

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 2nd September 2014 The Energy Shop Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), John Catchpole (Jn C), Tony Faragher (TF), Adrian Jones (AJ), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Leonie McGregor (LM) (minutes).

Apologies: Jake Burnyeat (JB), Jerry Clark (JC), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Dominic Comonte (DC).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 19.30.

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

Matters arising:

- DA is awaiting a response from Richard Cochrane of the University of Exeter re potential student projects and summer placements with WREN. RW also has a contact to follow up.
 - Shop cover September: DC will send round a list of dates yet to be covered.
1. **Finance:** RA presented an updated cashflow forecast which is on target. RA also presented the draft annual accounts which show a surplus for the first time. The accounts were discussed and once audited will be emailed to the Board for approval. The draft accounts will be available on WREN's website as the notices of the AGM are mailed to members. There is an opportunity to include details of achievements over the year, and TF is compiling these for inclusion either in the accounts or the Chairman's report. It was agreed to transfer the £200 income from WREN currency to restricted funds.
 2. **Operational Projects:**
 - **Modern Energy House:** Green Deal assessments – WREN is seeking to appoint an assessor directly and an interim arrangement is in place with Rob Pickering.
 - **Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC):** For the smaller portfolio a planning application is about to be submitted for the SW Water solar installation. WEC should be formally registered in a few weeks – recently delayed due to new legislation on model rules.
 - **Community Fund arrangements: Middle Treworder** –21 applications have been received, the decisions will be made on 22nd September.
 - **BESN (Big Energy Saving Network):** TF has applied for further funding, with the aim of reaching 100 vulnerable consumers, and training 40 front line staff. Using the experience gained last year, a different approach is proposed which should enable these targets to be reached.
 3. **AGM:** 30th September. Arrangements were discussed. Notices will be sent to the membership on 15th September. Vacancies on the Board: KS and RW, who are currently co-opted to the Board, will stand for election and RA, JC, SF and AJ were chosen by ballot to retire and stand for re-election. 50 members are needed to attend the AGM - LM will print a membership list to enable directors to select 10 members each to telephone. Ideas for a presentation at the AGM included showing the films, and inviting community fund recipients to speak about their work.
 4. **Energyshare** – Crowdfunding: ways to increase the votes for the 2 WREN projects were discussed. It was agreed a simple email with direct links to the voting pages should be sent to the membership, CN to draft. AP and AJ also campaigning on Facebook and Twitter.
 5. **Other Business:**
 - KS has been contacted by the developer of “Shape my Town” wishing to use WREN as a case study on the website – approved by the Board
 - AJ is part of a group applying for Local Action Group status in response to recent EU funding call
 - The new Wr5 currency is starting to go out.
 - Andrew Kerr, CEO of Cornwall Council has been invited to a meeting at The Ship on 16th September to talk to up 40 invitees.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER, 6.PM WREN ENERGY SHOP
(then 4th November, 2nd December, 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 14th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July.)