

Community Energy Cumbria
3rd Annual General Meeting
15th November 2018
Castle Street Centre, Kendal, LA9 7AD

Minutes of the AGM 2018

Present:

Board Members: Phil Davies (Chair), Caroline Turner (Company Secretary)

Members: DH, PC, PD, DG, JS, CB, NB, AH, AN

Observer: RC, EN

Apologies:

Jane Meeks, Donna Munro, AI, KD, Richard Scott.

1. Minutes of 2017 AGM and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last AGM were proposed as correct by NB and seconded by Caroline Turner

2. Year 3 Activity Report

Phil Davies gave a review of the year three activity with a presentation. The Solar PV system is performing above expectation, but is a small percentage of the income. The hydro had its new screen installed on the intake pipe during Winter 2017, but then there were some issues with the cap on the screen. These have now been resolved and the hydro is now back up to full generation. The screen installation, plus low rainfall in Winter 2017 means that the hydro has performed at 11% below expected operating capacity. There were also additional costs incurred by the install. These affected the profits from the scheme for 17/18. Low rainfall this Summer (2018) may have further impacts going forward for 18/19 income, but we were fortunate in that the hydro was able to operate when many others suffered due to drought conditions.

3. Presentation of the Accounts

Phil Davies presented the accounts. The accounts were proposed as correct by PC and seconded by JS.

4. Election of Board

Caroline Turner, Phil Davies, David Horn, Jane Meeks (in absentia), Donna Munro (in absentia), Richard Scott (in absentia) all stepped down as Directors as per the constitution. All bar DH put themselves up for re-election. DH was thanked for his input on the Board.

PC proposed that the remaining Directors be accepted on block. This was seconded by Andrew Northcott. ALL voted in favour of re-election.

A new nomination form had been received from Peter Davies.

Peter Davies was proposed by Phil Davies, seconded by DH. ALL voted in favour of electing him to the Board.

5. Motions to AGM

Application of Profits –

A motion had been put forward by Directors that a 2.5% shareholder payment was made. This was proposed by Caroline Turner, Seconded by JS. ALL voted in favour.

A second motion had been put forward that £2500 was put aside for community benefit funds, and that a fund would be set up that:

I) delivers in a geographical radius of 20miles from Killington

II) supports projects that are linked to energy saving /generation

III) supports Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) to deliver energy projects

This was proposed by Phil Davies, along with that the initial £2500 community benefit funds would go to CAfS. Seconded by DG. ALL voted in favour.

Application of Section 84(1) – PD informed members that auditing is optional for CEC, but the company has disapplied these rules as set out on AGM agenda and proposed that this was continued for the following year. PC proposed, JS seconded. ALL voted in favour.

6. Appointment of Auditor/Independent Examiner

Caroline Turner proposed we continue with Robinson Udale as Independent Examiners, as per Board recommendation. This was seconded by DH.

7. AOB

There was no further business.

PD concluded the end of the meeting and it was followed by an excellent talk by local resident Richard Graham on "Empowering a low energy brighter future, at home."