Nadder Community Energy

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Nadder Community Energy
Tuesday 15th September 2025 at 6.30pm
at the Victoria Hall, Tisbury

Present: Alan Maryon-Davis (AMD) (Chair), Sue Reed (SR) (Secretary), Rosie Buck (RB) (Director), Peter Shallcross (PS) (co-opted Director), Patrick Craig McFeely (PC) (Director), Christabel Watts (ChW)(co-opted Director), Chris Walford (CW) (Energy Advisor), Anna Campbell (AC) (Project lead FEL)

Ione Lacey, Susan Jonas, Mary Myers, Simon Davison, Anne Maryon-Davis, Roger Walker, Monica Carlile, Elizabeth Forbes, Jerry Mason, Tean Mitchell, Suzanne Keene, Sally Craig McFeely, Barbara Smith, Janey Stevens, Jenny Farrer, Idris Kirby, Alasdair Donn.

Apologies: Judith Hassey, Richard Ecclestone (RE) (Asset Manager), Sue Powell, George Cruddas, Graeme Begg, Dick Budden, Sarah Cowell, Caroline Plumptre.

1. The Chair welcomed everybody, confirmed quoracy and the agenda was approved.
2. The draft minutes of the AGM 2025 were approved by all present.
3. **Chair's report** (previously circulated). AMD summarised his report and overview of 2025-2026.
4. **NCE Accounts** (previously circulated) 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026. SR showed NCE's balance sheet, revenue and expenditure. Net income from NCE's energy business was £46,665, an increase of 40 percent on the previous year. SR pointed out that £15,000 had been put aside as a Repair Fund to cover likely upcoming maintenance costs. Grants to totalling £738 were awarded from the Community Benefit Fund. There was some discussion about how to encourage community groups to apply for CBF money.
5. **Resolution 1.** The Accounts for the year 2025-26 were approved unanimously.
   Resolution 2. Directors were authorised to allocate up to £12,000 in 2026-27 to the Community Benefit Fund.
6. **Resolution 3.** Election of Directors. Alan Maryon Davis left the room and was voted back onto the Board for a further term as a director.
7. The Chair closed the AGM business at 6.50pm and went straight on to topic

presentations.

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8. **Asset Manager's report.** PS summarised the performance of NCE's 16 sites in 2025-26, the second most productive year since 2020-21. He also explained the role of our Asset Manager, Richard Ecclestone. Regarding resilience, PS backs up RE when he is abroad and there is an Operations Manual online. As our sites age, they are needing more maintenance, and some need regular cleaning. There was a question about upcoming technology for self-cleaning solar panels and about the expense of maintenance on rooftop solar installations.
9. **Tisbury Electric Car Club.** AMD gave an update on the Car Club, which has been in abeyance for 18 months following the insurance industry's refusal to provide cover for car clubs across the nation. A small group of Tisbury users have been trialling different types of individual self-insurance. Each insurance provider has different eligibility criteria, age limits, hire rates, etc. NCE hope to resurrect the car club in some form soon, but might have to wind it up if it proves to be non-viable financially.
10. **Community Benefit Fund.** SR outlined grants awarded by the CBF in 2025-2026: the Rain Garden for a drinking water fountain; the Warmer at Home project; and a free screening of the film Power Station, a feelgood story about community action to raise funds for solar panels for a street in London. She also explained how NCE would be encouraging more applications for funding from community groups in and beyond Tisbury.
11. **Warmer At Home.** RB, CW and ChW explained how this project provides free surveys to monitor heat loss in homes using a thermal imaging camera. Over the past three winters the team had surveyed 37 properties and would be continuing the service this coming winter. RB emphasised the need for the community to encourage more requests from householders finding it harder to afford energy bills. The team are also considering a toolkit for cooling advice in the summer. There was some discussion on tree planting for cooling, shutter and blind use, as well as the possibility of working with Wiltshire Council to look at a way to help with planning constraints/template applications around cooling measures in a conservation area.
12. **Tisbury Energy Local.** AMD explained how NCE are hoping to launch a new Third Share Offer shortly for a 262KW ground-mounted solar array at Pythouse free-range chicken farm. The electricity generated will be exported to the local grid. NCE will be seeking to raise around £160,000 from the local community. It is intended that the installation will provide the basis for a club model allowing at least 50 households within the Tisbury

substation area to purchase cheaper electricity at the time of generation. Other possible solar installations could be added to this project if it is successful. There was some discussion about assessing the structural strength of large rooftops within the substation area.

13. **External Links.** ChW explained how NCE work closely with other community energy groups and are members of Wiltshire Climate Alliance, Wessex Community Energy Network, Salisbury Transition Town and Community Energy England. NCE are occasionally asked to share learnings with external groups. NCE continue to run a monthly informal *Green Drinks* gathering at the Boot Inn, Tisbury on the last Tuesday of the month. NCE also attend local events such as People In The Park in Salisbury, Tis The Season and Tisbury Fete. NCE have also hosted two films with discussions and the Future Energy Landscapes workshop.
14. **Future Energy Landscapes.** AC explained how NCE were invited by Wiltshire Council working in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Energy to participate in a county-wide programme of community workshops exploring people's attitudes to potential sites for future ground-mounted solar panels or wind turbines. NCE hosted a workshop in March which proved to be a lively event provoking a range of views. It was followed up by a young persons' event, an online survey and two webinars. A report is expected this autumn. The findings, though not binding in any way, will inform Wiltshire Council's climate and sustainability programme.

15. The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm.