

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 23rd July 2021, Zoom

WREN Board Members present: Chris Coonick, Tony Faragher, Simon Miller, Marcus Shirley.
WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (minutes).
Apologies: Martin Jackson, Lena Santoro, Kevin Smith, Ian Welch.

Meeting started 1500, closed 1630.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th June 2021 (subject to: change *Matt* to *Mark* in item 1).

Matters arising: The Co-operative bank account has been updated with new signatories.

1. **Energy Equality Project update:** Cornwall Council's draft rooftop leases are still awaited. Tony and Kevin are working on appointing an organisation to produce the share offer document.
2. **NZCom:** The contract with Western Power Distribution has been signed; the project officially started on 1st July and runs until 31st December 2022. The project teams are all working well and collaborating. Chris has a weekly meeting with Stuart at WPD who is working on a PR piece on WREN and the project. It was agreed we need more photographs of WREN community engagement activities. Tim Jones of Community Energy Plus is planning to run an initial community engagement workshop with WREN members at the Betjeman Centre in September. Jacquie Rapier (Community Network officer for Wadebridge and Padstow) is organising a youth group meeting on 16th September. Simon has had meetings with Manda Brookman (social entrepreneur and climate emergency activist) to work on ideas for key messages and is attending one of Manda's Café Disruptif meetings next week. Tony will forward notes from a meeting he recently attended with details of a small funding pot.
Lena has resigned her position as Community Engagement officer, as she is leaving Cornwall. Her replacement was discussed and it was agreed that Simon has authority to offer the post to the candidate who came second at interview as this was fairly recent. The names of other people who might be available and a good fit for the post were discussed, but it was agreed that a further interview process would be required if the above person is not available.
3. **WREN Social Media:** to be reviewed next meeting, Tony to check with Martin that he has the logins he needs.
4. **WREN Sustainability Policy:** Chris had sent a first draft of the policy, comments by Tony and Kevin have been circulated. The draft policy was discussed. It was agreed that this is a good starting point and applying the provisions of the policy will push WREN as an organisation to improve in all areas of its work. It was also agreed to add "Environmental" into the policy title, and that ethical policies should not be included in this document. Energy consumption of WREN's digital communications and declaration by directors of the carbon content of their energy supply were discussed, as well as offsetting payments. It was agreed that these things should be discussed with WREN members. Tony will incorporate the thinking so far into the draft and recirculate for comment.
5. **Date of WREN AGM:** Tuesday 28th September 7 pm by Zoom.
6. **Other Business:**
 - Marcus had been called by Steve Wootton of Wadebridge Town Council for advice on EV chargers. The plan is to install 6 in the Co-op car park and 2 at the Groundsman's hut car park. Marcus helped with details of Charge My Street.
 - WREN intern Riva has been employed by Bennamann.
 - Chris reported that Matt Adams from Exeter University is working well on his MSc dissertation research - Roadmap to Peer 2 Peer, and aims to report on progress at the end of August.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 10th September 2 pm on Zoom

(then 8th October, 12th November, 10th December 2021)