

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
13th December 2016, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: 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), William Box (WB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Peter McGregor (PM),
Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 19.30.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting on 8th November 2016.

There were no matters arising.

Finance TF reported that WREN's finances are stable with a known surplus predicted for the end of the financial year.

Projects update:

- **Sunshine Tariff.** Jerry Clark reported that the final stages of the project are going according to plan. Whilst the numbers in the study are not high enough to give a significant result, there is plenty of useful anecdotal evidence and this will be presented at an evening event drawing together the partners and participants in the study. LM to check Town Hall availability, CC to check with caterer. A list of invitees to be started and circulated.
 - **Community Funds.** Notes of the meeting with the St Breock Windfarm Community Fund panels and REG Power Management had been circulated by TF. The fund opened for the second round on 1st December with deadline for applications 17th February. The fund is being advertised in all the usual press outlets, via the 7 parishes' websites and with posters, and additional ways of notifying potential applicants in the event of low take up were discussed. Some of the panels need to recruit more members, and this will be done by press advertising.
2. **EV Charging Points:** CC, AP and TF had met with a representative from EV Box and gained information on processes and funding. Having identified all the parking spaces in Wadebridge, the next step is to meet with the Town Clerk to discuss possibilities. TF to arrange.
 3. **WREN Newsletter:** KS had circulated a first draft which was discussed and will now be completed and published in time for Christmas.
 4. **Other business:** The concept of launching a WREN personal development fund for young people aged 14-25 was discussed. An initial paper based on a similar scheme in the arts had been circulated by TF, and the idea was broadly supported by the Board. The fund could open for applications in March and again in September 2017, with a panel convened to assess the applications. TF to refine the proposal and recirculate. This could be in addition to the competition and mentoring ideas currently being researched by CC.

The Nanstallon array FiT registration has progressed to a request for meter readings and bank details from npower.

The proposal for Board meetings to take place on alternate months starting in January and at a later start time of 7 pm was agreed.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 10th January, 7.00PM The Goods Shed

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