

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
1st July 2014 The Energy Shop Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: David Atfield (DA), John Catchpole (Jn C), Jerry Clark (JC), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).

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

Apologies: Richard Alexander (RA), Jake Burnyeat (JB), Adrian Jones (AJ), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 10th June 2014.

Matters arising:

- **Currency:** Two thousand new W5 notes are now on order featuring the two winning designs by pupils from St Minver and St Breock Primary Schools. LJF will write to the procurement committee with a proposal to have the first note of each denomination framed. The launch of the new note was discussed and one idea was to give as a prize at the Wadebridge Carnival – AP will look in to this. DC will coordinate a programme of visits to businesses to update them on the currency scheme, and enrol any new businesses, e.g. Pop and Wadebridge Flowers.
- **Proposal to share the cost of a subscription to the Directory of Social Change:** TF is waiting to hear back from AJ and Chamber of Commerce on this.
- **Shop cover July and August:** TF will send round list of dates yet to be covered.
- **Town Fete:** This Saturday 5th July, help needed setting up from 10.30, on the stand, and taking down – any offers please email DC.

1. **Finance:** The cashflow forecast is broadly on target. RA has reappointed David Elston as auditor.

2. **Operational Projects:**

- **Interns:** DA and DC have met with Richard Cochrane, director of education in renewable energy at the University of Exeter to discuss potential student projects and summer placements with WREN. There are opportunities within the programme for individuals or groups, and a short list of projects is required from WREN - DA, DC, JC, SF and TF will work on this.
- **Modern Energy House:** The new Green Deal Home Improvement fund has now launched with a better offer for solid wall insulation. Feedback from the cavity and loft insulation offer is largely good, with about 27 installations so far.
- **Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC):** The website will be live shortly. For the smaller portfolio the outcome of costings by SW Water is awaited. The earliest date for the share offer would be the end of the year. TF and DC have had an initial meeting with Neil Farrington of Community Power Cornwall to discuss the revolving loan fund.
- **Superfast:** The exhibition in the Energy Shop is due to be launched on 9th July.
- **Community Fund arrangements: Middle Trewarder** –The first £10,000 fund is now open for applications, and a second £10,000 will be available later in the year. **WREN Community Fund:** £1000 has been allocated by the Hawkey family in respect of 2 years FIT income; WREN is looking at matching this amount to offer a £2000 fund for members to vote on in the autumn.
- **Diocese:** JC is writing up his findings. The Diocese is considering setting up an energy co-op.
- **Smart Innovation Hub:** A new programme document has been prepared by CN which will be used to establish commercial partnerships, and featured in today's visit by Hitachi.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** The draft fuel poverty strategy should be completed this month.

- **Newsletter:** due to be sent at the end of July, and will feature the Home Improvement fund, the launch of the 5Wr note, and the Middle Trewarder community fund offer.
3. **AGM:** It was agreed that it would be desirable to combine the AGM with the announcement of significant news if possible and to try for 16th October. LM to check venue availability.
4. **Other Business:**
- Pengelly Turbine: TF and DC have met Simon Malloni of St Breock Parish Council to offer WREN's support in considering any benefits or share offer.
 - It was agreed WREN should join Community Energy England; DC to check RA approves payment of the £200 fee.
 - Electric Car charging points: DC to check the criteria for funding, and if applicable an offer could be promoted in the forthcoming newsletter to get maximum uptake.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER, 6.PM WREN ENERGY SHOP
(then 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December)**