



West Somerset Railway Association

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Minutes of a General Meeting of the West Somerset Railway Association, company number 02968284, called in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, Ss 303 (Members' power to require directors to call general meeting) and 304 (Directors' duty to call meetings required by members) held at Crowcombe Village Hall, TA4 4AQ at 1100 Saturday 27 February 2016.

1. Over 136 people were present
2. In accordance with Article 9.4 Frank Courtney took the Chair.
3. Barrie Childs proposed the resolution. Nigel Adams seconded the resolution.
4. The Chairman called on each of the Trustees named in the resolution (David Williams, Peter Chidzey, Michael Thomas (a.k.a. Nick) Nichols, Ian Aldridge, Nigel Bruce-Robertson and Paul Johnson) to speak. No-one came forward.
5. The Chairman asked whether there was anyone present who considered they had been co-opted after 18 January 2016 (the date in the resolution) to speak. No-one came forward.
6. The votes were counted by representatives of the Heritage Railway Association.
7. In the light of the Trustees' failure to follow the recommendations of the Coombes Report 'The Road Ahead', the members of the WSRA are **resolved** (1674 votes for, 67 votes against) as follows:
 - David Williams, Peter Chidzey, Michael Thomas (a.k.a. Nick) Nichols, Ian Aldridge, Nigel Bruce-Robertson and Paul Johnson, and any other persons co-opted as Trustees after 18 January 2016, shall be removed as Directors and Trustees from the end of the General Meeting at which this motion is considered.
 - Within two days of the General Meeting called to consider this motion, the WSRA Manager shall post the result prominently on the home page of the WSRA website, including a notice inviting volunteers to serve as temporary Trustees until the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the WSRA. The deadline for such applications will be two weeks after the notice is posted on the WSRA website.

- An independent person, being Robin Coombes (Chairman of the Panel which produced the Report on the WSRA) or in default of him another suitable person nominated by the Chairman of the Heritage Railways Association, shall consider the applications received, and, within two weeks following the deadline for receipt of applications, after consultation with any existing Trustees, shall recommend for co-option up to 8 persons best placed to serve as temporary Trustees until the 2016 WSRA Annual General Meeting.
 - The Trustees shall bring forward proposals to implement the recommendations of the Coombes Report, to be published to the WSRA membership, at the latest by 30 May 2016, so that they can be considered by the WSRA Membership at the 2016 WSRA AGM.
8. The Chairman closed the meeting at 1117.