



**SSCES Annual General  
Meeting  
30<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
7pm via Zoom  
Minutes**

*In attendance:*

John Christmas (JC) – Chair and Director  
Chris Adcock (CA) – Treasurer and Founder Director  
John Clark (JEC) – Company Secretary and Founder Director  
Rob Cotterill (RC) – Director  
Ed Collins (EC) – Director  
Zoe Godden (ZG) – Bookkeeper  
Alison Baker (AB) - Administrator

Peter C  
Mark G  
David R  
Ian S  
Robin M  
Douglas P  
Jenny P  
Leonard B  
Martyn S  
Annie A

*Apologies:*

Steve P  
Colin T

**1. Minutes of the last AGM – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

These were approved with all in favour

**2. Chairman's report**

The report had been previously circulated.

JC added that there are ongoing problems at Westfield Academy due to meter damage caused by school contractors. Hopefully this will be covered by the contractor's insurance.

There are also problems with access to the roofs at Westfield and Holyrood. There is a meeting with the Site Manager and Business Manager at Westfield on 9<sup>th</sup> June when hopefully this will be resolved.

There was a meeting with Holyrood on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Some progress was made. There are still problems with faults on an inverter which is an ongoing issue.

JC asked for questions on his report.

MS asked if a cherry picker could be used for accessing the roofs. JC replied that the school have said it is not possible.

LB asked if the apparent non-co-operation from schools was expected?

JC said that he thought that the issue could be from County Hall. He added that he has no proof of this but could be historical.

LB asked if County Hall is signed up to Carbon Neutral policy?

JEC said yes in theory and is hopeful that things will change with a change of leadership at County.

ZG circulated via Chat the County's policy on climate change for information.

LB suggested making contact with new administration to try and resolve the issues.

JC agreed and thought a good idea

**Action – JC**

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

CA presented his report which had been previously circulated.

DR congratulated Chris on his clear report and presentation.

LB commented that the current situation seems to present quite a lot of risk and asked if the dividend is too generous given the risks moving forwards?

DR said that inflation can help and the rising cost of electricity from the grid makes our product more attractive.

CA confirmed that the rate can rise by the rate of inflation.

JEC said that he was comfortable CA's proposals and modelling and felt that there was not undue risk.

JC commented that Dorset Community Energy members have negotiated a better price on export rate – DCE getting 21p per unit compared with SSCES just over 12p.

RM offered to pass on figures to Wedmore Community Power Co-operative and give any feedback to SSCES.

#### **4. Resolution 1**

**That the accounts of South Somerset Community Energy Limited are approved.**

All in favour – approved.

#### **5. Resolution 2**

**That the proposed interest rate of 5% to ordinary shareholders for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 is approved.**

1 abstention – approved

#### **6. Resolution 3**

**That the wording in the financial plan is changed from repaying members capital at the rate of 1/15th each year, to repaying members capital at the rate of 1/5th every 3 years, starting from 2025**

JC explained that this was to save on administration costs.

All in favour – no abstentions

#### **7. Election of Directors**

JEC stood down and then re - stood for election.

All in favour – approved

PC stood for election

All in favour – approved.

## **8. Any other business**

DR asked about solar panels on church roofs as SSCES are hoping to work with Yeovil Community Church. DR to liaise with CA on the issue.

JC thanked everyone for their contributions.

LB thanked JC for his hard work

**The meeting closed at 19.48pm**