## **Press Release**

The West Somerset Railway PLC Board met this morning, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and it was agreed that Ian Coleby should stand down as Chairman. We recognise that Ian became Chairman in difficult circumstances and has dealt well with many of the conflicting pressures.

The Railway is experiencing a particularly challenging time and the Board considered that it was now important to develop a new approach to the work of the Board.

The Board has established a working group, which includes the task of identifying a new Chairman. Ian is remaining as a Director and we are very grateful for his contribution and effort since he was elected Chairman.

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