

2014 BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Candidates for election to the Board of PEC Renewables are summarised as follows (alphabetical order). Up to 3 Directors can be elected. Please note that members are able to vote for no more than 3 candidates on the ballot paper provided.

CANDIDATE 1: DAVID GARLAND, PLYMOUTH

PEC Renewables is not yet one year old and I feel it important that there is continuity with the Directors, thus I wish to serve again. I don't think investors would welcome too much change at such an early stage in our growth, before the first dividend.

As current Chair of PECR, investor and enthusiast (!) I have been very highly involved outside of the actual Board meetings. I met with many school governing bodies, I appeared on BBC Spotlight, I was used to make a video, I hosted our launch event at Salisbury Road Primary School, I worked hard on the preparations for our first share prospectus in which I feature and I feel that I continue to have much to offer the Board.

I think it is very important that PECR Directors remember the primary purpose of the cooperative which is to pass surplus funds to PEC and as a citizen of Plymouth I will always remind fellow directors of that fact.

My background as a Physicist and school leader and my total support for the co-operative model will ensure that I am well placed to continue to serve the organisation to the best of my ability.

CANDIDATE 2: SIMON HARRISON, STROUD

Hi everyone! A long time ago I started out running local market stalls and fundraising for FoE and Greenpeace. Then community-owned renewable energy arrived in the UK with Baywind in Cumbria, in which I invested, and I have been investing in community-owned renewables for the last 17 years. Over this time I have seen a variety of different models, ideas and solutions, and it is that knowledge I bring to PEC-R. Indeed, after co-option to the board this September I have introduced a new (to PEC-R) financing idea that might enable more people to support our projects, as well as highlighting regulatory points that have shaped ideas for the next potential round of installations.

For the future we should be ready to use our experience and knowledge not only for any new opportunities that arise (PV and others) but be happy to assist others achieve or replicate our success. I must use my last few words, however, to congratulate the board, officers and members on the first phase. I'm sure never before in the field of community energy have so many sites been delivered so quickly and so well by so few people.

CANDIDATE 3: CHRIS PENBERTHY, PLYMOUTH

I am proud to have been involved with PEC Renewables since its inception, and am honoured to be both a Founding Member and a current Director.

PEC and PEC Renewables have been established as coops in order to give decision making power to members in accordance with the principles of the cooperative movement.

PEC Renewables is already making a difference in Plymouth. Schools and community facilities are saving money on their bills and are investing these back into education and activities. Over time PEC will receive an income to further its work on eliminating fuel poverty in the city. As members we also benefit from a healthy return on our investment.

PEC Renewables has developed quickly because of Plymouth City Council's support. Our development within the community sector has been much faster than most organisations because of this. I have worked hard to ensure that this support has been forthcoming. I would like to continue to use my expertise in and knowledge of the co-operative movement to support the development of PEC Renewables. If elected as a Board Member I will continue to work to seek ongoing support from the Council.

CANDIDATE 4: ANDREW SHADRAKE, NEWTON ABBOTT

I wish to serve because, having helped to create PEC, I am keen to see PECR expand the installation and use of renewable energy across Plymouth, in a way which is:

- a. Financially sound
- b. Socially inclusive – that is, so that the locally renewable generation is locally owned and controlled, by people in Plymouth, particularly people in low income households
- c. Environmentally appropriate – for example, any biomass should rely only on local sustainable woodfuel.
- d. Innovative – continually on the lookout for new opportunities.

I believe I can contribute to its aims because:

1. I can review business plans and financial forecasts
2. I have a good understanding of the renewables sector. I am undertaking community engagement work and writing business plans for Rural Community Energy Fund-funded feasibility studies in Okehampton and Crediton.
3. I understand the relationship between Plymouth Energy Community, Plymouth Energy Community Renewables and Plymouth City Council.
4. I am aware of similar developments elsewhere in the UK, and I am currently helping Luton City Council decide whether to create an esco on the PECR model.

Also, I enjoyed working with everyone involved in PEC, and would like to see them again from time to time!

CANDIDATE 5: TRACEY SHERSTON, PLYMOUTH

I joined the PEC Board as a Director in July 2014. I feel I can contribute to the aims of PEC Renewables through my experience as a Senior Manager of finance at Plymouth Community Homes, I am able to bring strong financial knowledge and skills to the Board, supporting PEC in ensuring that both value for money and financial security are maintained. I have 15 years of finance experience in both the public and private sectors. I have an interest in supporting PEC to enable Plymouth to become more environmentally sustainable and the positive impact this brings to the community, both environmentally and financially.