# Ashton Hayes Community Energy C.I.C.

Annual General Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 7:30pm St John's Church

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### Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Treasurer's Report
- Chair's Report
- Use of income from 2020/21
- Proposed actions in 2021/22
- Any other business

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### Welcome and Introduction

- AHCE is a Community Interest Company
- Incorporated on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2011
- The company is asset-locked
- Our company year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October

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# **Company Objects**

- To carry on activities which benefit the community of Ashton Hayes, in particular to:
  - Develop, install, manage, operate, generate, transmit and provide the supply of energy from renewable energy sources.
  - Promote awareness of environmental issues, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

## Directors 2020/21

- Roy Alexander (Hon. Chair)
- Garry Charnock
- Lauren Colville
- Kate Harrison (Hon. Secretary)
- Maria Lindley
- Andy Pennick
- Richard Stradling
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# Treasurer's Report

- An overall increase in our cash deposits of approximately £1,000
- Ongoing problems with intermittent generation from school solar panels but income from both these and pavilion have been good
- The payment of 54% of the income on the pavilion panels showed a small increase in 2021 but a decline in 2022
- Our expenditure has been concentrated on a grant of £1,000 to the village flood appeal and a commitment to donate £2,000 to extend the school toilets
- Purchase of a thermal imaging camera

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# Receipts

	2021	2020
Receipts	£	£
Grants	0	0
FITs from pavilion	4,706	4,956
FITs from school panels	1,533	1,256
Speaking Fees	0	100
Egni share interest	31	0
Bank interest	3	28
Total receipts	6,273	6,340

Payments		
	2021	2020
Payments	£	£
Ashton Hayes Flood appeal	1,000	(
Ashton Hayes All together	25	0
Sports and Recreation Association	2,676	2,622
Website fee	139	152
Membership Community Energy England	50	50
Remote power	250	0
Banner costs	99	0
Thermal camera	562	0
Insurance - Naturesave	405	316
Other payments	15	25
Total Payments	5,221	3,165
Net receipts/(payments)	1,052	3,175
Bank and cash at the start of the period	13,395	10,220
Bank and cash at the end of the period	14,447	13,395

	2021 2020 £ £
Total Receipts	£ £ 6,273 6,340
less interest received	34 28
Trading receipts	6,239 6,312
Total Payments	<b>5,221</b> 3,165
less investment	0 0
Trading payments	5,221 3,165
Net Trading Income	1,018 3,148
Capital allowances 30% uplift	(170) 0
Losses brought forward	(7,030) (10,178)
Losses carried forward	(6,182) (7,030
Request at AGM for formal approva	al of accounts

# Chair's Report

- Another relatively quiet year due to ongoing COVID restrictions curtailing our activities. We were able to move to in-person meetings from July 2021.
- Four Board meetings were held in 2020/21, the first two of which were online, the next outside and, finally, an indoor face to face meeting!

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- Activities in 2020/21
  - We gave presentations at eight events during the year, the majority online. These involved: a joint Finnish-British podcast, Pontesbury, Tattenhall, Sherston and Market Drayton community groups, a virtual visit by Agnes Scott College, Georgia, USA, EcoCommunities Tellus TV and a short video for the British Embassy in Finland.

## Chair's Report

 We gave several media interviews in October in advance of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow, part of which Garry and Alex attended. These were to a Japanese newspaper, Asahi Shimbun, BBC NW Tonight, Radio Northwich and Radio Merseyside.



• We responded to CWaC's Climate Emergency consultation and sent a 'Carbon Story' about our work to the LEP Inspire website.

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- Our Timeline of Going Carbon Neutral Project activities since 2005, kindly sponsored by RSK, was produced as a display stand, a banner and as posters, which are now on display at Village Farm and in the Village Hall and School. The banner was displayed at the Ashton All Together event in September 2021.
- Our discussions with Energy Local about setting up a local energy club continued and we expect to sign a Power Purchase Agreement with Green Energy UK in the near future, which will pave the way to establish an Energy Local Club involving, initially, the Village Hall

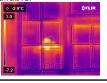
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- We have worked to resolve ongoing problems with our solar PV panels at the village school, where one of the three strings of panels is generating intermittently. We are awaiting a further visit from Genfit to help resolve this issue.
- We purchased a Thermal Imaging camera in the autumn and are experimenting with it ourselves before making it more widely available.

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### Use of income from 2020/21

- As you will have seen in the Treasurer's report, our funds continue to accumulate.
- Income during 2020/21 was used to meet standard outgoings (Insurance, Website, Community Energy England subscription, Companies House filing fees) and also for work on the school PV, production of our Timeline displays and purchase of a Thermal camera.
- We also donated £1,000 to the village flood appeal and £25 to Ashton All Together.

## Proposed actions in 2021/22

- Our air quality sensor will continue to be used within and beyond the village.
- Our thermal imaging camera will be made more widely available next winter.
- We will continue to liaise with the school as things return to normal.
- We will work to establish our Power Purchase Agreement with Green Energy UK and then to develop a local energy club so that we optimise the use locally of the electricity that we generate.

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### Proposed actions in 2021/22

- We will continue to work to resolve the issue with the newer (2016) solar PV panels at the school.
- We have pledged £2,000 to the School PTFA to support the construction of a new toilet block to high environmental standards and we await their progress with this work.
- Finally, we will make some changes to our Board structure and focus our activities on our core business, the generation of renewable energy.

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### Any other Business

• Do you have any questions or feedback for us or is there anything else that you would like to discuss?