

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
4th August 2015 The Energy Shop Wadebridge

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

WREN operations assistant: Sam Angwin (SA) (minutes).

Apologies: Dominic Comonte (DC), Adrian Jones (AJ), Leonie McGregor (LM), Amanda Pennington (AP), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

Board approved minutes of last meeting on 7th July 2015.

Matters arising: None

1. **Finance:** RA reported that there has been no significant change since his most recent update. The registration of the Sunshine Tariff project gives more certainty to the cash flow forecast. The financial position will be reviewed monthly. The need to plan WREN recruitment in order to provide adequate resource prior to upcoming projects was discussed.
2. **Projects update:**
 - **Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC).** The Nanstallon array has now been built out and commissioning is underway. Preliminary accreditation for the FiT is still in progress, once this has been awarded it will be converted to full accreditation. KS was asked to co-ordinate with a member of the PR team at SWW, in preparation for a launch event expected to take place on the 8th September. The loan offer received from TLC Society was discussed. SA to seek confirmation on a number of conditions regarding the offer. Applications from suitable properties for the free solar scheme are now being progressed in anticipation of the upcoming share offer. Draft documents for the community share offer have now been prepared, these will be refined over the coming weeks.
 - **Sunshine Tariff.** The project has now been registered. There has been a brief delay with the communications plan. Following input from Tempus Energy the plan is expected to be submitted w/c 10th August. Simultaneously a feasibility study is underway. Once these documents have been reviewed, WREN will be able to recruit customers until the test phase of the project begins in April 2016. Eligible customers are restricted to those connected to the Wadebridge primary network.
 - **E-health.** Discussions are making progress. Cornwall Care are showing interest in the St Breock Care village being affiliated with the SMT programme. Discussions are ongoing with interested parties regarding Wadebridge being a pilot for more formalised integration of health and social care. WREN are moving towards funded activity in this area.
 - **Coastal Communities Team.** WREN have been awarded £10,000 funding from DCLG to assemble a team from local organisations and produce a report, outlining a plan to boost the economy of Wadebridge.
 - **Tidal Mill.** WREN have been approached as part of a Cornwall wide project to reinstate disused tidal mills. Two possible sites have been identified in the Camel estuary. The board are happy for JC to pursue this opportunity.
 - **Community Funds.** The Treworder fund remains open until 31st August. Decisions are expected to be made in September.
3. **Other business:**
 - **Wadebridge Carnival, August 8th.** There was a successful making session in preparation for the Carnival on Sunday 26th July attended by 15 volunteers. A mask making workshop will be held in the WREN Energy Shop from 11:30 – 14:30 on 8th August. Those taking part in the carnival should meet at 18:00 at Egloshayle Pavilions for judging, with the procession starting at 19:00.
 - **AGM.** The room for the AGM has now been booked. The possibility of presenting cheques for the Treworder fund at the AGM was discussed.

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