



West Somerset Railway Association

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
held at Bishops Lydeard
on Monday 9 September 2019 at 1800**

Present: Geoff Garfield (GG)
John Glover (JSDG)
Nigel Power (NP)
Diana Ricketts-Tanner (DRT)
Mike Sherwood (MS)
Robin White (RW)
Paul Whitehouse (PCW) (Chair)

In Attendance: Jacquie Green (JG)

Apologies Will Foster
Mark Smith

B98/19 Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

B99/19 Minutes of Meeting of 12 August 2019

We approve these Minutes.

B100/19 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)

- a. **Peterborough Crescent Wagon Shed:** RW reported that Network Rail was still determining who would be responsible for negotiating.
- b. **Quantock House:** We considered a note from GG (for original report please see the Minute Book). We hope that we shall be able to occupy this by 1 October.
- c. **Joint Boards Vision Statement:** We ask our Chairman to raise this at the next Plc Board Meeting.
- d. **Dunster Project:** RW reported that he would be presenting to the WSR Plc Board on Friday 27 September 2019.

B101/19 2019 Steam & Vintage Vehicle Rally Outturn

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). While there was greater income costs had increased. However we expect a total contribution of £40,500. We record our grateful thanks to all who helped achieve this excellent result.

B102/19 Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We ask GG, PCW and Ian Jonas to meet the developer, express our concerns about his proposals and ask him how he proposes to mitigate the risk to us.

We agreed at the suggestion of DRT that we should offer a year's free membership to the engineers who had helped in this matter.

Action GG, PCW, JAG

B103/19 General Manager's Report

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We agreed that we need to be clear how we are going to release the money for the Rail Renewal Appeal. In order to maintain the momentum we have already achieved we shall need to see the Project Plan for this work and the report currently being prepared by an independent civil engineer. Once the work commences a monthly progress report will be essential.

We ask JAG to chase the Station Sign casting firm.

Action JAG

B104/19 [Redacted]

B105/19 Community Engagement Manager's Report

We noted this report (for original report please see the Minute Book).

B106/19 Fundraiser's Report

We noted this report (for original report please see the Minute Book).

B107/19 Future Staffing Arrangements

DRT spoke to a paper which she had prepared in consultation with ML. She expressed her concern about the lack of proper records to enable effective resilience should a member of staff be incapacitated.

She had drafted a job description to cover all the tasks that might be required but was unclear on the status of Promotions. We agreed that we should leave all discussion on this topic until the future of Promotions had been determined.