



# WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY HERITAGE TRUST LIMITED

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## **Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 10.00 AM in Bishops Lydeard Village Hall**

The meeting was formally opened by Mike Thompson Trust Chairman. All members of the Trust Board were present with the exception of Martin Brown and Ian Coleby both of whom gave their apologies and both of whom nominated the Chairman to vote on the Resolutions on their behalf.

The Chairman introduced Chris Austin as the new President of the charity. Mike Thompson said that the previous President, Lady Gass was not well and that he had spoken to her son to express the thanks of the Trust for her contribution to the charity and passing on our best wishes.

Trustees introduced themselves to the Meeting .It was noted that Matt Jackson was standing down as a Trustee following the AGM. The Chairman thanked Matt for his service as a Trustee and for his stewardship and leadership of the Model Railway Group. New arrangements would be put in place shortly. John Waters was introduced as the new Trustee with portfolio responsibility for the Heritage Carriages Project.

David Baker asked that it be formally minuted that Pete Treharne, a previous Vice President of the Trust and a long time volunteer and stalwart of Blue Anchor Museum had passed away during the year.

The Chairman handed over to the Company Secretary to conduct the formal part of the AGM. It was noted that there were two people present who were members of the Heritage Carriages Restoration team but who were not Trust Members. Members present were asked whether they were happy for the two individuals concerned to remain in the meeting on a non-voting basis and this was unanimously agreed. **(The two individuals concerned subsequently pursued membership of the Trust.)**

Members were then asked to vote on the Resolutions before the meeting, the outcome of which was as follows. There were 32 Members present who were eligible to vote with 11 proxy votes registered prior to the AGM and two apologies received.

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1. To approve and adopt the Minutes of the 2022 AGM	43	0	0	Approved
2. To receive, approve and adopt the Chairman's Report, Company Financial Statements and Reports of the Directors and of the Independent Examiner	43	0	0	Approved
3. To approve the re-election of Mr Martin Brown as a Trustee	43	0	0	Approved
4. To approve the re-election of Mr Michael Thompson as a Trustee	43	0	0	Approved
5. To approve the re-election of Ms Helen Anson as a Trustee	43	0	0	Approved
6. To approve the election of Mr John Waters as a Trustee	43	0	0	Approved

The formal business of the Annual General Meeting was then concluded.