

Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network (WREN) Ltd.

Minutes of Board meeting held Tuesday July 19th 2016, 6 pm at the Goods Shed.

AGENDA

Part 1 – open to any member of WREN

Present . Kevin Smith (KS), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), David Atfield (DA) John Catchpole (John C) Tony Faragher (TF) Jerry Clark (JC) in attendance

Apologies; Richard (RA) Caroline (CN) Dominic (DC) Jake (JB) Amanda (AP) Rachel (RW) Peter (PMcG) , Leonie (LMcG) Bill (BB).

The minutes of the meeting of June 14th 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising ; TF confirmed that Amanda Pennington had spoken to her contact in the police regarding a phone caller purporting to be from WREN

Finance update – apart from the ongoing uncertainties about future funding from the Sunshine Tariff the overall financial position of WREN remains the same. It is forecast that the financial year will end with a surplus of around £39k, with a possible further £6k being added from Sunshine Tariff income.

Sunshine Tariff update. JC had previously circulated by email an update paper outlining the issues in the ST project. Given the continuing difficulties with accessing data from the meters Tempus have proposed terminating the project at the end of August. Their proposal is to charge a flat rate of £0.05 / unit for the entire period. This should be a definite financial benefit to all customers, but leaves ST customers needing to switch to another supplier if they wish to void being automatically transferred onto Tempus's standard tariff which is no longer competitive. JC to see what was stated about the Tempus standard tariff in the original ST offer and refer this to John C for advice. JC, KS and Tempus are drafting letters to go out to all ST customers on Monday 25th July. The letter will contain an offer of supporting ST customers in switching to another supplier. TF to liaise with AP and DC to see if they can assist

with this. JC to also discuss a later termination of the project in order to give more time for customers to switch. JC confirmed that he and BB were still keen to draw data from the meters in order that, despite the difficulties, there could still be some learning from the project.

Midsummer Feast - Lizzy-Jane was complimented on the exceptionally thorough and extensive draft report for FEAST. Once FEAST have signed off the report it can be posted on the WREN website. There is likely to be a small financial surplus arising from the Midsummer Feast Project. Once the size of this surplus is known it was agreed that an 'ex-gratia community donation' should be made to the Hopeful Monsters (aka Wadebridge Community Theatre) which they can put towards their next production. It was also agreed for a contribution to be made to WCH (Wadebridge Creative Hub) to enable another writing workshop and performance to take place on the provisional theme of including the diverse communities in Wadebridge who do not always connect with each other.

Middle Treworder Community Fund - this is now open with a closing date of 12th September update. Decisions on the grants will be made in the week commencing 19th September so that successful applicant can be invited to collect their awards at the WREN AGM on 27th September. KS to initiate advertising the Fund via social media.

Visit to WREN by Bideford Community Energy Group, Saturday July 30th, 11.30 till 2/3 pm This will be hosted at the Goods Shed. TF will give a presentation to stimulate questions and discussion. KS offered to help with the event. Contributions from other directors welcome.

Nanstallon solar anniversary event – this will take place at Nanstallon in the week commencing 12th September. SWW and Regen SW are helping to organise this event which will consist of brief speeches, tea and cake. Nanstallon will generate a small community fund for the parish of Lanivet. The community fund will be launched at the anniversary event and the Chair of the Lanivet Parish Council will be invited.

WREN PO Box, phone number and Registered Office – WREN now has a PO Box (WREN, PO Box 67, Wadebridge, PL27 7BX) and the Registered Office will move shortly Alexander and Co. It was agreed to use a virtual call forwarding system at a cost of £10 pcm. The number

will be advised once set up and the changes to address, phone number and registered office will be posted on the website.

AOB

- KS hoped that the audited accounts would be ready well ahead of the AGM. TF to liaise with RA.
- TF will enter the Midsummer Feast into the REGEN SW Arts and Energy Award
- Nanstallon is now registered with OFGEM. DC now arranging for the FIT to be paid via NPower
- The next WREN newsletter will go out at the end of July, beginning of August. Items will include community funds, and an early trailer for the AGM.
- TF updated on the early discussions taking place about a gasification plant (combined heat and power) that a developer is exploring for Wadebridge. AP and TF will be involved in exploratory discussions with the developer, and the planning department of Cornwall Council. We will report back on those discussions at the next Board.
- TF proposed that Chris Coonick, be co-opted onto the Board . This was agreed.

Date of next meeting 9th August (then 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December).