



Nadder Community Energy Ltd

Minutes of AGM held on September 18th 2020 using Zoom

Present: Alan Maryon-Davis (Chair) (AMD), Tim Plumptre (TP), Maggie Paul (MP), Jamie Meldau (JM), Lucy Stone (LS), Kate Clark (KC), Sue Reed (SR), Richard Ecclestone (RE), Emma Worth (EW), Julie Phillips (JP), Catherine Allinson (CA).

Members: D and I May, R Budden, S Jonas, J Hassey, R Walker, I Lacey, R Dudin, E and P Tracey, S Keene, E Forbes

Apologies: T Burnett, A Phillips, S Cowell, G Begg, M Prendergast and C Plumptre

Papers: Chair's report (AMD), Accounts 2019-20 (TP), Sites Manager's Report (RE), Solar for Schools Report (EW), Renewable Heating for Schools Report (EW), Tisbury Electric Car Club slide show (JP).

1. AMD welcomed everyone to NCE's 5th AGM and introduced the team.
2. SR read out apologies for absence received (as above).
3. **Minutes of 2019 AGM were approved** as a correct record of the meeting.
4. AMD presented his overview of the year 2019-2020 (see **Chair's Report**). This was **approved** unanimously.
5. TP presented the **Accounts 2019-20** pointing out that turnover (electricity sold) was 5% down on the previous year, partly due to delayed billing and partly due to 2019-20 being a cloudier year than 2018-19. Fortunately, the current year is looking to be a big improvement, already at 75% of 2019-20. Admin expenses for 2019-20 were higher for various reasons and depreciation was higher because there was more kit to depreciate. The decrease in capital reflects the fact that capital repayments on the first share offer were paid in full and on

schedule. There were no questions and the Accounts were **approved** unanimously.

6. Members **approved** unanimously the **resolution to allocate £7000 to the Community Fund**. AMD reported that decisions were yet to be taken on how the Fund would be disbursed.
7. **TP and KC** stood down from the Board and were **re-elected** unanimously. AMD thanked Ralph Perry Robinson, who has now left the Board, for all his hard work on the Solar for Schools project as well as the application for grant funding for the Tisbury Electric Car Club feasibility project.
8. Sites Manager RE reported on the year and showed how **NCE's solar installations** were producing up to 10% more than had been predicted. R Budden asked why this was and it was noted that predictions tend to be conservative, also our installers use top of the range equipment that is very efficient.
EW, NCE's Project Manager reported on the **Solar for Schools Project** which was completed in early 2020.
EW reported on the RCEF-funded feasibility study on **renewable heat for schools**.
JP reported on the **Tisbury Electric Car Club pilot project** and explained how lockdown has delayed progress, and also how the pandemic has affected how people view travelling and car clubs. Nevertheless, the interim results of her survey show that there is still a lot of enthusiasm for a rural electric car club in the Tisbury area.
9. MP reported on the monthly **Green Drinks** meetings and how there have been discussions on lots of subjects like pesticide use, Passivhaus building, electric vehicles, fuel poverty. Also networking with other groups such as Tisbury Community Land Trust and Wiltshire Climate Alliance.
10. AMD and LS discussed NCE's intention to set up an **advisory service on renewable energy** and the Green Homes Grant scheme and to help people in **fuel poverty**. LS thanked KC for all her hard work setting up the Assignment of Rights documents for NCE to receive the government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) on a domestic air-source heat pump installation. This documentation can now be used by other community groups as a template.

11. **AOB:** Elizabeth Forbes asked which electricity companies actually use renewable energy and why it is more expensive when the cost of installing renewables is falling. It was noted that battery storage technology will probably cause prices to drop eventually.

Dick Budden asked about other community energy and environmental projects around the UK and was directed to Community Energy England and the Transition Town movement to see that there are lots of groups like NCE all working hard around the country as well as moves by the bigger utility companies to use more renewable energy.

There was also some discussion about hydrogen-powered vehicles and The Local Energy Bill.

12. AMD warmly thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting ended at 9pm.