

WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM

SPRING GENERAL MEETING 2011.

HELD TUESDAY 17 MAY 2011 AT WARK TOWN HALL

NOTE OF MEETING

1 **Members Present**

There were fifteen members present.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Rochester Village Hall, Wylam Institute, Allendale Village Hall, Byrness Village Hall, Falstone Village Hall, Stocksfield Community Centre. Committee members – Norman Hooks, Keith Robson, Liz Stewart. Louise Currie, Community Action-Northumberland.

3 **Opening and Chairing of the Meeting**

Mike Wood opened and Chaired the meeting.

Malcolm Caisley

Mike talked about the loss of Malcolm Caisley to the Consortium and the contribution he had made going back to the steering committee to form the Consortium. He had been on the Management Committee from the start and had been a regular attendee. At the January 2011 meeting of the Management Committee Malcolm had suggested that members should wear name badges at the General Meetings to enable people to get to know each other better. This suggestion had been acted on and all members at the meeting were wearing name badges.

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)

Mike Wood said that the PAT testing scheme was now moving and members who had volunteered to be testers were to attend a training course in early July.

4 **Charitable Incorporated Organisations**

Mike Wood welcomed David Francis to the meeting to speak on the new charity status of Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

Points from David's speech are attached and accessible on the web site.

5 **Renewable Energy Products and their Suitability for Community Buildings**

Garry Jenkins of North Energy Associates was welcomed to the meeting.

Copies of Garry's slides are attached and are accessible on the web site.

6 **Northumberland Energy Club**

The Secretary Adrian Hinchcliffe gave a talk on the Northumberland Energy Club. A paper covering the talk is attached and on the web site. Adrian asked members to promote the Club within their own communities.

7 **Other Issues**

(a) Finance Survey

The Secretary gave a summary of the results of the survey to date. Ten members had responded so far. The summary is attached. It was agreed that the survey would be left open for more members to complete.

(b) Web Site

The web site has now become the Consortium's main means of communications. Thanks were expressed to Michael Elphick for developing and running the web site.