

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 13th June 2022, Zoom

WREN Board Members present: Tony Faragher, Simon Miller, Kevin Smith, Ian Welch
WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (minutes)
Apologies: Chris Coonick, Francesca Iliffe

Meeting started 1800, closed 1930.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 9th May 2022.

Matters arising: Tony will email Macace informing them of WREN's decision to switch email provider and requesting their assistance to facilitate the process.

- 1. Feedback from the Royal Cornwall Show:** Simon had circulated a report on WREN's Your Energy Lounge stand at the show. Simon and Gary were congratulated and thanked for such a professionally setup and well run event. It was agreed that WREN's presence at the show had been very positive in continuing and developing relationships with other organisations and groups, as well as for visibility in the local area. Some new contacts were made with local people who wish to become involved with WREN, and Simon is following these up. Within the stand CEP had been able to conduct several one to one conversations. The offer from CEP to contribute towards the cost of the stand was discussed. It was agreed to check back with Tim Jones on the offer and accept if their funds are from a dedicated budget. The furniture from the Foodbank has been donated via St Petrocs to a home in Camborne.
- 2. Energy Equality project:** Nothing to report this meeting. Kevin and Tony will come back to The Board when there is some progress to discuss.
- 3. University of Exeter 80 hours student internship:** Tony submitted some suggestions to Exeter for an area of study – to revisit the financial model and share offer documents for the Energy Equality project.
- 4. Enclude Academy for Energy Citizen Leadership:** Chris had highlighted this opportunity, an online course of study for leadership development which starts in September. Tony has registered. It was suggested that this could be publicised in a future newsletter.
- 5. Finance:** The query with University of Exeter regarding VAT has been resolved and the extra invoices has resulted in WREN exceeding its usage limit on Xero. This has been increased for one month but may need to continue at the higher level. Kevin was thanked for controlling the costs.
- 6. Communications:** The newsletter was sent out in time for the show. There was good use of Facebook and Twitter during the event. Simon and Kevin will cross check the lists of new subscribers/members.
- 7. Recruitment of Board members:** Tony has met with Francesca Iliffe who has a strong interest in becoming involved with WREN. Jennifer Roberts and Rob Cartwright have also expressed an interest, Simon to send their contact details to Tony. It was agreed that all three should be invited to become members and attend a Board meeting.
- 8. WREN Environmental Community Fund:** There have been a small number of applications. Tony has recruited Nicky Gilmour and Rick Johnson as panel members for an awards panel meeting later in July. Leonie to contact Trevor Renals. Another Board member would be welcome to join this panel.

Other business:

- Clarification was sought on the cabinet status of the Cornwall Councillor for Padstow.
- An enquiry to energy@wren regarding air to air heat pumps should be directed to Abode and ZLC.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 11th July 6.00 pm on Zoom

(then 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December tbc)