

## **Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 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), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

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

Apologies: Richard Alexander (RA), Jake Burnyeat (JB), Adrian Jones (AJ), Amanda Pennington (AP).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

Matters arising: SF & KS attended the Cornwall Energy Island event at The Eden Project, see write up in newsletter and KS' blog post on WREN website.

The Board congratulated Sam Angwin (SA) and LM who have been jointly appointed to the post of operations assistant.

1. **Finance:** A summary of RA's updated cash flow forecast was presented by TF, showing a good foundation to support WREN for its activities this year.

2. **Projects update:**

**Insulation Project:** 25 referrals have been forwarded to new partner GHE, but progress is slow from referral to installation, with some customers expressing frustration. The situation is being monitored and is constantly under review.

**Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC).** The lease for the SW Water Nanstallon installation should be signed by the landowner next week. It was agreed DC should use his discretion in final negotiation with the landowner in order to complete the lease without further delay.

Questionnaires have been sent out to 19 property owners to progress the domestic roofs aspect of the portfolio. An application has been made to Cornwall Council's revolving loan fund. DC, JC & JnC were congratulated for their work on this.

**Community Funds:**

Pengelly Turbine fund £10,000 – applications for awards of up to £1,000 are now coming in, closing date 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Middle Treworder solar fund £20,000 will be launched in early May.

St Breock REG Windpower – The s106 agreement provides that the fund is to be divided between 7 parishes. A draft constitution has been agreed with Cornwall Council. Funds will start to flow on the first anniversary of the official start of the new turbines.

**Smart Market Town:** Work continues to move the programme ahead with partners to gain strategic support.

**Sunshine Tariff:** A feasibility report compiled by Regen SW, is due to be completed by the end of May, with a final decision on the project due shortly thereafter.

**Other business:**

- **Wadebridge Fast Forward:** RW to make arrangements to set this going as a continuing project.
- **Wattstor offer:** one WREN member has come forward so far to take this up.
- **Royal Cornwall Show:** It was agreed to take up an offer to share a stand. LJF to look into the price of a new banner.
- **SA's masters dissertation** will appear on WREN's website.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY, 6PM WREN ENERGY SHOP  
(then 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July).**