

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
7th October 2019, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Chris Coonick (CC), Tony Faragher (TF), Kevin Smith (KS).

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

Apologies: Amanda Pennington (AP), Rick Johnson (RJ).

Meeting started 14:00, closed 16:00.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 10th July 2019.

There were no matters arising.

1. **Finance:** KS had prepared and circulated the draft annual accounts for year ending 31st March 2019. These were approved and signed by TF and CC.
2. **AGM arrangements:** Tuesday 22nd October 7pm at The Betjeman Centre. CC will give a short talk on future plans. KS to post the approved accounts and AGM notices on the website, and email the invitation and notices to the list of members who have signed up to continue receiving emails. These arrangements satisfy the requirements for notification of all members of WREN. If a quorum of 25 is not present at the meeting on 22nd October, a further meeting will take place on 29th October where those attending, however many there are, are deemed to constitute a quorum within WREN's rules. TF and AP to resign by rotation this time. TF to check with AP that she is willing to stand again. TF to write to Eric Gill to discuss his membership of the board.
3. **Encouraging the uptake of EV:** TF had met with Marcus Shirley who has recently moved to Wadebridge and has a particular interest in EV. An EV event was discussed - the board is keen to support this and hope to meet Marcus to hear more whenever he is next available to attend a meeting.
4. **Update on Projects:**
 - CC had attended the launch of the Global Observatory on Peer-to-Peer and Community self-consumption at UCL's Energy Institute. Leading trials and research were presented, and CC made several key contacts leading to ideas for collaboration, the possibility of a dedicated researcher for WREN, and links with Community Energy England and the National Grid. A peer-to-peer trading board game "Watts the Deal" has been produced by the Institute and is available to print out – to be played at a future WREN meeting.
 - Cornwall New Energy Conference: CC attended, having been involved as a project partner. CC reported that many community organisations are interested in the peer-to-peer idea for their own situations. The idea of aggregating these groups could form the basis of an application to the Climate Action Fund which is currently calling for input from potential applicants. The board agreed that CC should approach Ben Simpson of Cornwall Council's climate emergency team to discuss the possibility of collaboration.
 - Carbon Neutral Cornwall Action Plan: CC talked the board through Ben Simpson's presentation.
 - Rural Community Energy Fund: CC has responded to several queries on this application. The board agreed that CC could complete and sign both the Due Diligence and De Minimis forms on behalf of WREN.
5. **Middle Treworder Solar Farm:** Balfour Beatty has sold the solar power plant to Arjun Infrastructure Partners (AIP). There is no change to the operation of the site or amount of community benefit. TF is in contact with AIP about an admin fee for WREN to run the fund.
6. **Timings of future meetings:** It was agreed to hold monthly board meetings on Mondays at 7.30 pm. Dates were set for November and December 2019, and the 2020 dates will be set at the December meeting.
7. **Other business:** The board agreed that it was appropriate for TF to write a letter of support from WREN for a small Moroccan anaerobic digester business that is known to TF.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 11th November 2019, 7 30 pm at The Goods Shed.

(then 16th December 2019)