



## Minutes of South Dartmoor Community Energy Annual General Meeting

6.30pm 22nd September 2022

Ivybridge Library, The Watermark, Ivybridge

### **Attendees:**

Directors

Jinni King (JK) - Company Secretary (JK)  
Sophie Phillips – Director and PM (SP)  
Crystal Moore – Chair (CM)  
Tony Lyle – (TL)

Members

Mark Skinner  
John Pope  
Katie Reville

Supporters

### **Apologies:**

Teresa Godfrey  
*Juliette Jackson (P)*  
*Nicky Puttick (P)*  
*Sonya Bedford*

*(P - Members voting by Proxy)*

### 1. Welcome to Members

CM welcomed members. The directors introduced themselves and described why they are involved with SDCE.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were given.

### 3. Minutes of previous AGM

JK drew attention to the previous minutes which had been circulated via email, there were no amendments, and the minutes were approved.

### 4. Receipt of the accounts

Members received the Financial Accounts, prepared by Ivybridge Accountants.

The annual turnover was £145,505, operating costs £130,914, leaving a surplus of £ 14,591. This is because our project accounting periods differ from our financial year, and the funds are allocated to various ongoing projects. All our activities are project funded, by specific grants.

As a not-for-profit community benefit society all surplus is used to deliver fuel poverty reduction projects or allocated into our Winter Crisis Fund.

The accounts were accepted and signed off by JK on behalf of the Directors Team.

### 5. Vote on Resolution 1: To disapply the requirement for external audit for 1/4/20 - 31/3/21

SDCE is a small organisation, and the cost of external auditing is very high. Small community benefit societies that are regulated by the FCA are permitted to disapply the rule to have our accounts externally audited.

JK proposed that SDCE members disapply the rule to have the accounts externally audited. Members voted and the resolution was approved.

## 6. Elections to the Board

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Teresa Godfrey sought election to the board, her bio having been circulated in advance, with the agenda.

SP proposed that Teresa was formally elected to the board, JK Seconded.

A vote was held with a majority FOR.

As per the SDCE Rules, a third of the directors must stand down at the AGM – This year that was 1 director: Sonya Bedford

Sonya stood for re-election

TL proposed Re-electing SB, seconded by CM

Votes were held and SB was re-elected to the board.

SDCE is currently operating with a revolving Chair position in order to share the responsibility

## 7. Chairs Report

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CM introduced the range of projects and partners that SDCE have been working with:

- SDCE has continued to deliver the free and impartial energy advice service this winter, via a number of projects. Warmer Healthier Homes, in collaboration with Tamar Energy Community along with the South Hams and West Devon CVS organisations and funded by the Energy Saving Trust sought to build local referral networks to improve reach of advice services. Home and telephone advice funded via the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) scheme and WPD continued, with much support being given to residents around the (often confusing) Green Homes Grant scheme. The team has expanded considerably, welcoming four new team members: Nicky, Ben, Mark and Chris.
- SDCE has been discussing developing more support services for those who wish to 'Retrofit' their homes to be more efficient. This is an underdeveloped market which has the potential to be paid for service.
- Progress has continued on plans for 30 super-eco, social rent homes on the outskirts of Ivybridge. The project retains its goals of bringing Passive Houses, for local people, for affordable rents to Ivybridge. There have been delays as the scheme has been re-designed and re-submitted with the input of Teign Housing who will act as the Housing Association for the development.
- The Clayworks Wind project, a Devon Energy Collective (DEC) project, has been supported by work from SDCE. An open forum meeting was held, and a local steering group established. DEC carried out a feasibility study. The project's future is in the hands of the communities.

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## 8. Becoming more energy efficient

Mark Skinner gave an engaging presentation on how we can all make our homes more energy efficient.

## 9. AoB

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7pm