

ChargeUK Board: Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22 May 2024, 11am

Attendees:

Vicky Read, Chris Pateman-Jones, Rosanna Turnham, James McKemey (JMK), Steve Dunlop, Jarrod Birch, Ian Johnston, Dan Simpson, Harry Methley, James Millar (JM), Emma Cutler, Connor Whyton

Discussion

Introduction

1. Welcomes and introductions were exchanged. The competition policy was flagged.

Working Groups Update

2. VR updated on her conversation with Scottish Government, noting their keenness to engage. She added that she will share a note on the meeting.
3. VR updated on the on-street meeting on Friday, and noted the efficiency of OZEV updating directly on the DPS issue.
4. Following feedback from policy committee, DS updated that the Monday bulletin would be expanded to include policy workstreams, and that OZEV would be asked to reassess sharing documents without allowing ChargeUK to show members.
5. VR highlighted the importance of building a platform for ChargeUK members to share relevant material.
6. VR updated on the deployment group, who concluded that OZEV's guidance document falls short of requirements, and that the document must address problems more directly. VR noted the importance of Ofgem as a backstop if nothing progresses in this area by June. IJ suggested probing ENA on their position on the issues, and circling back with the National Grid to liaise on the issue.
7. JMK questioned the severity of OZEV's leak, and DS noted this shows how we need to move the relationship with OZEV to more mature footing.
8. VR suggested giving OZEV a few days to come back on ChargeUK feedback on the document, before reaching out to the ENA for feedback. DS also suggested engaging with Ofgem.
9. Attendees agreed on the need to push OZEV for greater engagement and wider consultation on the issue.
10. DS updated on Project Rapid, with OZEV confirming that they do not expect funding to be released in this parliament. They have, however, been asked to prepare options for ministers this summer.
11. DS updated on the three areas that these options will look at. These are long distance metrics, A-roads, and showcasing investment.
12. As a course of action, DS suggested waiting for OZEV to send their slide deck on the issue, then to ask members for their feedback, giving members an opportunity to respond to OZEV directly.
13. VR asked for OZEV to be invited to a policy group meeting to give an update.
14. VR and SD updated on the operations group.

Data request and research update

15. VR updated on talks with New Automotive, and their offer to pull together stats needed to answer questions on charging infrastructure.
16. Attendees agreed to go through with the proposal. VR will go back to New Automotive to set up a kick off meeting.

Communications

17. VR updated that the messaging document was progressing.
18. JM updated on the Telegraph interview with VR, noting it is due to run on June 8th.
19. VR updated that the manifesto was also progressing.
20. VR shared that she had the opening speaking slot at the EV Summit. She added that she had been invited for an interview with Vauxhall on the first day of the summit, and that the group had been invited for a session on LEVI.
21. VR shared that EV Summit had presented an offer to ChargeUK, on the condition of a promotional campaign.
22. Attendees agreed that there was a need to pick out the events that ChargeUK wants to be involved in, without overstressing resources.
23. Attendees agreed that ChargeUK would attend the EV summit, but reject the Blenheim invite.

Actions

1. VR to share note on Scottish Government meeting.
2. Secretariat to include workstream update in Monday bulletin.
3. Secretariat to speak to OZEV about sharing documentation with members.
4. Secretariat to engage with OZEV, ENA and Ofgem on OZEV guidance document.
5. Secretariat to invite OZEV to a policy group meeting.
6. VR to speak with New Automotive about their proposal to collate data for ChargeUK.
7. ChargeUK to attend EV Summit.