

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
11th October 2016, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: William Box (WB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Chris Coonick (CC), Tony Faragher (TF), Kevin Smith (KS).

WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (LM), (minutes).

In attendance: Jerry Clark (JC),

Apologies: Richard Alexander (RA), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting on 13th September 2016.

There were no matters arising.

1. **Appointment of Officers:** TF indicated that he was willing to continue as both Chair and Company Secretary as no one else had come forward, and that whilst there is no conflict of interest, this is not an ideal arrangement. CC may be able to take over the role of Company Secretary next year.
Other roles: Treasurer - RA is happy to continue
Communications – KS to continue
Social Media & PR – AP to continue
Schools/the Next Generation: CC would like to develop this role and is ideally placed given her links with schools through the STEM ambassador scheme
Smart Systems: WB to continue
Public Health – TF to check that RW is happy to continue. Role to be renamed “Health & Well-being”.
Legal Adviser: The Board co-opted Jn C.
The roles of Technical director, Events and Academic Liaison would not be filled for the time being.
2. **Finance:** RA had reported by phone to TF that the current financial position is in line with expectations, with a surplus at the end of the financial year.
3. **Projects update:**
 - **Sunshine Tariff.** The data has now been recovered from all the smart meters and the results are being analysed. Whilst the trial did not run according to plan – without the stream of data coming in it was not possible to feedback to customers during the trial itself – an interesting report with local stories is now feasible. Work on a questionnaire and feedback to customers is under way. A final event in partnership with Regen SW and Western Power Distribution is planned for after Christmas. All refunds have now come through to customers from Tempus Energy. JC and WB were congratulated by the Board for their work on this project.
 - **Community Funds.** The Middle Treworder fund awards were announced and presented at the AGM on 27th September. The funding panels have decided that for the time being they do not wish to make awards which commit to ongoing funding. TF is now proposing to review the awards with each of the panels. A funding workshop offer was discussed.
4. **Nanstallon event:** Due to take place tomorrow 2- 3pm, TF and Dominic Comonte will set up the event, KS, CC, Jn C and LM to attend from WREN.
5. **Future Direction of WREN:** the output from the strategy workshop run and recorded by KS was considered. Various ideas were discussed including the need to highlight the link between the renewable generating assets and the community funds. The desirability of stimulating more varied and strategic projects through these funds was also discussed, and the enabling of more people to apply. It was agreed that the Board should investigate the feasibility of installing an EV charging point in Wadebridge town centre, TF to talk to AP about how this could link with Town Council plans already under way. CC to talk to Chris Jones of Low Carbon Ladock about scholarships. WB to produce a summary for discussion.
6. **Other business:** LM to compile a list of Board meeting dates for 2017.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 8th November, 6.00PM The Goods Shed

(then 13th December, 10th January, 7th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December 2017).