



**SSCES Annual
General Meeting
30th July 2026
7pm via Zoom**

Draft Minutes

In attendance:

Sue Shelbourn - Barrow (SBB – Chair and Director)
Chris Adcock (CA) – Director
John Clark (JC) – Company Secretary and Director
Alison Baker (AB) – Administrator
Douglas Philips
Jenny Philips
Leonard Beighton
Annie Adcock
Michael Beale
Mark Gill
Martin Shakespeare

Apologies:

Peter Seib
Ed Collins
Colin Trend
Hannah Grant
Peter Chapman (Director)
Alan Pitman

SSB welcomed everyone to the meeting and facilitated introductions

Leonard Beighton pointed out that his name was spelt incorrectly on the notes of the last AGM. AB to make amendments.

Action: AB

1. Review of minutes of last AGM – 4th August 2025

CA pointed out that SSB was noted as in attendance twice on the notes. AB to make changes.

Action: AB

2. Acceptance of minutes of the last AGM – 4th August 2025

Proposed – JC

Seconded – CA

All in favour with the exception of MG who abstained as was not at the last AGM

3. Chairman's report

SSB went through her report previously sent and can be found on the SSCES website [HERE](#)

There were no comments.

4. Operational Report

JC went through his report which can be found on the SSCES website [HERE](#)

Douglas Philips asked which schools are being considered for new projects. JC said Bucklers Mead and Preston School in Yeovil and Ansford school in Castle Cary.

Douglas Philips asked about the conditions that the Minister for Education has brought in. JC replied that there is a proposal to standardise the format for installation in schools, but it has not been possible to find the format. There are currently pilots in the Humber region. It is currently a live situation which is being tracked through Community Energy England.

SSB wanted to acknowledge the work that JC has undertaken on behalf of SSCES, doing this large-scale piece of research which has informed how the business case is developed. This was echoed by those in attendance.

5. Treasurer's Report

CA talked through the Treasurer's report which was previously sent and can be found on the SSCES website [HERE](#)

Douglas Philips asked about the income that is received from the electricity. CA replied that it was 5p per unit at the beginning of the project. This has increased by RPI since then.

Douglas asked is that the school paying SSCES or is that the electricity company paying? CA replied that it is the school paying SSCES

Douglas asked if more electricity goes to the grid when they are not operating. CA confirmed that this is correct.

JC said that SSCES is currently getting around 8p per unit of electricity. Douglas said that, from his own array on his workshop he is currently getting 12p per unit from Octopus and asked if SSCES could negotiate a higher rate. JC replied that there is a market for this around licences but some of this is controlled by the FiT export rate. This will be different for the new projects where there will be no FiT and the rate will be more subject to the market.

Leonard Beighton asked about the interest payment and timescales for this. SSB said that this will be covered later on the agenda.

SSB thanked CA for all his work as Treasurer this year

6. Resolution 1

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

Proposed – Michael Beale

Seconded – Douglas Philips

All in favour

7. Resolution 2

That the proposed interest rate of 4% to shareholders for the financial year to 31st December 2025 is approved and that members agree that this can be delayed by 4 months if necessary (see agenda for details)

Proposed – JC

Seconded – Leonard Beighton

All in favour

8. Member Resolutions

There were no further resolutions from Members

9. Officers' Elections and Appointments

There were no proposals for new Directors

JC and CA stood down and then re stood for election

Proposed – Leonard Beighton

Seconded – Annie Adcock

All in favour

SSB thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed that the meeting was closed at 19.48pm

CA thanked SSB for her work as Chair throughout the year. This was echoed throughout those in attendance