

South Brent Community Energy Society Limited

Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th June, 7.30pm, South Brent Village Hall, South Brent, Devon and via Zoom.

Members present: P Kelly* (Chair), E Chapman* (Secretary), R Hancock* (Treasurer), F Macnaughton*, R Chapman*, E Kennerley*, J Thomson, R Kennerley, R Hoyland*, J Aust, J Rawlinson, Y Elliott, G Richards, C Elliott, K Ford, M Duckworth, G Fursdon, G Burgess, K Royston, A Travis. (* Directors).

1. Welcome to Members: Peter Kelly welcomed everyone to the AGM, in person or via Zoom.
2. Apologies for absence: A Hall, Z Richards, F Land, E Hawkins, A Gower, L Gribble, C Ash-Wheeler, M & J Bailey, M Brampton.

Ordinary Resolutions

3. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the 2019 AGM: approved.
4. To receive and adopt the accounts, balance sheet and reports of the Board: Rupert Hancock (Treasurer) described the financial situation of the Society following the major repairs to the wind turbine over the last year and that a large part of the cost had yet to be paid, but that provided no further breakdowns arose and thanks to tight control over other costs the outlook was more optimistic. The accounts and reports were approved.
5. Not to pay any interest at this time: approved.
6. To apply the audit exemption for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022: approved.
7. To consider the motion: *“This meeting requests that the Board continues its work on arrangements for introducing a new class of ‘£1 Community Membership’ of the Society and submits a final proposal to next year’s (2022) AGM together with a plan for introducing the new class of membership as soon as possible.”* Richard Chapman (Director) explained that this would enable the Society to exist beyond the life of the wind turbine, should this be wanted, and Rupert Hancock added that advanced notice would give members time to properly consider the proposal. The motion was approved.
8. Elections to the board. In accordance with the Rules, one third of the board stands down each year. Richard Chapman had decided to stand down at this meeting after eight years on the Board and was duly thanked by the meeting. Francis Macnaughton stood down and, being eligible, stood for re-election. Yvette Elliott also stood for election and both were elected by the meeting.

The Board for the next year comprises: Peter Kelly, Yvette Elliott, Francis Macnaughton, Edward Chapman, Rupert Hancock, Richard Hoyland and Liz Kennerley.

Following the formal business the Secretary presented some videos and photos to explain the work done by Natural Generation Ltd to restore the wind turbine.

Thanks were received for arranging a “hybrid” meeting which made it more accessible and climate friendly.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

EJC Chapman, Company Secretary, 11 July 2021.