



West Somerset Railway Association

Synopsis of the Board Meeting held on 23 October 2017

1. **Taunton Model Engineering Club**

Geoff Garfield, Mike Sherwood, Simon Stretton and Paul Whitehouse would be meeting David Hartland to discuss the Club's proposals for railway layouts in the near future.

2. **Network Rail Carriage Shed**

Mark Smith, HRA Vice-Chair, was continuing a dialogue with Network Rail.

3. ***The Journal***

Ian Coleby had accepted the post of Editor, Keith Smith that of Deputy Editor and Nigel Kendall will take over the design work.

4. **Future of WSRestoration**

Simon Stretton and Paul Whitehouse would be meeting Alan Nicholson, Frank Courtney and Richard Maw from the plc to hear their proposals.

5. **Locomotive Restoration Fund**

We approved a plan for fundraising, and the setting up of a working group led by Jackie Green and Nigel Power.

6. **Subscription Increase**

We agree to consult the membership on proposed subscription increases by publishing our proposals in a newsletter within the week, and on our website.

7. **Hinkley Point Community Fund**

We agree to approach the plc to join with us in expressing an interest in applying to this fund for a grant to assist in the recruitment of more volunteers.

8. **Land Stewardship**

We identified some potential successors to Ian Jonas for this task and agreed to formalise the arrangements for the use of the land for agricultural purpose for no more than 50 weeks in any year.

9. **Board Membership**

We agreed to co-opt Geoff Garfield, the Chairman of the Rally Committee as a Trustee.