## Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, The Energy Shop, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Richard Alexander (RA), David Atfield (DA), William Box (WB), John Catchpole (Jn C), Tony Faragher (TF), Lizzy-Jane Frankel (LJF), Stephen Frankel (SF), Peter McGregor (PM), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

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

WREN member: Jerry Clark.

Apologies: Jake Burnyeat (JB), Caroline New (CN).

Meeting started 18.00, closed 20.00.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting on 12th January 2016. There were no matters arising.

- 1. **Finance**: RA confirmed that the financial position is secure for the coming financial year. It was agreed that WREN should transfer sufficient funds to Wadebridge Energy Company to resolve a cashflow issue caused by a delay in registration of the Feed in Tariff, and this is being monitored on a monthly basis.
- 2. **Resignation from the Board of Jerry Clark:** Due to family commitments JC resigned from the Board on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The Board gave their heartfelt thanks to Jerry for his unique contribution to WREN it was recognised that many of WREN's achievements can be attributed to his brilliance and determination.

## 3. Projects update:

- Sunshine Tariff. The project is proceeding according to plan, with the engagement phase continuing until the end of April. The number of sign ups has now slowed down. Smart meters are due to be fitted starting in week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March, ready for the trial to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Sunshine Tariff is mentioned in the recently published report 'Smart Power' by the National Infrastructure Commission.
- Summer Event. The title of the event is 'A Midsummer's Gift'. Feast has agreed that their award may be used whether or not further funding from the 2 outstanding bids is secured. LJF is working with Laura Martin on the planning of the festival, including the community play Midsummer Night's Dream, a writers' masterclass and performance evening, and an exhibition. Following discussions it was agreed that it would be preferable for WREN to initiate its own DBS checks where needed for workshop leaders working with children and vulnerable adults rather than rely on the existing checks those people may have.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April, 6PM WREN ENERGY SHOP (then 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December).