

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
21st October 2014 The Energy Shop Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), John Catchpole (Jn C), Jerry Clark (JC), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Peter McGregor (PM), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

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

Apologies: Jake Burnyeat (JB), Adrian Jones (AJ), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.15.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 2nd September 2014.

Matters arising:

- Middle Treworder: awards have been made to the following 8 groups: Wadebridge Skate and BMX Park, Wadebridge Swimming club, St Kew Highway Football Club, Badger Forest School, Wadebridge Primary Muddy Puddle, Wadebridge U3A, Churches Together holiday club, Mothers' Milk Café.
- Big Energy Saving Network bid was unsuccessful.

1. **Election of Officers:** all elected unanimously by the Board

Chair: SF

Company Secretary: TF

Treasurer: RA

Co-opted Board members: these appointments cease at each AGM and are then renewed. JB and Jn C both agreed to continue for another year as professional advisers to the Board.

Other roles:

Technical: JC

Communications (including website revamp): KS

Art & Events: LJF

Public Health: RW

Academic Liaison: DA

Development: PM

2. **Finance:** RA presented an overview of WREN's current financial situation. A finance meeting is set for November 13th, when the outcome of the Energy share bids will be known.

3. **Projects update:**

Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC): For the smaller portfolio a planning application has been submitted for the SW Water solar installation. There has been a good response to the call for roofs for domestic solar PV. JC will undertake a survey of the roofs to check their suitability for PV. New legislation on model rules is still delaying the registration of WEC.

Energy share: WREN's 2 projects were successful in reaching the second round. DC was congratulated for his work on this.

Smart Cornwall: EU money, administered by the Department for Communities and Local Government, will start to flow in 2015. The Smart Innovation Hub is included in this potential funding stream and is now featured in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for Wadebridge, Egloshayle and St.Breock.

4. **Information Sharing:** it was agreed that Board members will forward all information from other bodies to KS, who will then ensure that this is being received by all.

5. **Weekend festival of arts and energy:** LJF & LM are planning to apply for funding for this, date to be around the longest day.

6. **Christmas Party:** being organised by AP, LJF and CN, at Pop Café Gallery. Tickets £10 to include food. Target of 50 tickets to be sold.

7. **Other Business:**

- Content for the next NCA column was discussed, and it was agreed that the LED bulb offer and rooftop appeal should be highlighted.
- One of the films for WEC has been entered in a competition locality.org.uk/projects/power-change/film-comp/ - all please view and comment.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 6.PM WREN ENERGY SHOP
(then 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 14th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July.)**