

Dear GT Members,

We are writing to ask your advice, help and to inform you of some of up-coming events.

First advice:

1. Do we have a forester among us experienced as a woodsman who could advise us on short rotation forestry for wood fuel? Would you be willing to advise to the renewables group? Contact Ocean Graham or Stuart Bell.

2. We are creating a company for the renewables subgroup so that it can create profit-making projects, which can help the community and help fund the GT projects. **We need a name** for our company, which will be exploring all manner of possibilities around energy supply, and environmental benefits. Can you think of a name for this company? For instance Sleat Renewables has become 'Clean Sleat' we would like a name before 15th April, which is the next GT meeting. Chocolate cake goes to the winner. Our company could use a couple of extra advisors, would you be interested in coming on board.

3. We are creating a leaflet showing the many good walks in the area with a map and a bit of local information. Would you like to advise on this? Call Ocean Graham or Dave Perry

Information about upcoming events:

4. We have invited Kerr MacGregor, from Solar One, to come and lead a workshop on **building our own solar water heater** panel (not photovoltaics which are better in sunnier climates). This will be a 2 KW roof mounted solar heater. It works in summer and winter, I put my hand in a bucket of water heated by this on a frosty March day and it was very warm. It will save much of our water heating needs in summer and some of it in winter. It will also give us some level of energy security during powerouts. The only moving part is a 10w solar powered pump and so the unit should be producing hot water for a very long time. This unit is suitable for the tank style of water heater, not the combi boilers.

Once made, we will be shown how to install our solar water heater, or we can employ someone to install it for us. We are currently looking for a local installer/plumber, any ideas? The cost of this workshop will be £215 and we walk away with our own solar unit and will be able to share the knowledge with others. This price is a fraction of the £2200 cost of buying one (£3300 installed cost). Apparently the greatest amount of household energy used goes on heating water and space. This will go some way to reducing our water heating costs.

Workshop will take place on **22nd May in the Glendale Community Hall** and there are 6 places left. Soup and drinks will be provided, bring a sandwich and basic tools. There is a £50 non-refundable deposit for this workshop. Please call Ocean 511351 to reserve your place.

5. We invite householders in the Glendale area to have a **FREE house energy audit** from; **Rob Snaith, Micro-Renewables and Microgeneration Specialist, Energy Saving Scotland advice centre Highlands and Islands.**

'The surveys which I carry out as part of my role are aimed at people with a serious and realistic interest in installing micro-renewable technology. The visits normal last around two hours and involve me carrying out an rdSAP survey (similar to that done for Energy Performance Certificates), then discussing with the householder any energy efficiency recommendations, suitable renewables technologies and the availability of any relevant grant/loan funding. Each customer then receives a personalized report based on the discussions during the visit. If you wish to try to arrange some visits, the earliest I will be available at the moment is early July. '

If you would like to claim your Free audit please book this with Ocean 511351, or Stuart at the Glendale Post Office and Shop 511266. We have about 200 houses in the Glendale Area; it would be good if we could make use of this opportunity for as many people as are interested.

6. We are delighted to announce that The Glendale Trust have been granted a lease by The Highland Council for the summer period to host a Heritage Exhibition at Borrodale School. We are now in the process in finalising our business plan, which envisages raising £25,000 to fund the development of an exhibition and cafe for the summer period.

In the meantime we will be opening the exhibition over the Easter weekend. We will open from 10am-4pm on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday. We are still looking for additional material to exhibit if any member of the community had articles of interest. We can of course copy photographs, documents etc so we do not need to hold onto anyone's material. We are also looking for volunteers how can assist with welcoming visitors to the exhibition over the weekend. For further details please phone Ian Blackford on 511218 or e-mail ian@theglendaletrust.org

Natalie Bayfield is planning to walk the length of Skye from Glendale to Armadale to raise funds for the **Summer Heritage Exhibition**. Please support her with sponsorship if you can, her sponsorship form will be in the local shops, or you can make a donation to any member of the GT Board.

7. School Consultation and public meeting;

As discussed, (as Glendale currently has no Community Council) could you please distribute this to all in the community who may be interested. The consultation starts on Friday 26th March and ends on Monday 24th May. **The Consultative Paper is attached** and more details are given below.

Thanks for your help with this. Much appreciated! **Marion - Area Education Office, Portree**

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EDUCATION PROVISION IN GLENDALE, ISLE OF SKYE

I write to advise you that The Highland Council has issued a consultative paper (copy enclosed) regarding the above proposal to close Borrodale Primary School and extend the delineated area of Dunvegan Primary School to encompass that of Borrodale Primary. The consultation will begin on **Friday 26th March 2010** and finish on **Monday 24th May 2010**. Community members are invited to attend a meeting arranged by representatives of the Education Authority on the undernoted date.

Wednesday, 5th May 2010 - 7.00pm - Glendale Community Hall

You are also invited to forward any written comments you may wish to make on the consultative paper to Mrs Rosemary Bridge, Senior Education Officer, ECS Offices, Elgin Hostel, Dunvegan Road, Portree, Isle of Skye IV51 9EE, to arrive **not later than** Monday 24th May 2010.

Rosemary Bridge - **SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER – ROSS, SKYE AND LOCHABER**
Education, Culture and Sport Service

Please pass this information on to neighbours, family and friends, as this is a community wide consultation.

Next GT Meeting- 15th April 2010 at the Glendale Community Hall at 7pm,
Next Heritage Group Meeting - 15th April 6pm at the hall. Next Renewables Group Meeting-

We look forward to hearing back from you, many thanks, The Glendale Trust

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