme (CARES)

Lis Marquis – Energy Agency

Dr Roddy Yarr – Sustainability Director University of Strathclyde

The WG met on the 17th August. The purpose of the meeting was to identify the relationship with SAC and the community in relation to identifying and implementing as range of renewable energy solutions for the Fort, Seafield and Wallace Town area.

Each Local Authority has the responsibility to develop a strategy for a Local Heat Energy Efficiency, (LHEES). It was agreed that the community renewable feasibility study with solutions should be embedded in the strategy.

CARES

As an action from this meeting Alan Roseweir and Colin Love met with Gemma Marry, (CARES) on the 23rd August 2021. The purpose of this meeting was to explore funding opportunities. Gemma shared available funding: Net Zero Building Efficiency and Enabling Grants for feasibility. Gemma has agreed to work with up to submit applications. Gemma agreed that Wallace Town would be a good starting point.

She shared examples of activity in other areas of Scotland.

Colin and I had a meeting scheduled with Tom on the Monday 30th August 2021. Unfortunately, the meeting had to be cancelled. Colin is attempting to get a date in Tom's diary before the WG meeting on the 27th September 2021.

University of Strathclyde

Alan Roseweir met with Dr Roddy Yarr – Sustainability Director University of Strathclyde on the 26th August 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate the opportunity for collaboration and how Strathclyde could support. Roddy disclosed that he was working on a project with Glasgow City Council he fully endorsed our

approach so far. We have agreed to collaborate; the first stage is that a formal joint paper is going to be submitted to Professor Bedford at the university who has the responsibility for the Research and Innovation portfolio.

The next meeting of the WG is scheduled for the 27th September 2021.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

LHESS and agreed Data sharing – Tom Burns

Engagement with *CARES – funding application

Update on engagement with University of Strathclyde, (Dr Roddy Yarr)

Scoping and funding application

In Summary

We are making good progress. Following the meeting on the 27th September we should be in a position of beginning full engagement with the council and to action our application to CARES for an enabling grant for the feasibility study.

*The initial application for Cares funding would scope out the viability of a renewable solution. If the study provides evidence that a renewable solution. (The initial application for Cares funding would scope out the viability of a renewable solution. If the study provides evidence that a renewable is viable ie provides savings to the community regarding say fuel poverty, it would also identify the best renewable technology. Other community benefits would be identified. Wallacetown was identified by CARES a good place to start. The Cares funding is available to support multiple projects.

Alan Roseweir – WG Chair