



**West Somerset Railway Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held at Bishops Lydeard  
on Monday 26 February 2018 at 1800**

**Present:** John Glover (JSDG)  
Rodney Greenway (RG)  
Mike Lea (ML)  
Mike Sherwood (MS)  
Simon Stretton (SS)  
Paul Whitehouse (PCW) (Chair)

**In Attendance:** Jacquie Green (JAG), General Manager

**Apologies:** Geoff Garfield  
Nigel Power

**B10/18 Conflicts of Interest**  
There were none declared.

**B11/18 Minutes of Meeting of 22 January 2018**  
We approve these Minutes.

**B12/18 Matters Arising**

**a. Taunton Model Engineers' Club/Carriage Shed**

We asked our Chair to write to David Hartland at the Model Engineers's Club and enquire whether they were still interested. PCW reported that the Network Rail asset owner was now making enquiries about the current and future use of the Carriage Shed.

**b. Actions against Former Trustees**

**Shares Claim:** PCW reported that our solicitor had provided advice which we should need to consider at our next meeting.

**Insurance Claim:** PCW reported that one of the former trustees had appointed a solicitor and there appeared to be a movement towards mediation.

**c. Future of WSRestoration**

PCW reported that there would be a meeting to discuss this with all interested parties on Thursday 1 March 1028.

*[Secretary's Note: the meeting has since been postponed.]*

**d. Land Stewardship**

JAG reported that this was in hand.

**e. Board Membership**

We were pleased to learn that Michael Lea had now received approval from his firm's compliance team and we agreed to co-opted him as a trustee.

**B13/18 Meeting with Plc Board 15 February**

We noted this report (for original report, see the Minute Book). We agree that the chair should write to the Directors of the Plc and express our thanks for their response to our enquiries.

**B14/18 Plc Board Reciprocal Membership**

We agreed to nominate a trustee to the Board of the Plc, but deferred making the appointment until we are all present. We noted that our Chair had not yet written to the Plc specifying the skills we need for the appointment of a Plc Director to this Board (Minute B05/18 refers) as the skills matrix was not yet complete.

**Action PCW**

**B15/18 Co-option of Andy Norman**

MS spoke to this report (for original report see the Minute Book). We agree that it is vital that Andy Norman be invited to future meetings to report on progress on his work for us on the bid to the Hinkley Community Fund. However, in view of the history of co-options by the former trustees, we consider that co-opting someone at this stage in the year might be misunderstood by members, and therefore decide not to do so. We note that it will be open to him, as every other member of the Association, to stand for election at the AGM later this year. We ask our Chair to inform Val Bishop of the Somerset Community Foundation and thank SS for offering to meet her on 15 March.

**Action PCW, SS**

**B16/18 General Manager's Report**

We considered this report (for original report see the Minute Book). We were pleased to note that JAG would be opening discussions on members' benefits with Richard Maw and Mark Hill. We agree that JAG should seek the repair of the wheels formerly on Meteor and now on Phoenix. We ask our ML to discuss the QB costings with Richard Maw.

**Action ML**

**B17/18 Proposed Locomotive Swap for 4561**

MS reported that the South Devon Railway had proposed a swap: 4561 for 3803, a 2-8-0 which was out of ticket but in one piece, plus a donor locomotive of the same class. We agree that MS should ask the Plc for their view of this proposal, and if that is favourable to ask SDR to examine 4561, and assemble a team to look at 3803.

**Action MS**

**B18/18 Restoration of Locomotive 6695**

MS explained that the restoration of this locomotive had stalled. We agreed that he should ask the Plc what plans they have for it.

The meeting closed at 1920.