



# West Somerset Railway Association

Minutes of the Board Meeting  
held via TEAMS remote meeting  
on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 1600

**Present:** Geoff Garfield (GG)  
Diana Ricketts-Tanner (DRT)  
Mike Sherwood (MS)  
Robin White (RW)

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

**B075/20 Apologies** were received from Nigel Power and John Glover

**B076/20 Conflicts of Interest**  
None were declared.

**B077/20 Minutes of Meeting of 23 June 2020**  
Trustees approved these minutes, as a true record.

**B078/20 Minutes of Extra Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
Trustees approved these notes, as a true record. Not for publication.

**B079/20 Matters Arising (not included elsewhere)**

- a. **Ford Farm (Norton Fields) Development:** GG reported that this is progressing and the solicitor has a draft agreement to consider.
- b. **REDACTED**
- c. **REDACTED**

**B080/20 REDACTED**

**B081/20 Sale of Promotions**  
JAG reported that the sale agreement was now ready to sign. The plant and tools schedule has been agreed between DRT and MB and the licence has gone to Joy Boswell for consideration. Progress was being made on a loan agreement, but the details were not yet finalised. Trustees expressed their wish for this to be concluded as soon as possible and asked JAG to pursue vigorously with Joy Boswell.

**ACTION:** JAG to chase Joy Boswell and progress asap

**B082/20 4160 Ltd**  
RMW advised that after discussion with Alex an open Calderbank letter had been sent yesterday. The offer is open for 21 days and if they don't accept, the directions hearing (for which a date is still awaited), will go ahead. If they do accept the process halts for 60 days to allow the agreement to be implemented.

**B083/20 Finance Cttee report and minutes**

The financial position was shown in the papers presented and the finance committee has nothing further to report at this time. The new auditor is starting work in the next couple of weeks and is expecting to complete before the end of August, to allow for the accounts to be printed and distributed before the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **B084/20 Joint Fundraising Group**

RMW reported that a July Joint Fundraising Group update had now been published across the 3 organisations. The group meets again tomorrow.

#### **B085/20 Project Updates –**

- **4561**

Work is restarting at WN and a regular blog update is being prepared. It was agreed that regular updates will be required with pictures. RMW will prepare a progress video for the AGM.

**ACTION:** RMW to prepare 4561 progress video for AGM

- **REDACTED**

- **Rail Renewal 2020**

The lack of a 'story' about last year's work and a plan for this year's work was noted. This will be discussed by the Joint Fundraising Group. In the absence of a fundraising 'story' or project plan from the PLC, it was agreed that a list of exactly what the WSRA had purchased last year would be useful.

**ACTION:** JAG to prepare and circulate list of purchases

- **WSR TV**

There are more videos in the pipeline and more ideas coming forward.

- **DMU**

JAG reported that £1,600 had been raised so far and that the DMU will feature in the upcoming MD museum event weekends. Collaborative working with PLC staff was good and press releases and fundraising materials were being produced.

- **Coach Painting**

WSRA has paid the PLC's invoice for a single coach. Status of the agreement to paint WSRA owned 5024 was unclear.

**ACTION:** JAG to ascertain status and progress

- **Broadband for webcams**

No further progress

#### **B086/20 Volunteer Recruitment**

DRT reported that there is a group meeting tomorrow and the situation is fluid as the PLC begins to bring people back.

#### **B087/20 GM Report**

- Trustees agreed the final date and time of the AGM to be Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am. In principle it will be in the BL village hall, supported by Zoom but it is dependent on regulations in place at the time.
- Trustees confirmed that the 'Preserve and Protect' Fund for carriages should include all carriage related work including both painting and restoration, and covered accommodation.
- Trustees confirmed that they would accept an unencumbered first charge on BSO9278 and TSO4660 as security on a loan of £70K. If negotiations revealed that a larger loan facility was required, this would need to be increased.

#### **B088/20 AOB**

- Further to the discussion noted above, concern was expressed that if the PLC is not willing to work collaboratively on implementing the Bailey report, the WSRA should

move it forward via the PDG. It was agreed to take this to the Tripartite meeting planned for Thursday.

The meeting closed at 17:47

**The next full board meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> August at 16:00hrs**