

Heating Project Village Meeting

October 12th, Old School Room, Curry Rivel

Introduction

Cllr Matt Geen, Curry Rivel Parish Council

Heating Initiatives Project lead

Running order

7:00	Introduction	Matt Geen	Curry Rivel Parish Council
7:05	The report and its findings	Alex Lockton	RenewEV
7:20	Overview of energy and heating technology	Roger Bradley	Open University
7:30	Community energy projects	Karuna Tharmananthar	Climate Action Taunton
7:40	Retrofit	Chris Gaskell	Retrofit Somerset
7:50	Grants and finance	Atha Murphy	Centre for Sustainable Energy
8:00	Panel discussion and questions		
8:30	End		

The Heating Initiatives Project

History of the project

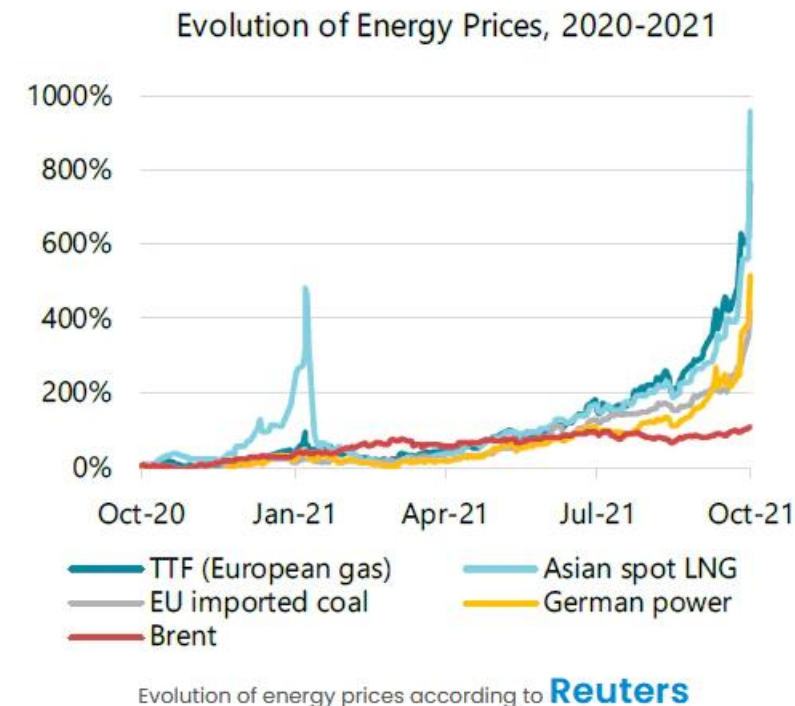
- In 2020, Somerset County Council put up £1 million for local councils to bid for projects that would mitigate the Climate Emergency.
- Curry Rivel Parish Council put in three bids, and was awarded two of them:
 - Building a cycle path between the village and Langport: this is developing well.
 - A Heating Initiatives project. This recognised that half the carbon footprint of the village comes from heating our houses.

History of the project

- A Heating Initiatives Working Group was formed, composed of Parish Councillors and others from the village.
- The team recognised that heating is a specialised subject, and requires the input of expert contractors to give advice.
- The team wrote a job specification and sent it to several potential organisations.
- In January 2022, the team contracted RenewEV.
- Throughout 2022, RenewEV visited the village and performed desk studies, to analyse the heating needs of the village and suggest ideas for the future.

History of the project

- The effects of the Covid pandemic in 2021, followed by Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, caused energy prices to soar.
- Curry Rivel has been identified as a “hot-spot” of fuel poverty: a gap between the cost of household energy costs and the money available to pay for it.
- The Heating project acquired a new, and even more urgent, motivation.



History of the project

- RenewEV provided their report in July 2022.
- Project meetings continued throughout 2022.
- The final RenewEV payment was made in February 2023.
- Planning started for a Village Meeting to present the results.
- A range of other organisations were invited to contribute to the meeting. It was agreed that the summer would not be a good time to get much interest from the community, and the current date was agreed upon.
- The team has continued to inform using website and CRN.

What next?

Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group?

- So far, Heating project Working Group has stuck to the initial remit of studying the costs and climate impact of heating in the village.
- We suggest that we could build on the heating project by forming a new group, covering all sustainability and biodiversity issues in the village, whilst continuing to help people to manage their energy costs.
- Since the project started, several excellent schemes have started to help people to improve heating in their homes. We see our best role to point villagers in that direction.

Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group?

- If you would be interested in helping with a potential sustainability and biodiversity group, please:
 - Speak to us after the meeting, or
 - Fill in a questionnaire, or
 - Email us at crheatingproject@gmail.com or through the contacts on the Parish Council section of the village website, www.curryrivel.org.uk.

Questionnaire

- Please let us know what you thought about today's meeting, using the questionnaire provided.
- You will also be able to find a copy on the Heating project page on the village website.

Thank you!