

Dear Members,

The past year has seen two primary achievements by PET:

(1). The building, completion and hand over of six new affordable housing units in West Whins to Findhorn Community members. At the suggestion of the tenants themselves and approved by the PET Board, it has been dubbed "West Wings", a play on the long running American drama set in the White House and a suitable name for the new cast of characters that have taken occupancy. They are Dave Till, Hanna Morjan, Karen Hughes, John Wragg, Caitlin Caddy, and Paul Blake, all of whom also gained access to the Common House facility which is part of the Co-Housing Cluster in West Whins where our tenants can use the washing machine - economical, environmentally friendly, sustainable!

Huge thanks and appreciation are due to Cornelia Featherstone who shepherded the project from the outset to completion. She was ably assisted throughout by other members of the board's housing group, including Fasil Bogal, Marcus Lindner, Roger Doudna, Jonathan Chuter, not to mention Anna Lutz, secretary and consultant for legal matters, Paddy Atkinson project manager, and Alex Walker, who successfully secured a



grant for £130,000 from the Scottish Rural Housing Fund and facilitated a loan from Ekopia that enabled construction. The Duneland Board also assisted hugely by selling PET the land for the princely sum of £1 in return for assuming their obligation to produce the 'affordable' piece of their West Whins development.

West Wings was built on time and on budget by Greenleaf Construction, a company headed by Jason Caddy with other 'sons of Findhorn'. They have done a superb job!

Cornelia has now passed over her role and responsibility for the housing aspect of PET's work after compiling a portfolio of 10 affordable units in compliance with Moray Council's definition thereof and criteria for their erection and maintenance. She will now focus on her preferred role as Community Care Director, a role more congruent with her previous career as a holistic health practitioner and GP. She has been ably succeeded by Stephen Couling as Housing Director and Finance Manager.

(2). The other major project for 2017 was the creation of a Carbon Offset Service on PET's website: www.parkecovillagetrust.co.uk After conducting a study in 2016 of the community's carbon footprint for 2015, PET learned that the average footprint of our ecovillage community at the Park and Cluny is effectively the same as for the UK as a whole at 9.5 tonnes per person. This is due primarily to flights to and from the community by both guests and residents. To help reduce that footprint, we decided to create an 'offset service' that would compensate for and mitigate our CO₂ emissions by sending funds primarily to projects in the developing world that will

reduce global emissions of the greenhouse gases that cause global warming. That service is now alive and well on PET's website and waiting for you to engage with it.

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The team that initiated and completed this project has been led primarily by Goran Wiklund, sustainability consultant in Stockholm, part time resident of the community and husband of Amanda Haworth Wiklund. Other team members included Amanda, Cornelia, Bert Meyer, PET Administrator and Development Officer, and myself in my role as Carbon Neutrality Director. Goran provided most of the professional expertise and Bert has been brilliant at implementing our suggestions on the actual website.

This project has been enabled and supported by a summer fundraising campaign lead by myself in which numerous community residents and supporters provided the monies required to get it off the ground and run it until it becomes self-sustaining.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for all who contributed to a busy and productive year for PET. And remind you all that we hope to see more affordable units arising in 2018 in the North Whins project that is currently finding its feet here. In like manner, we want to complete our study of the community's carbon footprint for 2017 so we can proceed to progressively reduce it next year in anticipation of and preparation for the 'Climate Change and Consciousness' conference at Findhorn in April 2019.

To that end, we would be grateful if you would calculate your CO₂ emissions for this past year on the 'carbon calculator' on PET's website:

www.parkecovillagetrust.co.uk

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

In the Spirit of Community,
Roger Doudna
PET Chair



Jason (Greenleaf Design & Build Ltd) and Cornelia (1/12/2017)