



exeter community energy

Minutes: AGM

Tuesday 27 July 2021

18.30- 20.00

Venue: The Ballroom, Exeter Community Centre, 17 St. Davids Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG and via Zoom

1 Attendance and absence

Attendance (including via Zoom)

Directors:

Alastair Mumford
Andy Extance
David Thompson
Patrick Devine-Wright
Sonya Bedford
Tara Bowers
Stacia Ryder
Lenka Hill

Members:

Caroline Witt
Peter Nicol
Hilary Noakes
Kendra Brown
Sheila Swarbrick
Joe Smee
Eliot Wright
Mike Morgan
Roy Eden
Elizabeth Allen
Adrian Bailey
Martin Crothall
Vera Wright
Miranda Taverner
Claire Ash Wheeler
Matthew Mzielinski
Steve Key
Matthew Chamings
Saxon Spence
Gillian Baines
Lucy Lunn-Rockcliffe

Trevor Crawford

In attendance:

Rosie Rees
David Bacon
Margaret Pickering
Vicky Mogford
Julia Glover
Mark Allen

Apologies:

Gill Westcott
Colin Boyd
Ella Young
Bridget Oliver

2. Information on voting procedure including proxy votes

Voting procedure by Zoom was explained.

There were 5 proxy votes.

3. Agreeing 2020 AGM minutes

Link to the 2020 AGM minutes was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Approved: In favour: 35. Abstentions: 0. Against: 0

4. Annual report presentation and update

Andy Extance presented the annual report and other directors contributed.
David Bacon was introduced.

5. Annual Accounts for the period 1/2/2020 to 31/1/2021

5.1 Presentation of Accounts

Trevor Crawford presented the accounts.

5.2 Accounts questions

Q. How long have Hammond Spire been external accountants?

A. At least since 2019.

Q. Should accountants be changed periodically?

A. We intend more use of book keeper to minimise use of external accountants.

6. Voting to:

6.1 Approve the Directors' recommendation to pay share interest to members at the rate of 5% per annum for the 12 months ended 31 January 2021.

Approved In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

6.2 Approve the Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2021

Approved In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

6.3 Approve the Directors' recommendation to not require a full professional audit of the Accounts.

Approved In favour: 34 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 1.

6.4 Approve the Directors' recommendation to allocate £3,500 from the profits of solar PV plus such other amounts as are decided by the directors to the Community Fund in financial year ending 31 January 2021.

Approved In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

7. Appointment of Directors

Five directors have resigned and three are standing for re-election.

7.1 Voting for directors standing for re-election:

Andy Extance **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

Alastair Mumford **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

Tara Bowers **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

Alastair Mumford took over as Chair.

7.2 Voting for new directors

Stacia Ryder **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

Lenka Hill **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

Trevor Crawford **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

David Bacon **Approved:** In favour: 35 (including proxies). Abstentions: 0. Against: 0.

8. Awards and recognitions

Alastair Mumford thanked Andy Extance (departing Chair), directors, book keeper, Healthy Homes team, contractors, consultants, volunteers, Si Paull, Hardship fund donors, Stephens Scown, Sol, Sungift and partners. Also NEA, Regen, DCC, ECC, LEAP, Exeter City Futures and the RD&E. Grants were acknowledged from WPD, Big Energy Saving, Tesco, Peoples Postcode Lottery, ECF and Involve.

9. Strategy discussion

9.1 Use of surplus

Andy Extance explained that we have been unable to allocate the full amount of the community fund (CF) this year and one idea is to utilise our surplus via Healthy Homes (HH) instead.

Mark Allen expressed general support and noted that the CF has often been allocated to many of the same groups.

Sheila Swarbrick wondered how this would work in practice.

Mark Allen suggested working with another organisation who might distribute the monies on ECOE's behalf.

Vicky Mogford suggested the monies might be split between HH and CF.

Tara suggested fixed amounts for CF awards (eg 4 awards at £1,000 each) with the balance to go to HH.

A formal motion will be presented at the next AGM.

9.2 ECOE organisation structure

Alastair explained the idea of introducing an advisory board as well as a Board of Directors. The former would be more strategic and the latter more operational.

Sheila Swarbrick suggested that the best use of people's time should be taken into account.

Kendra Brown said clear terms of reference would need to be drawn up for both groups.

9.3 Future activity focus

Alastair Mumford talked about opportunities for additional solar PV, retrofit and Devon Energy Collective projects, including on-shore wind in conjunction with Devon County Council.

10. Any other business

Peter Nicoll expressed thanks to the Board for efficient organisation of the hybrid AGM.

11. Close of AGM

Meeting closed at 8pm.