

**Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
3rd March 2015 The Energy Shop Wadebridge**

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), Jake Burnyeat (JB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Jerry Clark (JC), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).

Dominic Comonte (DC) WREN operations manager, Leonie McGregor (LM) (minutes).
Apologies: Adrian Jones (AJ), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.30.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 3rd February 2015.

1. **Finance:** RA presented a draft cash flow forecast aligned with WREN's financial year.
2. **Coastal Communities:** Advertisement for ops assistant post will appear this week.
3. **Projects update:**
 - Modern Energy House:** The project is now complete, with suitable leaflets being given out to most visitors to the shop.
 - Insulation Project:** 20 referrals have been forwarded to new partner GHE within the last month, with the first installations scheduled next week.
 - Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC)** is now formally registered as a company. The initial board of directors is to be appointed soon. The power purchase agreement and lease for the SW Water Nanstallon installation were discussed and it was agreed that having carefully considered the terms, WREN would recommend that WEC should sign the agreement. DC has submitted an application to the revolving loan fund. Natural Generation is continuing its assessment of the domestic roofs; a second revolving loan application may be required for this aspect of the portfolio. DC was thanked for his work on this.
 - Community Funds:**
 - Pengelly Turbine fund £10,000 – a call for applications for awards of up to £1,000 is being advertised now, closing date 4th May.
 - Middle Treworder solar fund £20,000 is to be offered once the Pengelly fund is closed.
 - St Breock REG Windpower – should be available in 1 year as the new turbines start generating.
 - £1000 Hawkey Prize Draw - 2 individuals and 1 business will win a lighting makeover, closing date 16th March.
 - Smart Market Town:** It was agreed to explore the option of WREN entering in to a formal relationship with Cornwall Council which would provide access to a network of resources.
 - Sunshine Tariff:** RegenSW is assisting WREN in providing the elements required for the project to progress to registration by Western Power Distribution.
4. **Cornwall Council Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning document** – KS is working on a draft response from WREN.

Other business:

- **Publications:** Articles are due to be published shortly in NCA, The Bridge and Cornish Guardian. Any items for the next WREN newsletter to be forwarded to KS.
- **Summer event:** a £500 Community Chest award has been received via Cornwall Councillor Jeremy Rowe for project management, planning and fund raising for a 2016 event. A small event this summer is being considered.
- **Cornwall Energy Island event, Eden Project 16/17 March:** SF is a speaker.
- **Royal Cornwall Show:** opportunity for WREN to have a stand in Wadebridge Street. DC to liaise with RA depending on outcome of forthcoming meetings this week.
- **WREN has been invited to apply for a prize fund** - AP will share link.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14th APRIL, 6PM WREN ENERGY SHOP
(then 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July).**