

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
19th December 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 7th October 2019.
There were no matters arising.

- 1. Co-option of new Board Member:** It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Marcus Shirley to the Board.
- 2. Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF):** CC will write the project plan, which will include a job description for the recruitment of a temporary person, as well as delivery and marketing plans. CC will also contact Adam at BRE to start work on its element of the project (feasibility of solar) on 1st February. CC, TF and KS will meet to discuss the project on 7th January. WREN's website is to be fully overhauled. In the meantime TF and KS will start contacting landowners and organisations to seek sites for feasibility studies of community owned land and rooftop solar. BRE already has permission to work on any Cornwall Council owned assets.
CC had attended a workshop on peer to peer energy trading and distributed a report by the Solar Trade Association "Trading Sunlight" which includes case studies and research on peer to peer energy trading platforms. The Energy Equality project is of interest to several of these researchers and opportunities for collaboration are likely.
- 3. Finance:** KS reported that the finances were in line with expectations. Clean Earth Energy had paid £10,000 to WREN's restricted account for the WREN Community Benefit Fund to run for a 2nd year. TF to remind Stephen Knightley that WREN is owed an amount for hall hire for a hustings event.
- 4. Communications:** The next newsletter will include a reminder that the St Breock Fund is open, and also a selection of interesting press reports. A press release will be prepared by CC and KS to make an initial announcement regarding funding success and seeking sites for rooftop solar.
- 5. EV:** It was agreed to aim for an EV event in Wadebridge in May. CC is in contact with the organiser of the EV event at Royal Cornwall Showground, and will liaise with them for a contact list.
- 6. Timings of future meetings:** It was agreed to hold monthly Board meetings on the last Friday of the month at 9 am. The next meeting will be Friday 31st January at 10.30 am.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 31st January 2020, 10 30 am at The Goods Shed.

(then 28th February, 27th March, 24th April, 29th May, 26th June, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September, 30th October, 27th November 2020)