



# West Somerset Railway Association

**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held at Bishops Lydeard  
on Monday 14 October 2019 at 1800**

**Present:** Will Foster (WF)  
Geoff Garfield (GG)  
John Glover (JSDG)  
Mike Lea (ML)  
Diana Ricketts-Tanner (DRT)  
Mike Sherwood (MS)  
Robin White (RW)  
Paul Whitehouse (PCW) (Chair)

**In Attendance:** Jacquie Green (JAG)

**Apologies:** Nigel Power (NP)  
Mark Smith

**B108/19 Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

**B109/19 Minutes of Meeting of 9 September 2019**

We approve these Minutes.

**B110/19 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)**

- a. **Peterborough Crescent Wagon Shed:** RW had nothing to report..
- b. **Quantock House:** We noted that this had been let to a third party.
- c. **Joint Boards Vision Statement:** PCW had nothing to report.
- d. [Redacted]
- e. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported that he would be meeting the developer with Ian Jonas and PCW on Wednesday 16 October.
- f. [Redacted]

**B111/19 [Redacted]**

**B112/19 [Redacted]**

**B113/19 Change to the Financial Year End**

PCW explained that the benefit of changing our year end to 31 March would not only align us with the Plc, but allow a clean break from the closure of Promotions. ML expressed his agreement with the proposal. We agreed to revisit this matter at our next meeting.

**B114/19 Rail Renewal Appeal**

MS suggested that this restricted fund should be used to buy the materials required by the Plc, delivered to the relevant worksite and remain in the Association's ownership until they have been installed. We ask our Chair to write to the Chair of the Plc to explain this position, and to ask the

Plc to propose a system for ensuring that this happens properly, including appropriate publicity at the conclusion of the work.

**B115/19 Association Coaches (including Quantock Belle & Hawksworth Saloon)**

We agreed that we were concerned that the Plc were not maintaining our coaches, especially the higher value ones, to a suitable standard. We note Mark Smith's suggestion that we should restore the coaches properly, and then allow the Plc free use of them until they needed refurbishment. We accept this general proposition, which indicates that the Plc has at last recognised that the way forward is for it to become a trading company of a charity, and we ask our Chair to write to the Chair of the Plc accordingly. We agree that if the Plc are not interested in contributing to the maintenance of these coaches we should consider selling them.

**B116/19 Locomotive Restoration Fund**

JAG pointed out the need to change this following the sale of 4110, and we ask her to redraft the leaflet to reflect our desire that it should in future be used for the restoration of locomotives in use on or being restored for the WSR. The current priority is 4561 followed by 7821. JSDG told us of the excellent presentation of 7821 in the shopping centre at Swindon. We ask JAG and JSDG to consider how there could be better publicity for the Association and a credit card donation machine adjacent to this locomotive. We ask our Chair to thank the Tuesday gang from STEAM for their work on 7821 and ask JAG to establish whether we can provide them with any cleaning materials.

**Action JAG, JSDG**

**B117/19 Thornbury Castle**

MS informed us that JJP had requested him to ask the Association whether it was interested in purchasing this locomotive. We thank him for the offer but agree that we are not interested. We ask MS to write to him accordingly.

**Action MS**

**B118/19 General Manager's Report (including Finance to 31 August 2019)**

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We thank RW for offering to work with JAG to formulate a plan for on train fundraising and legacies in time for implementation in Spring 2020.

**Action JAG, RW**

**B120/19 Community Engagement Manager's Report**

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

**B121/19 Fundraiser's Report**

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

The meeting finished at 1955.