

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
11th July 2018, Wadebridge Town Hall, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Chris Coonick (CC), Tony Faragher (TF), Kevin Smith (KS).
WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (LM), (minutes).
Apologies: Rick Johnson (RJ), Amanda Pennington (AP),

Meeting started 09:15, closed 10.30.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th June 2018.
Matters arising:

- GDPR – CC will forward wording used by Cornwall New Energy on the use of an organisation's data.
 - New projects: CC has these in hand, and is awaiting responses from Cornwall Council and local housing developers. Further research into micro grids is ongoing, with positive engagement from Jake Burnyeat and possible involvement of academic partners. CC will work up a potential project to present to the Board.
1. **Finance:** The £250 VAT from Alexander & Co.'s final invoice has been repaid to WREN by HMRC. It was agreed to pay £20 per year via Impress 51 for the SSL privacy certificate. It was also agreed to pay £30 for updates, KS to check whether these can be actioned in the future by him. It was noted that the website content needs to be reviewed and trimmed.
 2. **Communications:** A newsflash was sent out about the PETE project. There had been no responses back to WREN after this email. TF had followed the link and reported that the questions were complicated and required information difficult to find (such as make of hot water tank). CC will feed back. Following the request for positive consent for emails in line with General Data Protections Regulations (GDPR) the contact list now consists of 200 members and 12 subscribers. The Middle Treworder Fund is advertised in the July North Cornwall Advertiser.
 3. **Community Funds:** Funds are awaited from Clean Earth Energy so that the new WREN Community Benefit fund can be advertised. It is hoped the fund will launch in September with decisions in November this year, and then move forward to the spring next year. The timescale and parameters have been agreed with Clean Earth Energy. Panel members are sought.
 - **AGM arrangements:** Date Tuesday 25th September 6.30. TF met with Emily Pollitt (EP) from Cornwall College Newquay who will give a short presentation at the AGM about plastics followed by a question/discussion session. Mark Wilsher's local group will also be part of this. A possible school workshop could take place earlier in the day, and if this can be arranged EP will be paid an extra £50 (in addition to the £200 agreed fee for her attendance at the AGM). AP and CC to investigate primary school involvement. Running order will be: Chair's welcome | 3 or 4 short community fund recipient talks | EP's plastics presentation | the formal AGM | CC on ideas for the year ahead. LM to book venue. It was agreed to purchase a data projector, budget £250, KS to source.
 4. **Other Business:** KS will attend the Western Power Distribution event.
TF completed a Cardiff University research survey about the St Breock turbines which had been hand delivered to addresses in his area. He will contact them to suggest the survey findings could be featured in WREN's newsletter.
KS had had a visit re the Local Energy Market offer of battery storage.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 8th August, 9 15 am at The Goods Shed.

(then 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December 2018)