



West Somerset Railway Association

Synopsis of the Board Meeting held on 14 January 2019

1. Membership Benefits

We were pleased to hear that the Plc were prepared to offer substantial benefits to Association members, as they recognised the importance of a successful supporting body.

2. Envelopes on Trains

We heard that the Plc had agreed that the Association should take over this task, in addition to the Raffle, so that there will be an opportunity to claim Gift Aid on donations. We shall also offer passengers the opportunity to donate by credit/debit card.

3. Fundraiser's report

We heard of progress in submitting bids to grant giving bodies, and how the current structure of the railway was confusing to outsiders.

4. Locomotive 4110

We confirmed that if we receive sufficient donations we shall purchase this loco in line with the Plc's position that the core stable of locomotives should be owned by the Plc or the Association.

5. Support to the WSR Plc

We agreed to support the reintroduction of loco 9351 into service by paying the entire cost of the work for which we have quoted to achieve this. We shall start a crowdfunding appeal to assist with this.

6. Co-option of a Fundraising Trustee

We co-opted Jack Baird, a former naval officer who has recently moved to Taunton, as a trustee with responsibility for fundraising.

7. Annual General Meeting

We agreed that our AGM should be held in Crowcombe Village Hall on Saturday 13 April. We hope to arrange free travel for members to Stogumber and a shuttle bus from there to the Hall and back.