



**West Somerset Railway Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Held at Bishops Lydeard on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 18.00**

<b>Present:</b>	Geoff Garfield (GG) John Glover (JSDG) Rodney Greenway (RG) Mike Sherwood (MS) (chair) Will Foster (WF) Frank Courtney (FC) Robin White (RW) (left the meeting at 19.00)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Jacquie Green (JAG)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nigel Power (NP) Mike Lea (ML) Paul Whitehouse (PCW)

**B43/18 Conflict of Interest**

There were none declared.

**B44/18 Minutes of meeting of 4 June 2018**

We approve these minutes.

**B45/18 Welcome to the new Trustees**

MS welcomed the new trustees (re) joining the trustee board. All trustees were reminded that the board operates a collective policy both in terms of action and in terms of responsibility. Individual action cannot be taken by a trustee unless that trustee is authorised by the board.

GG expanded on this point making it clear that the board also needed to operate with openness and that while trustees may disagree from time to time that exchanges need to remain civilised and alternative points of view need to be both respected and carefully considered in reaching decisions.

**B46/18 Matter Arising (not included elsewhere)**

- a. **Action against former trustees** – no report
- b. **Carriage Shed** –no report

**c. Land Stewardship**

In progress, JAG will speak directly to the farmer, Chris Briggs to resolve any outstanding concerns.

**Action JAG**

**d. Application to HPC fund**

The decision date on our Application will now be September 2018.

**B47/18 General Managers report and Accounts for period 5**

We accept the General Managers' report and accounts for period 5 (for original report see minute book)

We resolve to accept the recommendations of the general manager and the board of Promotions Ltd on the matter of staff annual leave.

**B48/18 Update on locomotive discussions including 4110**

We note the update from MS that a team has been formed, lead by Chris Ruddick, to provide a business case to the plc board to persuade them to retain locomotive 4110 in time for their September 2018 board meeting.

We note that we may be asked to lead on fundraising for locomotive 4110 post September 2018.

After some discussion and with some assurance from JAG that we can push forward with fundraising we resolve to restart the work on locomotive 4561 with the next item of focus to be the boiler. We hope that this will also encourage more volunteers to come forward to support this restoration project in line with the plc chairman's thinking that a greater percentage of volunteer support is essential on the WSR. To this end we ask JAG to publicise our decision and use all channels of communication to facilitate this process.

**Action JAG**

**B49/18 Co-option of Mike Lea**

MS explained that ML could not stand as a trustee at the recent AGM, having less than 1 year of membership. ML has held the post of treasurer for several months and has a lot of experience of doing this for other charities. After some discussion it was resolved to co-opt Mike Lea as Treasurer until the next AGM at which time he will be eligible to stand for re-election to the post. We ask JAG to write to ML to formally invite him to re-join the trustee board.

**Action JAG**

**B50/18 Simon Stretton**

The board expressed regret that Simon has chosen to stand down as a trustee. JSDG has had two conversations recently with Simon and was able to report that Simon will hopefully still be volunteering at Williton in the future.

We ask JAG to write to Simon expressing the thanks of the board for all of his hard work on behalf of the Association.

**Action JAG**

**B51/18      Date of Future meetings**

The following dates were agreed.

13<sup>th</sup> August at 18.00 at Bishops Lydeard

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The meeting closed at 19.50