

Ashton Hayes Community Energy C.I.C.

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 11th March, 2021
8pm via Zoom

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Treasurer's Report
- Chair's Report
- Use of income from 2019/20
- Proposed actions in 2020/21
- Any other business

Welcome and Introduction

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

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 2019/20

- Roy Alexander (Hon. Chair)
- Garry Charnock
- Kate Harrison (Hon. Secretary)
- Maria Lindley
- Richard Stradling
- David Wilson (Hon. Treasurer)
- Lauren Colville (from March, 2020)
- Andy Pennick (from March, 2020)

Directors 2020/21

- Roy Alexander (Hon. Chair)
- Garry Charnock
- Kate Harrison (Hon. Secretary)
- Maria Lindley
- Richard Stradling
- David Wilson (Hon. Treasurer)
- Lauren Colville
- Andy Pennick

Treasurer's Report

- A year of inactivity on the finance expenditure front
- Another good year for the pavilion panels, our payments to AHSRA increased by 14.6% because of the income generated in the previous year (54% income generated)
- For the school panels we switched our sale from Co-op Energy to Octopus
- Some issues with change of customer but all now resolved

Receipts

	2020	2019
Receipts	£	£
Grants	0	0
FITs from pavilion	4,956	4,856
FITs from school panels	1,256	1,796
Speaking Fees	100	435
Expense recovery	0	0
Bank interest	28	21
Total receipts	<u>6,340</u>	<u>7,108</u>

Payments

	2020	2019
Payments	£	£
Shop jute bags	0	256
Pollution monitor	0	159
Sports and Recreation Association	2,622	2,288
Website fee	152	154
Membership Community Energy England	50	100
Disconnection charge	0	75
Parish Rooms lighting	0	615
Insurances - Naturesave	316	301
Investment in Egni Co-op	0	500
Other payments	25	36
Total Payments	<u>3,165</u>	<u>4,484</u>
Net receipts/(payments)	<u>3,175</u>	<u>2,624</u>
Bank and cash at the start of the period	10,220	7,596
Bank and cash at the end of the period	<u>13,395</u>	<u>10,220</u>

Profit

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total Receipts	6,340	7,108
less interest received	28	21
Trading receipts	<u>6,312</u>	<u>7,087</u>
Total Payments	3,165	4,484
less investment	0	500
Trading payments	<u>3,165</u>	<u>3,984</u>
Net Trading Income	3,147	3,103
Losses brought forward	<u>(10,178)</u>	<u>(13,821)</u>
Losses carried forward	<u>(7,031)</u>	<u>(10,178)</u>

Request at AGM for formal approval of accounts

Chair's Report

- A quieter year than usual due to COVID restrictions curtailing our activities. We adapted by moving everything online from March 2020.
- Four Board meetings were held in 2019/20.



Chair's Report

- Activities in 2019/20
 - We gave seven presentations during the year, the latter two online. These involved: Tideswell community group, Public Sector and Local Energy Forum, London, an interview for Granada Reports, Shropshire CVA, ACRE Conference, SWANC and XR, Galloway, and a joint Finnish-British podcast.



Cities and climate – From local to global

Most Brits and Finns do not live in the capital cities. What role can smaller cities, towns and villages play in combatting climate change? Can citizens themselves take charge and develop local solutions? Our guests are Garry Charnock, founder of the...



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Chair's Report

- Activities in 2019/20 (continued)
 - Work continued on producing a Timeline of Going Carbon Neutral activities since 2005.
 - Ongoing discussion with Energy Local about setting up a local energy club to allow surplus electricity generation to be sold at a discount rate to *e.g.* the village shop.
 - Meeting at school to discuss establishing a 'Junior Board' Initiative well received but 'on hold' since March 2020.



Chair's Report

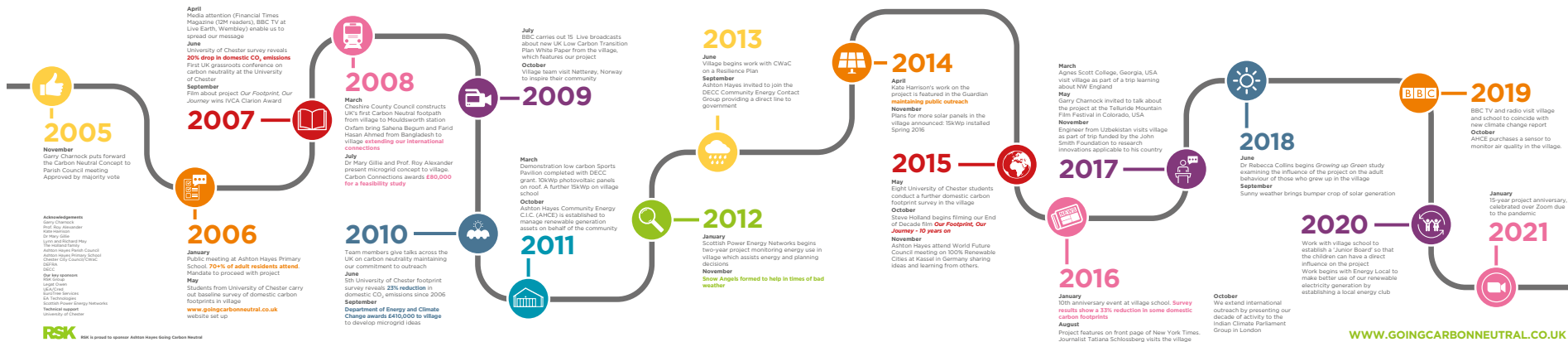
- Activities in 2019/20 (continued)
 - Rewilding. Some initial ideas explored but 'on hold' at present.
 - Some air quality monitoring has been carried out.
 - A summary report of Dr. Rebecca Collins' (University of Chester) research examining how the Going Carbon Neutral Project influenced young people in the village was published on our website in August.

Use of income from 2019/20

- As you will have seen in the Treasurer's report, our funds continue to accumulate.
- Income during 2019/20 was used to meet standard outgoings (Insurance, Website, Community Energy England subscription, Companies House filing fees) and to continue rebuilding our reserves.

Proposed actions in 2020/21

- Our 'Going Carbon Neutral timeline' will shortly be available as a metal banner for display at the school (subject to formal approval) and as a poster on the noticeboard at Village Farm



- The project reached its 15th year in January 2021 and we will seek an opportunity to celebrate this when restrictions ease.

Proposed actions in 2020/21

- Our air quality sensor will continue to be used within and beyond the village.
- Work to establish a parallel 'Junior Board' at the primary school will continue when restrictions allow.
- Work to establish a local energy club will continue. Energy Local are exploring options with energy suppliers who can help to facilitate this.
- We'll continue to look into a Rewilding scheme when restrictions allow.

Proposed actions in 2020/21

- We are experiencing a problem with the newer (2016) inverter at the school, which may need to be replaced. Fortunately it is still under warranty but we will have to cover removal and installation costs.
- We will make donations to the Flood Relief Scheme in the village and to the School PTFA to support the construction of a new toilet block to high environmental standards.

Any other Business

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