

## **Minutes of WREN Board Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Zoom**

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

Meeting started 1900, closed 2015.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
There were no matters arising:

1. **Royal Cornwall Show:** Simon gave an update on the plans for the show. Most of the arrangements are in place, some further furniture may need to be sought depending on what the Foodbank has available this week. In terms of personnel, alongside WREN there will be 3 people from CEP each day in the stand. Marcus Shirley is planning to attend part of the time, showcasing the newest across pavement EV charging equipment that Cornwall Council has agreed to supply to WREN for the show. ZLC is located nearby and will spend time on the stand; Naked Solar will be there on Friday. Cornwall Climate Action Network is planning to meet every day at noon at the stand. It was agreed that Tony would supply a list of recent grant recipients and their projects for WREN volunteers to refer to when talking to members of the public about the work of WREN. A volunteer form will be available to record the details of any interested people who might like to be involved in any way with WREN.
2. **Good Energy Supply to War Memorial:** Tony shared the further email correspondence since the last meeting. Good Energy supplied an explanation of how the charges are calculated. The lights appear not to have been working for some time, Tony's own observations and enquiries of the Whiterock Residents' association are ongoing. It was agreed that WREN would not pay the invoice, on the basis that there is no contract for a paid supply between WREN and Good Energy. The only agreement WREN recognises is a verbal one for a free supply. If GE persist WREN will take the matter to Ofgem. It was also agreed that the supply, fittings and safety of the set up are not WREN's responsibility.
3. **St Breock Community Fund.** The list of awards will appear on WREN's website. It was agreed that more members of the community should be recruited onto the panels. Chris is volunteering to be part of the Wadebridge panel once she has resigned from the Board in September. Tony will be stepping back from running the community funds after next year's rounds.
4. **Communications:** Simon will ask Kevin to do a newsflash to the members about WREN's presence at the show. He will also be increasing the number of Facebook posts in the lead up to the show.
5. **Finance:** no update this time.
6. **Board member recruitment:** Tony had sent a draft for comment. The list of skills and experience sought are based on the audit of the Board carried out last year. It was agreed Tony would revise the document to include the gaps that will be left by himself and Chris as they are soon stepping down. Also to make it clear that there may be other remunerated roles within WREN, irrespective of Board membership. The document will be to hand at the show, and the roles also highlighted in the next newsletter.
7. **Energy Equality Project manager description:** Tony had shared an initial draft of a description, which needs detail of timings and salary. Chris will take the next look at this.
8. **Times of future board meetings.** It was agreed to keep the meetings on Monday evenings for the moment.

**Other business:** It is not known whether CEP has been successful in their Cornwall Council EU funding application, which included some provision for a low carbon advisor for our network area.

WREN's application to the Energy Redress fund was submitted, thanks to Tony and especially Kevin for their work on this.

**NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7.00 pm on Zoom**

**Then: 7<sup>th</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December.**