



# West Somerset Railway Association

**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held via TEAMS remote meeting  
on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 1700**

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

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

**B047/20 Conflicts of Interest**

JSDG declared an interest in PLC employment issues and he would not participate in any discussions relation to that.

**B048/20 Minutes of Meeting of 21 April 2020**

Trustees approved these notes, with minor amendment, as a true record.

**B049/20 Minutes of Extra Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Trustees approved these notes, as a true record.

**B050/20 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)**

- a. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported that technical requirements were now in place for online conferencing and the new WSRA team of GG, MS and Ian Jonas was ready to proceed.
- b. Redacted
- c. Redacted

**B051/20 Redacted**

**B052/20 Relations with the PLC**

Publicity of the WSRA's actions supporting the PLC was discussed along with the need to make it known to the membership. It was agreed that a longer than usual chairman's letter would go into the next Journal to explain some of this.

**B053/20 Funding and Grant giving policies and process.**

JAG presented a draft policy and a process illustration paper. She needed answers to a couple of questions.

- It was agreed that clawback conditions would last for 12 months after completion of the project.
- It was also agreed that a WSR Heritage Group was needed and that that should flow from MS's contact with the WSSRT, with RMW and Ian Coleby as leads.

- DRT asked that '*a cost risk analysis may be conducted at this stage*' be inserted under the first BP on item 8, which was agreed.

It was agreed that the suggested changes would be made and then re-circulated for one final read over before publishing. **ACTION** JAG to make changes and circulate

#### **B054/20 Finance Cttee**

GG reminded trustees that there will be a significant loss in 2020. The group will continue to review and keep an eye on the finances. We are now eating into our reserves to pay costs. Under the 'extended period to hold AGMs' section of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill 2020, The AGM will now be postponed until the Autumn to facilitate the accounts and also the possibility of a face to face meeting. At that meeting the members will be asked to endorse a retrospect resolution.

#### **B056/20 General Manager's Report**

Legacies: it was agreed to take this forward now, as it was not in direct conflict with the WSR PLC. **ACTION** – JAG to revisit with solicitors and then promote via the website etc.

#### **B057/20 Fundraiser's Report**

Presented separately. It is hard at the moment because major funds are diverted to COVID relief and WSR structure issues are proving to be an issue. GG raised the issue of the value WSRA is getting from the fundraiser and it was agreed that this would be raised during ongoing discussions with the PLC.

#### **B058/20 Project Updates – WSR TV**

RMW reported 56 videos uploaded and 574 subscribers and 2900 hours of time spent viewing. Feedback has been excellent. JSDG reported a complaint from Chris Pratt and RMW pointed out that there was an editorial committee and that's where complaints should be addressed. MS also stated his availability to members.

#### **B059/20 Volunteer Recruitment**

DRT reported that things were moving on well. NP had produced an excellent induction presentation. Discussions are ongoing regarding volunteer policies and procedures and also role profiles.

#### **B060/20 AOB**

1. Proposal to fund broadband lines to host webcams. This was agreed in principle, provided appropriate safeguards are in place and it was promoted as a WSRA initiative and on the WSRA website. JAG drew Trustees attention to the possibility of needing PLC agreement to piggyback on their lines.
2. Rally – virtual rally has been proposed. RMW and DRT offered to support and help where they can. GG agreed to move it forward and see what develops.
3. DONM – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 17:00hrs by MS TEAMS.

The meeting finished at 18:56.