

## **Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 The Energy Shop Wadebridge**

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), Jake Burnyeat (JB), Jerry Clark (JC), Tony Faragher (TF), Caroline New (CN), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

WREN operations assistants: Sam Angwin (SA), Leonie McGregor (LM) (minutes).

Apologies: John Catchpole (Jn C), Dominic Comonte (DC), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Adrian Jones (AJ), Peter McGregor (PM), Amanda Pennington (AP).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Matters arising: Royal Cornwall Show – WREN will be sharing a stand in Wadebridge Street, SA & LM are organising a rota. Suggestions discussed for a competition with prizes from the Hawkey Fund to engage potential new members. Expenditure for the stand, passes for volunteers and any extras for print (CN to coordinate) authorised.

SA's Masters dissertation is now on the website.

Wadebridge Fast Forward – a meeting to progress this has been arranged.

1. **Finance:** RA reported that all is as predicted so far. The cash flow forecast can only be accurately updated once the outcome of the Sunshine tariff project application is known (end of May).

2. **Projects update:**

**Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC).** The lease for the SW Water Nanstallon installation has been signed. The application to Cornwall Council's revolving loan fund has progressed through the first stage, a formal decision is awaited. All associated legal requirements are in hand, and the installation is set to take place as soon as possible. The domestic roofs aspect of the portfolio is progressing more slowly, as responses are required from householders and mortgage providers in most cases. Options for financing the domestic rooftop solar were discussed; JB will consult with DC on this.

**Community Funds:**

Pengelly Turbine fund £10,000 – 30 applications have been received - decision on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

St Breock REG Windpower – in view of the s106 preference for this fund to help energy related projects, the idea was discussed that WREN could work in partnership with other organisations to encourage and facilitate such applications.

**Smart Market Town:** JC & DC are working on ideas for an initial tranche of WREN projects within this programme. Documents to be shared to the Board when available.

3. **The Future is Clean:** It was agreed WREN should support this initiative – KS to take forward.
4. **Wadebridge Carnival:** Anyone wishing to help with the float beforehand or on the day to contact LJF.

**Other business:**

- **It's Your Round:** the idea of a WREN team for this fundraiser for MayPlay and Wadebridge Creative Hub was discussed. Anyone interested to contact LM.
- **Generic business card:** suggested by KS. It was agreed this was a good idea, CN to organise.
- **Cornwall Sustainability Awards:** It was decided to submit the Nanstallon project as an example of the first community South West Water partnership connected project.
- **Mothers Milk café:** have had difficulties with opening a bank account to cash their community fund award, and have asked for WREN to pay a workshop leader directly. TF to follow up.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6PM WREN ENERGY SHOP  
(then 7<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May).**