

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
8th November 2016, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Chris Coonick (CC), Tony Faragher (TF), Caroline New (CN).

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

Apologies: Richard Alexander (RA), William Box (WB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Peter McGregor (PM), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting on 11th October 2016.

Matters arising: CN offered to take over the Board role of Events director, and also to support CC in any school initiative. KS has agreed to join the Procurement committee.

1. **Finance:** RA had reported to TF that the current financial position is in line with expectations, and the exact surplus at the end of the financial year will be known within the next 2 or 3 months.
2. **Projects update:**
 - **Sunshine Tariff.** Jerry Clark and WB are planning the feedback event to be held in January, writing up the results of the online questionnaire and consulting with a statistics specialist to ensure the analysis of the data is correct and extracts the maximum value from the study. CC to forward to them details of a similar study she had come across.
 - **Community Funds.** The St Breock Windfarm Community Fund panels are to have a joint meeting on 16th November with WREN and REG Power Management. This will update the panels with reports from last year's beneficiaries, WREN's new arrangements since the closure of the shop and REG's new structure. The process, amounts and key dates for the running of the fund this year will be set.
3. **Nanstallon event:** A celebration with tea and cake to mark the first anniversary of the Nanstallon solar array took place on 12th October attended by representatives from WREN, South West Water, Regen SW, The Low Carbon Fund and Lanivet Parish Council. There is continuing lack of progress with the FiT registration. TF is pursuing this with NPower and Roofit, with assistance from CC if required.
4. **EV Charging Points:** The feasibility of the installation by WREN of an EV charging point in Wadebridge town centre was discussed. TF will talk to the Co-op in the first instance to sound them out about a suitable site, bearing in mind that this needs to be near a 3 phase electrical supply and with car park attendance in place. The issue of the type of charging point and how it would be administered would need further consideration if a site can be found.
5. **Scholarships and Competitions:** There was a general discussion about WREN's aspirations to support young people to progress. CC had been advised that a formal scholarship structure was administratively cumbersome and probably not appropriate for WREN's purposes. TF will talk to Jodie Giles at Regen SW who had expressed interest in a young people's competition, CC to find out more about Exeter University's mentoring programme. The idea of support for entry to national competitions and challenges was also favoured.
6. **Other business:** Board meeting dates and times were discussed. TF proposed a later start time of 7 pm, and that the Board meetings should take place on alternate months starting in January, with specific project teams continuing to meet in small groups as appropriate. See proposed revised list below.
Christmas get together: CN proposed that the Board should have a Christmas drink together at The Bridge on Wool at 7.30 pm following the December meeting. She will send an invite to the Board and others to join them on the evening.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 13th December, 6.00PM The Goods Shed

(then 10th January, 14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November, 2017).