Welcome and Introductions

Brian and Peter were introduced as new directors with accountancy expertise who have been co-opted to the Board.

Matt Gale sent his apologies but also opted to step down as director at this meeting.

Penny thanked both David Bunker, who stepped down during the year, and also Matt for their contribution.

Orchard Community Energy: Report on Performance, Progress and Next Steps

Recent performance figures were provided. The array has performed better than projected due to increased irradiation but performance was lower than expected under the given conditions. The reasons for this are being investigated and the Final Acceptance Certificate (“FAC”), which was due at the end of June 2018, has been delayed while the performance and other issues are resolved.
The Operations and Maintenance ("O&M") contract was put out to tender earlier in the year. As a result, the O&M contract will move to British Solar Renewables from OPDE once the FAC is signed.

As part of Green Great Britain week, organised by the Government and launching on 15th October, Gordon Henderson MP will be visiting the Iwade site.

Orchard Community Energy is currently undertaking refinancing with Triodos. This will enable us to repay the expensive OPDE loan with a loan with lower interest rates.

**Approval of draft minutes of AGM held on 27th September 2017**

Approval of the draft 2017 AGM minutes was proposed by Julie Salmon
Seconded by Ian Smith
All other members in attendance agreed.

**Resolutions**

- To accept the Orchard Community Energy audited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018.
  
  Proposed: Francis Mahon
  Seconded: Ian Smith
  All other members in attendance agreed

- To delegate to the directors the authority to appoint auditors and to fix their remuneration.
  
  Proposed: Ian Smith
  Seconded: Francis Mahon
  All other members in attendance agreed

- To delegate to the directors the authority to approve the payment of members’ interest for the period of 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.
  
  Proposed: Mark Scott
  Seconded: Jan Scott
  All other members in attendance agreed

- To re-elect Francis Mahon, who is stepping down in rotation
  
  Proposed: Mark Scott
  Seconded: Ian Smith
  All other members in attendance agreed
To approve the criteria for applications to the 2019 Community Fund, including a change to previous criteria from ‘Climate change mitigation’ to ‘Climate change mitigation and adaptation’. The full criteria are now:

- Wildlife conservation,
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation,
- The alleviation of fuel poverty, or
- Support for vulnerable or disadvantaged groups

Proposed: Julie Salmon
Seconded: Penny Shepherd
All other members in attendance agreed

To delegate to the directors the authority to approve a 2019/20 Community Fund disbursement of up to £10,000.

Proposer Jan Scott
Seconder Alan Barwood
All other members in attendance agreed

Penny thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting ended at 20.35