

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 15th May 2023, Zoom

WREN Board Members present: Chris Coonick, Tony Faragher, Simon Miller, Kevin Smith, Ian Welch.
WREN members present: Leonie McGregor (minutes).
Apologies: Victoria Smyth.

Meeting started 1900, closed 2015.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd April 2023.

Matters arising:

- The application to the Energy Affordability Fund was unsuccessful. More consideration to be given on how to raise funds for further development of the Net Zero Community tool.
 - Simon and Chris met Clare Wallerstein of Cornwall Climate Care to discuss WREN's involvement in their next film.
 - Tony is working on the job description for the Energy Equality Project manager.
1. **Royal Cornwall Show:** The invoice for the balance of £900 for the double pitch has been received. CEP have agreed to pay half the pitch fee, WREN to send them an invoice. A new banner may be required because of different sizing, Simon will sort logos and get one printed if need be. CEP's team will be present each day. There will be no set schedule this year, but Naked Solar and ZLC have stands nearby, and will be spending some time with WREN as their schedules allow. Simon is working on a list of other possible attendees, setting up a staffing timetable and will share a list of props to be sourced.
 2. **Low Carbon Energy Advisor – application to Energy Redress fund:** Tony and Kevin are working on the application which has a very short lead in time. Chris will review it prior to submission. Tony to contact Tim from CEP for a letter of support.
 3. **Water powered / tidal generation - update from meeting with Neil Farrington:** Tony had a meeting with Neil who has funding for a feasibility study on the potential for generation from the river Camel and its tributaries. A proposal from Neil is awaited.
 4. **St Breock Community Fund.** The outcome of the awards was delayed as one of the panels was unable to meet as scheduled. The applicants have been informed. The award amounts have now been finalised.
 5. **Communications:** Kevin is gathering items for the next newsletter which will be compiled once the grant application has been submitted. Any items suitable for social media to be forwarded to Simon who can post straight away.
 6. **Finance:** Kevin produced a draft Profit and Loss account for the year ending 31/03/23, broken down by restricted and unrestricted funds. This will form the basis of the annual accounts. Kevin and Leonie were thanked for their input.
 7. **UK Government consultation on wind generation:** The deadline for responses is the end of July. Board members to look through the consultation and share their thoughts by email to be compiled into a joint response.
 8. **Disputed Good Energy Bill:** the response from Good Energy was discussed. It was agreed to request a breakdown of how the amount had been arrived at, a copy of the contract for supply and the associated invoices. An option would be to make a complaint and follow it through to the ombudsman if need be.
 9. **Board member recruitment:** As both Tony and Chris are stepping back from the Board in September, the need for new Board members should be addressed as soon as possible, by advertisement in the newsletter in the first instance.

Other business: Tony to check with Vicky if Mondays are still good days for an evening Board meeting going forward.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 5th June 7.00 pm on Zoom

Then: 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.