



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Green Energy Nayland will be held on Tuesday 12th February at 8.00pm at the Anchor Inn, Nayland. It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend.

NOMINATIONS are invited for the Directors for the coming year please advise Will Hitchcock or Simon Gilhooly in advance of the meeting if you wish to serve as a Director.

AGENDA

Chairman of the Meeting – Mr Jeremy Elden – Director

1. Opening Remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts for 2012
4. Annual Report for 2012
5. Election of Directors
6. Election of Auditor / Examiner of the Accounts
7. Any Other Business which has previously been notified to the Secretary.
8. Close of Formal Business

Minutes (taken by WH):

Attendees: Jeremy Elden (JE), Simon Gilhooly (SG), Will Hitchcock (WH), James Finch (JF), Michaela Woollatt (MW), Jon Haworth (JH), Val Baker, Ken Jackson (KJ), Andrew Moore (AM), Jeanette Wright, Graham Wright, Steve Thornton, Hugh Thornton.

Meeting opened at 8.05pm.

JE welcomed everyone to the second GEN AGM, and thanked everyone for joining us on this cold night. He stated that there had been no requests for withdrawals and therefore we have a sizable surplus for the year. JE mentioned that he would be interested in feedback from the members on their appetite for funding a new project using the surplus that could build up in a year or two.

Apologies were received from the following members: Sally Bartrum, Julie Wooding, Stephen Rowlands, Emma Bishton, Jean Dickinson, Gill Boardman, Angela Gilhooly, Sue Boon, Jessica and Mark Benlow, Michael and Elizabeth Cordingley, Jenny Napper,

Treasurers Report: SG talked through the Treasurers Report and explained the accounts for the year. He went on to say that despite some gloomy previous months, that the overall generation for the year exceeded our targets. Gross profit was £4509, SG explained the admin overhead and the Co-Op Bank interest, leaving interest payable of £3398. JE explained that the new members from the Ferriers Barn install would receive the equivalent of a half year payment as they joined GEN at the mid year point. SG explained that the accounts include £986 to be retained and that an annual interest payment of 7.2% be made to members. JE proposed that the accounts be adopted. This was accepted unanimously.



Annual Report – WH updated those present on another award GEN had won at the Suffolk County Council, Greenest County award for Community Energy project. This award and the previous one are on display at Nayland Primary School. He went on to explain that the school still continues to save around £1000 off its electricity costs thanks to the solar panels. This saving is going directly into learning resources for the children. WH also explained that momentum has built up in the school on the whole sustainability agenda, and over the past few months Rexel-Senate had donated and installed LED lighting and a Measure My Energy system for the children to monitor energy usage. All this activity has led to the school being awarded the coveted ‘Green Flag’ award. Michaela Woollatt, a member of GEN has been the driving force behind this latest success.

WH went on to say that GEN had participated in a documentary about ‘Democratising Energy’, this documentary is being used internationally to raise awareness of the benefits of decentralising energy production.

WH also updated everyone on the install at Ferriers Barn, a 10kWp ground mounted array. KJ added that the Ferriers Barn trust were very pleased with the install and had already seen a large reduction in their electricity bills. He also added that the facility for viewing the generation statistics online was being implemented. SG offered to assist. WH stated that possible future projects in the pipeline are Assington village hall and Bures community hall.

SG explained to members that GEN had been invited by Co-Operatives UK to contribute to the consultation on the new Energy Bill. He highlighted that all political parties were in agreement that community energy schemes are an important part of the UK energy strategy. SG went to Westminster to see the Bill being discussed.

JF explained the situation with insuring the solar panels at Nayland school, he stated that they were covered, but that Suffolk County Council would be charging GEN a small premium of circa £75.

Election of Directors: As per the Rules, one of the current Directors is required to step down from their position. SG stepped down and offered to re stand, AM proposed, seconded by MW, unanimously accepted. JF nominated AM as a new Director, and cited his financial experience as being greatly welcomed by GEN. KJ seconded this proposal and it was unanimously accepted.

Election of examiner of the accounts: JF recommended that as AM was now a Director, that we require a new examiner for the accounts. JF has 2 possible candidates and will update the members once he has identified a replacement.

AOB: JE passed on his gratitude to SG and WH for their continuing hard work on behalf of GEN.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm