Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 10th January 2017, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: John Catchpole (Jn C), Chris Coonick (CC), Tony Faragher (TF), Peter McGregor (PM), Caroline New (CN), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).
WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (LM), (minutes).
In attendance: Jerry Clark (JC).
Apologies: Richard Alexander (RA), William Box (WB), Rachel Wigglesworth (RW).

Meeting started 19.00, closed 20.30.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th December 2016. There were no matters arising.

1. Finance TF reported that a finance committee meeting is to be arranged for a date week commencing 13th February. All Board members are welcome to join the finance committee, LM to send a Doodle poll to all. KS is willing to join.

2. Projects update:

Sunshine Tariff. JC, together with colleagues from Western Power Distribution and Regen SW, is in the process of writing up the final reports. A summary document in the style of the original engagement materials will be produced for the website and also printed. A list of invitees to the event on 8th February to be compiled and circulated by LM. LM to check booking with Town Hall, CC to find out get in time from caterer (Keep Cornwall Fed).

- 3. WREN Personal Development Fund: The Board discussed an outline document and were in agreement with the idea of this new fund for people aged 14 25 from the Wadebridge and Padstow community network area. It was agreed that applicants should complete a simple form, keeping the parameters as wide as possible. An area of the website would be allocated with examples and links which would build up over time. It was also agreed that the award could be used for match funding, or to go towards a larger ambition. TF to refine the document and feedback would then be sought from relevant stakeholders, including Wadebridge School (KS to talk to Tina Yardley), Cornwall College, Cornwall Apprenticeship Agency, and Stemnet (CC). The aim is to launch the fund in March. All to feed in ideas for a name for the fund.
- **4. EV Charging Points**: CC and TF had met with the Town Clerk at Wadebridge Town Council, who is broadly supportive of the idea. Further information is yet to be gathered, including from Camelford Town Council who have installed a charging point, and Tesco (JnC will contact) so that a non-technical business proposition can be produced.
- **5. Communications:** The newsletter was sent to members just before Christmas. The St Breock Fund has been published in the Cornish Guardian, North Cornwall Advertiser and the new Cornwall Reports online news channel. TF and KS to draft a call for new panel members, to be advertised through all the usual press channels and via a WREN newsflash after the Sunshine Tariff event on 8th February. Applicants will be requested to apply direct to the particular panels.

6. Other business:

- Wadebridge Energy Company (WEC) is now registered with npower for FiT payments, and the first invoice has been sent. The field at Nanstallon is up for sale, subject to the South West Water lease. A WEC board meeting will take place mid February.
- There were no reserved matters.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14th March, 7.00PM The Goods Shed (then 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November, 2017).