

Melksham Climate Friendly Group



Helping to create an awareness of environmental issues
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Wednesday 4th January 2012 @ 8.00pm

Riverside Club, Bath Road, Melksham

The MCFG meet in the same place, same time on the first Wednesday of every month

Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES: Eddy Watts, Kathy Iles, Shirley McCarthy, George Atkinson, Pete McHenry, Graham Ellis
APOLOGIES: Mike Boyce, Steve Petty, Ali Morley, The Harbour family.

MATTERS ARISING FROM NOTES OF LAST MEETING:

- Another successful year for our small group.
- Enough funds in the kitty for us to stay at the Riverside Club for another year.
- Form completed to stay on at Riverside Club.
- Amendment to Melksham Forward event:
 - As follow-up to the very inspiring 3 Nov 'Melksham Forward' evening on the Community Plan, a summary had been circulated by Abbi and Miriam. The Environment and Transport sections of the summary included actions that related to the remits of MCFG or the Energy Group or both and selected actions had been identified for the MCFG and Energy Group to take forward. On other Transport or Environment section points, requests were being made to the Melksham Public to help in pursuing points. There was some discussion of how resource-hungry and complex this process seemed, but both MCFG and the Energy Group were keen to assist in implementing the Community Plan ideas, where they could.
- We have managed to borrow another projector temporarily, but ideally we need one of our own.

LOVE YOUR PLANET DAY 2012:

The group was filled in on all confirmed stalls and entertainment.
Advertising poster attached. Please share as widely as possible.

ENERGY SUB-GROUP: *(Shirley McCarthy)*

Just before Christmas the High Court declared that the feed in tariff could be changed from 12th December 2011 and not 1st April 2012. Consultation will go on till 23rd December and the high court told them off for that as consultation cannot go on after the change has been made. As an energy group we tried to piggy back on CFB group, but failed to get things completed by the due date, so the energy group did not formally comment. Money became available at short notice with limited criteria for spend by the end of March and CFB did endorse us, and we collectively agreed that we could not meet the deadline. We may have another go to apply by the end of January and go for a Thermal Imaging Camera.

TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP: *(Eddy Watts)*

Graham reported that on 22nd December 2011, consultation started on next First Great Western franchise – what do we want from Paddington to Penzance? FGW will allow their current franchise to lapse and then put in a new bid. Last consultation was 7 years ago. Graham has a document of initial thoughts. We have done a tremendous amount of work over the past few years so we have a lot of suggestions to make. Proposal is 10 services a day through Melksham, 8 on Saturday, 6 on Sunday.

OTHER GROUP BUSINESS:

MCAP Christmas party was held at Cleave House at Seend – very lovely evening, thank you very much to Miriam Zacarelli for organising it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 1st February 2012

**The Riverside Club, Bath Road, Melksham
Hall open at 7.30pm, Meeting starts at 8pm**

Please bring/tell a friend!

Membership is FREE – new members always welcome