

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 30th October 2020, Zoom

WREN Board Members present: Tony Faragher (TF), Simon Miller (SM), Kevin Smith (KS), Ian Welch (IW).

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

Apologies: Chris Coonick (CC), Amanda Pennington (AP), Marcus Shirley (MS).

Meeting started 1500, closed 1600.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 25th September 2020.

Matters arising:

- **Survey responses** – 47 responses have been received. It was decided that whilst more responses would be desirable, it was unlikely that any further surveys would be completed given the extensive promotion to date. SM to organise the draw for the £50 which ideally will be filmed.
- **CIL fund:** It has become apparent that this fund is not applicable for any of WREN's current projects.
- **Charge my Street:** CC and MS attended the Wadebridge Town Council meeting where WREN's proposal was discussed. The Council will be pursuing installation of chargers themselves, MS has offered his assistance. Tesco Wadebridge is installing 4 x 7 kW chargers which will be free for customers to use. TF will produce an update for the next newsletter on Co Cars, which will be adding Wadebridge and Padstow to their site to assess interest.

1. **Appointment of officers:**

Chair: Tony Faragher

Treasurer: Kevin Smith

Company Secretary: Tony Faragher

Other Roles:

Technical Director (including innovator and new project developer): Chris Coonick

Communications Director: Kevin Smith

Social media lead: Simon Miller

Wider network link; Ian Welch

EVs: Marcus Shirley

2. **Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF):** Discussions continue with RCEF about how the grant money can be spent.
3. **WPD Network Innovation Fund:** KS and CC have had a preliminary conversation with WPD to discuss this funding and clarify the type of research project that could be undertaken. CC will complete the online form.
4. **Finance update:** KS had produced a financial update and forecast for the second quarter of the year. He reported that all figures were as expected. The £66 outstanding amount owed to WREN for hall hire had been repaid. KS was thanked for his continuing work as treasurer.
5. **Communications:** The North Cornwall Advertiser is returning to print at the end of November. WREN will submit a story and picture about the launch of the St Breock Fund. IW to be photographed by SM for the website.
6. **Formation of proposed Cornwall Community Energy Network:** Tim Jones of Community Energy Plus has suggested inviting community groups and interested individuals to a webinar aimed at forming a collective that would work at scale and support community energy across Cornwall, possibly to include Devon. A list of invitees is being circulated. IW is willing to be the link for WREN, with TF initially until IW is up to speed on WREN's work.
7. **St Breock Windfarm and Middle Treworder Community Funds:** The St Breock Fund launches on 1st December. The panels will meet by Zoom for the annual review meeting in November. RES (the asset managers) have allowed a further period of temporary changes to the community fund governance so that the panels will have more flexibility to respond to the coronavirus crisis. There

were only 4 applications to the Middle Treworder Fund, 3 of which were funded. £9,000 is carried over to the next round, which may run earlier than usual in March 2021 if this is considered appropriate.

Other Business: The proposed meeting dates for 2021 were agreed. All to take place on Fridays at 3pm.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 27th November 2020, 3 pm on Zoom.

(then 8th January, 12th February, 12th March, 9th April, 7th May, 11th June, 9th July, 6th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December 2021)