

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 6th May 2014 The Energy Shop Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), Jerry Clark (JC), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Adrian Jones (AJ), Peter McGregor (PM), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Dominic Comonte (DC) (operations manager), Leonie McGregor (LM) (minutes).

Apologies: David Atfield (DA), Jake Burnyeat (JB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 19.30.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 1st April 2014.

1. **Finance:** RA presented a cash forecast for the financial year ending 31st March 2015. It was noted that a WREN Community Fund was desirable should the funds become available to offer this.
2. **Operational Projects:**
 - **Currency:** The issuing of a new Wren 5 note was discussed. LJF will check on printing costs. It was agreed to find the front and back designs of the new note by running a competition for under 16s and under 11s, to be judged by a panel from local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and WREN. It was also agreed to present the first 25 Wren note 001 to the Wadebridge Museum.
 - **Mains Gas Connection:** 1 property has just been connected. The funding for free boilers has been withdrawn.
 - **Modern Energy House:** The zero cost insulation offer with Green Deal Cornwall (GDC) is going well, with over 50 referrals and 20 installations so far. The next step is to engage with landlords and the approach is via estate agents. There will be a joint promotion with Millers in the next North Cornwall Advertiser.
 - **Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC):** There is a possibility of at least 100kW PV at a sewage farm, quotations are being progressed for this. Other elements of a small portfolio are coming together.
 - **Superfast:** The Falmouth University study is going well, with the students working on a presentation of their results.
 - **Sunshine tariff:** Details of the nature of the connection are awaited following a meeting with Western Power Distribution. A decision is expected at the end of June.
 - **Community Fund arrangements: Middle Treworder** –TF is continuing work on setting up the panel. The next step is to set the criteria for the fund.
St Breock: The old turbines have been taken down, building of the new ones has been delayed until the autumn.
 - **Diocese:** JC has completed the 4 surveys. The Diocese will use this information to decide whether to employ a sustainability officer.
 - **Smart Innovation Hub:** This forms part of a proposed development project, linking WREN with the LEP Strategic Investment Framework to attract commercial partners.
 - **Health and Wellbeing:** RW & TF are working on a fuel poverty strategy to present to the Board at the June meeting.

Other Business:

- AJ asked for help with the Big Lunch on 1st June, both on the day and with promoting. He will send wording for the newsletter.
- A request has been made for a power supply to Jubilee Fields.
- The Wadebridge Museum is offering local groups the use of a window to promote themselves – LJF to take forward.
- KS has circulated a timetable for content for the next WREN newsletter.
- Mark Innes has organised a site visit to his eco home building project for representatives of the Association for Environment Conscious Building and is inviting WREN Board members along. (visit postponed until 4th June).

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 10th JUNE 6.PM WREN ENERGY SHOP
(then 1st July, 2nd September)**