



# West Somerset Railway Association

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held via TEAMS remote meeting  
on Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 1700

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

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

**B061/20 Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

**B062/20 Minutes of Meeting of 19 May 2020**

Trustees approved these minutes, as a true record.

**B063/20 Minutes of Extra Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Trustees approved these notes, as a true record. Not for publication.

**B064/20 Minutes of Extra Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Trustees approved these notes, as a true record. Not for publication

**B065/20 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)**

- a. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported that the letter of comfort had been sent to the developer and that the solicitor had given cost estimates of £3,000+ VAT, to include disbursements. Costs were agreed.
- b. **Redacted**

**B066/20 Redacted**

**B067/20 Cross Railway Relationships**

It was noted that the PDG meetings will recommence on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.  
Redacted

**B068/20 Fundraising Strategy group**

After a bumpy start, RMW reported positive moves forward, including a meeting with Steve Williams, who will now become the WSR PLC rep on the group. Don Fraser will join to represent the WSSRT and Dick Wood will bow out. RMW has issued a remit document and emphasised the need for targets, honesty and integrity in the group and its work. MS reminded Trustees that the job of the Fundraising Group is to put together the right message and get it out there.

### **B069/20 Finance Cttee report and minutes**

GG reported on the recent meeting of the Finance committee. Items of note were:

- A PO with schedule should be issued for 6 month's of work on 4561
- There is £1,200 remaining in the carriage vandalism fund which could be used towards repainting another carriage.
- It was confirmed that day to day costs invoiced by the PLC would not be paid in cash but would be contra'd against sums owing.
- REDACTED

### **B070/20 General Manager's Report**

Taken as read.

### **B071/20 Grant Applications**

- It was confirmed that Bob Meanley's coach painting application was approved and that it would be part-funded by the remaining funds in the coach vandalism fund.  
**ACTION:** JAG to advise donors to the vandalism fund of the proposed use of funds
- DMU - JAG presented a proposal by a group of volunteers to fund the replacement of worn door handles, locks and striker plates on the three class 115 vehicles currently available for service. It was agreed that WSRA would fundraise for this project and underwrite the cost (circa £5000) so the work could get underway without delay. This is subject to written agreement from the PLC as owners of the vehicles, which is being sought.  
**ACTION:** JAG to confirm PLC's agreement and launch fundraising campaign.

### **B072/20 Project Updates –**

- **WSR TV**  
This is progressing well and there are more videos in the pipeline
- **Rail Renewal Project plan**  
This is still under discussion with the WSR PLC
- **HPC community Engagement**  
JAG is continuing discussions with CD and HPC to establish when and how the project could be restarted
- **Broadband for webcams**  
This is still waiting for a PLC IT strategy, to ensure that WSRA does not enter into long term contracts on lines that may not be there for the duration.
- **4561 Restoration**  
WSRA has received a proposal from SDR giving two possible ways forward. It was agreed to accept the offer of zero cost boiler parts and for the necessary work to be done at Williton. Trustees recorded their grateful thanks to Bob Meanley and Dick Wood for all their help in bring this matter to an agreed conclusion.  
**ACTION:** JAG to write to SDR accepting the second offer and liaise with Bob Meanly and Ryan Pope to get it done.  
**ACTION:** JAG to write to Dick Wood thanking him for his assistance

### **B073/20 Volunteer Recruitment**

The group meets again tomorrow and things are progressing well.

### **B074/20 AOB**

1. Redacted

- 2. Donor Benefits Ladder** The Trustees agreed to sanction the WSRA part of the proposed Donor Benefits ladder – Complimentary membership for 1 year for donations of £250 or more to any fund managed by the fundraising group.

The meeting closed at 17:55

**The next full board meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 16:00hrs**