



West Somerset Railway Association

Minutes of the Board Meeting
held at Bishops Lydeard
on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 1800

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

In Attendance: Jacquie Green (JAG)
Mark Smith (MaS)

Apologies: Will Foster, Mike Lea

B012/20 Conflicts of Interest
None were declared.

B013/20 Minutes of Meeting of 13 January 2020
We approve these Minutes.

PCW informed the meeting that he had decided to resign as a Trustee (and therefore as Chair), and undertook to ensure a proper handover. We thanked him for agreeing to continue to chair this meeting.

B014/20 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)

- a. **Peterborough Crescent Wagon Shed:** RW had nothing to report.
- b. **Redacted**
- c. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported that no action had been taken on progressing the agreement as it appeared that the developer may have changed his mind about what exactly he wants.
- d. **Network Rail (& HS2) Opportunity:** RW reported that there was still no clarity on how the Plc were going to take advantage of these offers. MS undertook to raise this with Martin Brown and Jonathan Jones-Pratt on Wednesday.

Action MS

- e. **Train for Local Councillors:** RW reported that there had been general approbation of the idea. We agreed to return to this at our next meeting.
- f. **Redacted**

B015/20 Redacted

B016/20 General Manager's Report

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We congratulated JAG on negotiating this sponsorship. Mark Smith, on behalf of the Plc, agreed that Mailadoc should be provided with five family rover tickets each year. We approved the Recruitment of Ex-offenders and DBS Data Handling Policies. We

approved the extension of Catherine Dance's contract (for volunteer recruitment from 15 hours to 20 hours per week) until 20 January 2021.

We asked MS to respond to the suggestion from the Plc about the Warflat that it should be scrapped. We agreed that it be offered to the Wagon Restoration Group in the first instance, and then more widely. We note that it cannot be disposed of without members' approval.

Redacted

We thanked JAG for the draft budget and agreed to consider it at our next meeting.

We agreed to purchase the Harlequin Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system.

Action JAG, MS

B017/20 Management of Volunteer Recruitment

DRT reported that this was progressing well. We noted that there is a need for the Safeguarding Policy to be revised. We agree to appoint DRT as our Safeguarding Trustee and thank her for leading on this project. We were dismayed that the Plc Board had not confirmed their Chairman's agreement that all new volunteers should be required to join the Association or one of the other groups. We ask MS to progress this with him.

Action MS

B018/20 Talks to Local Groups

We considered this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We thank RW and GG for their work on this, and agree to consider it further at our next meeting.

B019/20 Community Engagement Manager's Report

We noted this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We congratulate Catherine Dance on the undoubted success of the Brunel K Beagle Play Club. We are also pleased at her ideas to extend Somerset Day across the railway. Mark Smith thought this an excellent idea and authorised Catherine to speak to all the Station Masters.

B020/20 Fundraiser's Report

We noted this report (for original report please see the Minute Book). We continue to be concerned that there appears to be no understanding at the Plc Board of the importance of making the structure of the railway easily understandable to funders.

[JAG and MaS left the meeting.]

B021/20 Joint Board Meeting

We agreed that we should request a meeting of both Boards so that we may discuss with the Plc Board their continued failure to appreciate the need for co-operation between the Association and the Plc if there is to be successful fundraising.

B022/20 Chairman

We thank Mike Sherwood for offering to assume the Chairmanship until our AGM on 10 July.

The meeting finished at 2035.