



West Somerset Railway Association

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
held at Bishops Lydeard
on Monday 11 November 2019 at 1800**

Present: Will Foster (WF)
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 Mike Lea
Mark Smith

B122/19 Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

B123/19 Minutes of Meeting of 12 October 2019

We approve these Minutes.

B124/19 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)

- a. **Sale of Thornbury Castle:** We note that there was a misunderstanding between MS and Jonathan Jones-Pratt.
- b. **Peterborough Crescent Wagon Shed:** RW reported that Network Rail had requested further information. Chris Austin and she would respond.
- c. **Joint Boards Vision Statement:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Association Coaches:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Ditcheat Manor:** We agree that PCW should send a cheque for £100 to STEAM for the use of the Tuesday Gang when he writes, and that he should invite them for a trip on the WSR in 2020.

Action JAG, PCW

B125/19 Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We heard from GG that he would be asking the University of Southampton for their comments so that negotiations could continue.

B126/19 General Manager's Report

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We agree to maintain subscription fees at the current level for the time being. We agree to defer

consideration of what we should do with the legacy of £75,000 we recently received, and are minded to apply it to one project. JAG told us of a request for the storage of coal on our land at Norton. We approve this request subject to the outcome of a site meeting she would be arranging with John Luffman and Merv Hebditch, and agreement on the arrangements for the return of the land used to its current condition.

Action JAG

B127/19 Engagement Events

We agree to invite all donors to 9351 (plus one) for a trip in the Hawksworth Saloon at the WSF. We ask JAG to request the Gala Planning Group to run it behind 9351 at the WSF and authorise her to spend up to £6,000 to ensure that it is FTR. We ask RW to organise a roster of Trustees so that there is always at least one on board, and arrange the provision of tea, cakes etc. We agree that we should run a *Chairman's Special* in the spring of 2020 to thank those who have donated to the Rail Renewal Appeal.

Action JAG, RW

B128/19 Strategic Framework for the Association

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We ask DRT to provide a short paper about her idea on adding in training and welcome contributions from others. We agree to hold an AwayDay on Saturday 18 January to discuss this matter and ask GG to make the arrangements for this.

Action GG, DRT

B129/19 Fundraising Ideas

We agree to consider this paper at our AwayDay, and ask RW to liaise with Kate Williams about she might best contribute.

Action RW

B130/19 [Redacted]

B131/19 Fundraiser's Report

We noted this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We continue to be impressed and grateful to Kate Williams for her very successful work.

B132/19 2019 Steam & Vintage Vehicle Rally

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

B133/19 Community Engagement Project

We congratulated and thanked Catherine Dance for her *Spooktacular* success, particularly the excellent publicity which it had given the railway.

B134/19 [Redacted]