



West Somerset Railway Association
The Railway Station
Bishops Lydeard
TAUNTON
TA4 3BX

4 February 2016

Dear Member

GENERAL MEETING – 11:00am on Saturday 27th February at Crowcombe Village Hall TA4 4AQ

I am writing to invite you to a General Meeting of the Association, to be held at **Crowcombe Village Hall TA4 4AQ** at 11.00 am on Saturday 27th February 2016. Directions from Bishops Lydeard: take the A358 towards Williton; after 5 miles, drive on past the first right turning to Crowcombe but take the 2nd right turn to Crowcombe, opposite the left turn to Stogumber, and the hall will shortly be in front of you, entrance on left.

The meeting has been convened as a response to the Resolution brought forward by a group of members, who have obtained more than the requisite 5% of signatures, as required by the Companies Act 2006, Section 303 (2)(a) as amended by The Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 Pt 2 Section 4.

This invitation is issued to you in my capacity as elected Acting Chairman of the Association, supported by Michael Rowe, co-opted Trustee. The other trustees and the Company Secretary are in a position of potential conflict of interest, because the original (six) trustees are named in the resolution, and the company secretary is named in the associated Coombes Report. Michael and I are the only two non-conflicted trustees. Neither of us intend to stand for office at the next Annual General Meeting, and our only objective is to support the Association and its Members through this difficult period.

Enclosed with this mailing are:

- This letter
- Resolution and voting paper (overleaf)
- Replied paid envelope for the voting paper
- Acting Chairman's Report
- Supporting statement by the proposer

The voting arrangements are kindly being conducted by the Heritage Railway Association, and I would like to thank the Association and its officers for this generous contribution. (You will note that the pre-paid envelopes are identifiable externally and will be passed to the HRA unopened)

The six trustees were invited to produce a response, but by the time of mailing nothing had been received.

Please consider the various papers carefully, and **I would urge you very strongly to vote. It is most important that we know your views.** I hope you will be able to come to the meeting, where you will receive a warm welcome. I would suggest that *even if you do intend to come, please submit a postal vote in any case.* (There will be an opportunity to withdraw the vote on arrival so that you can decide on the basis of any contributions in the meeting.)

Under the Companies Act you can give your proxy to anyone attending the meeting. Given that this is a single resolution, I would suggest that you express your decision, when deciding on your proxy. (May I add, that should you choose to allocate your proxy to the Chairman, please bear in mind that it is possible I may not be the Chairman, by the time of the meeting.)

I hope you can come to the meeting, but even if this is not possible, **please do place your vote** (note: the address on the envelope is that determined by the Post Office for business reply services).

This is a critical time for the Association.

Yours sincerely

Frank Courtney
Acting Chairman