

**Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
14th June 2016, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge**

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), William Box (WB), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Peter McGregor (PM), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).

WREN ops manager: Dominic Comonte (DC), ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (LM), (minutes).

Apologies: Jake Burnyeat (JB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Jerry Clark (JC), Caroline New (CN), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 19.40.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting on 10th May 2016.

Matters arising: DA advised that Ian Souter's PhD thesis using WREN as part of his primary research will shortly appear on WREN's website.

The Town Hall has been booked for Tuesday 27th September at 7pm for the AGM. As last year, the Treworder Fund awards will be presented.

KS, TF and DC have met to start making the necessary amendments to the website.

1. **Finance:** The finance meeting has updated the yearly forecast, projecting a range of surplus figures for March 2017 depending on variations to delivery of the Sunshine Tariff currently under discussion.
2. **Projects update:**
 - **Sunshine Tariff.** The lack of data transfer from the meters is still an ongoing issue. WB advised that a conference call between all the partners is scheduled for tomorrow, after which the Board will be updated.
 - **Midsummer's Feast.** The festival starts next week. The writing workshop, follow up session, Big Lunch event and the schools workshops have all taken place and been universally well received. All Board members are encouraged to attend the events and help sell tickets where possible. RA advised that VAT would not be applicable on the sponsorship or ticket sales.
 - **Community Funds.** The Pengelly Turbine Community Fund committee has made the decisions on the applications, the recipients will be notified this week. This year awards had an upper limit of £1,000, which the committee may decide to remove next year. KS will redraft the website page.
3. **Nanstallon event:** South West Water are organising a celebratory event at the array for the first anniversary of the installation.
4. **Membership fee:** It was decided to retain the £1 fee to become a member of WREN. The frequency of Board meetings was discussed, and it was decided to retain the monthly meeting dates and times for the present. RA offered Alexander & Co.'s board room for the next meeting.

Other Business:

- RegenSW have introduced an Arts and Energy award which may be relevant for the Midsummer Festival.
- An email had been received alerting WREN to an apparent telephone cold caller purporting to be from WREN. The Board discussed actions that could be taken and it was decided to speak to the police in the first instance. LM to send the emails to AP who will take this forward.
- Communications – the shop telephone number is now automatically forwarding to TF, a PO Box postal address is to be set up and the registered address changed to Alexander & Co's offices.
- TF has sent an outline document of future priorities to the Board for comment.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 12th July, 6PM ALEXANDER & CO

(then 9th August, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December).