



West Somerset Railway Association

Synopsis of the Board Meeting held on 11 February 2019

1. Norton Fields

We learnt that the developer of the land on the upside of the railway at Norton is interested in talking to us, and we appointed Geoff Garfield to investigate.

2. Peterborough Crescent Wagon Shed

We agreed that we should pursue the possibility of bringing this shed to the railway.

3. AGM: Retirement of Directors by Rotation

John Glover and **Mike Sherwood** will be retiring by rotation and will be offering themselves for re- election. **Mike Lea** has to stand down and will be offering himself for election. There will be five vacancies but we hope that it will be possible after the AGM to co-opt **Jack Baird** back on to the Board in view of his fundraising experience.

4. Attendance of Plc Director as Observer

We were pleased to accept Mark Smith's offer to attend future meetings of this Board as an observer. We asked our Chairman to request that the Plc welcome a representative of the Association at their Board meetings.

5. Fundraisers Report

We were pleased to note the initial activity carried out by Kate Williams, our contracted fundraiser, and her first success. We noted her request for a comprehensive, prioritised and costed wish list of projects to be worked on, and agreed further to engage with the whole railway family to produce such a list, as soon as possible.

6. Community Engagement Officers Report

We were pleased to note the work by Catherine Dance, the Community Engagement Officer appointed to lead the work funded by the Hinkley Point Mitigation Fund. We are aware that the success of this project depends on all railway stakeholders working together cooperatively, and agreed to invite the boards and representatives of key bodies to meet together, at the earliest convenient opportunity.