



South Somerset Community Energy Society
Chair's Annual Report for the period 2025 -2026
Dated: 19 June 2026

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Board of South Somerset Community Energy Society for the period 2025–2026.

This report summarises the Society's governance, strategic activity, and operational oversight during the year.

Governance and Board

The Board met regularly throughout the year with structured agendas including approval of previous minutes, review of actions, updates to the Risk Register, and strategic decision-making.

Achievements during the year included maintaining a consistent cycle of board meetings and considering the future opportunities for the Society and shareholders.

Strategic Development

The Board considered future direction of the Society throughout the year to ensure the continuation of financial benefits for stakeholders and strategic outcomes. John Clark was appointed by the Board to undertake research and explore with other similar community energy societies to ensure we are fit for the future. The outcomes from this project have generated a potential revised business plan enabling new share offers to be targeted and ensure our commitment to stakeholders.

Achievements included structured discussion of development work and formal review of strategic direction.

Project Oversight and Delivery

Throughout the year existing projects have been actively managed and as part of the future viability of the society consideration of new opportunities was a central focus for the external review.

Financial Oversight

Financial matters were included as standard agenda items and reviewed by the Board as part of its governance responsibilities. The Society treasurer will speak to our financial position, oversight and shareholders releases.

Risk Management

The Board maintained and reviewed a Risk Register, with updates requested from members between meetings and informs how as a board we have acted on the behalf of the society to ensure profitability. In terms of challenges in this year, the society continues to work in partnership with project owners to enable Solar Arrays to come back online, cleaned and maintained. This has been a sufficient challenge and drove an increase in costs not budgeted and a project plan having secured external professional expertise to resolve issues in an affordable budget and timeline. Further work to strengthen relationships with project owners is our focus with the recruitment of a technical role to response promptly to issues, obtaining meter readings and maintenance programme.

Board Development

The Board reviewed director roles and considered recruitment of additional directors to strengthen governance capacity and the potential for a technical role to aid our primary focus to maintain current projects. In addition, there is ongoing drive to identify new directors to strengthen the range of knowledge and expertise within the board and society.

Achievements included progression of director role descriptions and recruitment discussions.

Annual General Meeting

The Society prepared AGM documentation including minutes from previous AGM and EGM, demonstrating compliance with reporting responsibilities.

Conclusion

The year 2025–2026 has been characterised by consistent governance practices, full documentation of Board meetings, and continued oversight of strategy, projects, and risk.

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Chair

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