



Date, Time	Thursday 6 th February, 7pm
Place	ZOOM Video Conference
Attendees	Board Members: Martin Finnigan (Chair, MF), Ann MacDonald (AMD), Iain MacDonald (IMD), John Bowler (JB), Mark Beese (MB) Trust Staff: Phyl Meyer (PM), Augustijn van Gaalen (AvG), Inge Armstrong (IA)

1. Welcome and Apologies

MF welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies received from Phyl Meyer (PM), Cameron Smith (CS)

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

All members of the Board confirmed there was no conflict of interest.

3. Previous Minutes, Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting 10th August 2023 were approved, proposed by AMD, and seconded by JB.

Actions Update

Action #	Action Description	Action Owner
6	PM to obtain access to TREL bank Accounts.	PM
18	Follow up with ENERCON regarding missing credit note.	MF
20	PM to investigate documents for the Big Lottery.	MF
24	Speak to P. Coghill regarding TREL Board membership.	PM
25	Check that the EPK compensation amount (78k Euro) has been received.	SMK/PM
27	Contact TCMAL Board to ask for either Coinneach MacKinnon or Christine Coghill to be point of contact for solar panel project at Milton Harbour shed.	JGM
28	A weekly email to be sent to Enercon indicating the day & times the over voltage fault occurs.	JGM
29	The Board would like an overview of what interest-bearing bank accounts are available on the market.	PM
30	A Corporation Tax Calculation to be requested from Auditors.	PM



Action 18 - It has been generated in their system and is being checked. We have not been sent it yet. It can take a long time for the credit note to be sent to us, and then longer for it to be paid. (Note: amount is 8,660 euros).

Action 20 - Received a quote for discharge of standard security in September 2023 – main question is whether we proceed based on that quote. At the time it was £2,250 + VAT It was agreed to go with the quote.

Action 24 - PM discussed with P. Coghill – said he was too busy, maybe in future

Action 25 - Done, amount was offset against other invoices.

Action 27 – Solar project - Coinneach MacKinnon or Christine Coghill are both keen but need to identify relevant funding for it now.

Action 28 - No longer relevant

Action 29 - The Board would like an overview of what interest-bearing bank accounts are available on the market. Completed – account not yet opened.

Action 30 - A Corporation Tax Calculation to be requested from Auditors - completed

4. Renewables Study:

4.1 Private Wire Network Feasibility

Early working drafts have been received for PWNF, with feedback to them we would have an option to be put forward to the board. Processing with the hybrid model is an option (speak to avg) re comments.

4.2 Battery Storage & Local Energy Cooperative

How calculations/estimates have been derived will be required by AvG before he can revert to the Board on the options.



5. Operational Update

5.1 Turbine

Enercon will only be here mid-March to fix the turbine, there is no indication of how long they would be here. Request for more information from them on their availability/arrival date, etc.

6. Finance

Donation made to the Trust.

- 213.5k donation in Sept 2023
- £95k donation in Dec 2023

Emails were circulated and approved by majority of the board.

Shari's completed the cash flow; she's has done as good an estimate as she can for what our corporation tax liability might be for next September. We have enough funds to take us to the end of the year, but this will deplete our funds.

We're requesting that the TREL audit is carried out as soon as possible, and an accurate corporation tax estimate is calculated.

Action 31: SMK

There was a general discussion on long term viability of Tilly / replacement.

MF commented and asked the following questions:

1. What do we do in 2030, what will the path look like by 2027
2. What happens if Tilly does not last until 2030, what will we do in that scenario

Can we include the costs of taking Tilly down into the new project, i.e. a new turbine or scrap it as a whole.

MB commented that just cancelling the whole project, would not be feasible as a lot of people would be affected by it in the Trust and within the community.

AMD asked for an updated list of how much Tilly has made and how much has been "gifted" for windfall fund, etc.

Action 32: SMK/IA

7. AOCB

AvG will be attending the Repowering conference in Inverness hosted by Community Energy Scotland - Note any questions that you would ask and send to MB who may attend the conference in person.

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8. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

9. Actions Summary

Actions carried forward

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27	Aug-23	Contact TCMAL Board to ask for either Coinneach MacKinnon or Christine Coghill to be point of contact for solar panel project at Milton Harbour shed.	JGM	ongoing

New Actions Assigned

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31	It has been requested that TREL audit to be completed within the next couple of months so that Corporation Tax can be submitted for 2023.	SMK	new
32	AMD asked for an updated list of how much Tilley has made and how much has been "gifted" for windfall fund,	SMK/IA	new