

**Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLGRP)**  
**Minutes of Partnership Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at East Midlands Railway Training Academy, Derby, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Present:**

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth, DCC (TA) (Chair)	Wilf Carey, Campaign for Better Transport (WC)
Alastair Morley, DVLGRP Partnership Officer (AM)	Nigel Carabine, Peak Rail (NC)
Cllr Chris Furness, PDNPA and DDDC (CF)	John Snell, Wyvernrail (JS)
David Marsden, PDNPA (DM)	Adrian Farmer, Derwent Valley Mills WHS (AF)
Donna Adams, East Midlands Railway (DA)	Cllr John Porter, Belper Town Council and AVBC (JP)
Paul Webster, ACoRP (PW)	Cllr Russ Boyack, Cromford PC (RB)
Rachel Coates, AVBC (RC)	Peter White, Derwent Valley Trust (PW)
Alex Bray, CrossCountry Trains (AB)	Chris Darrall, Minutes Secretary (CD)
Chris Hegarty, DCC (CH)	

**Apologies:**

Cllr Garry Purdy, DDDC (GP) (Vice Chair)	Ellen Fineran, Derwent Wildlife Trust (EF)
Cllr David Ellsworth, Matlock Town Council (DE)	Sukie Khaira, Derwent Valley Mills WHS (SK)
Cllr Peter Baranek, Matlock Bath PC (PB)	John Weaver, FDVL (JW)
Michael Wilderspin, Matlock Bath PC (MW)	

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<b>Annual General Meeting</b> (AM in the chair)		
1	<b>Introduction and Apologies</b> 7 Apologies were received.	
2	<b>Partnership Appointments</b> Chair: <b>Cllr Trevor Ainsworth</b> . Vice Chair: <b>Cllr Garry Purdy</b> . Non-funding organisations' representative: <b>John Weaver</b> (FDVL) Minutes Secretary: <b>Chris Darrall</b> .  <b>TA</b> resumed the chair.	
3	<b>Annual Report 2018/19</b> (Draft report circulated with agenda)  The report was attached for comment by Partners. The agreed version will be printed in colour, with photographs included. The draft report was <b>ACCEPTED</b> .	<b>AM</b>
4	<b>Community Rail Accreditation</b> (Circulated with agenda)  This is to be presented at a meeting with ACoRP on 28/11/19. It was important that accreditation was achieved as soon as possible, as this was the key to unlocking grant funding.  <b>PW</b> said the process was seen as evolutionary, and was not intended to be too hard to achieve. Its aim was to standardize the reporting across the country, and one benefit to the accredited organisation was that accreditation would lend credibility and could be used when dealing with other government departments and local authorities.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft Terms of Reference</b> (circulated with agenda) If partnership members had any comments, these should reach <b>AM</b> by 31/10/19</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Budget Calculator</b> (circulated with agenda)  <b>CF</b> queried why the reserves for March 2020 were the same as the previous year. This was simply because the budget had been drawn up to cover its costs for the year. <b>JP</b> commented that other partner organisations could contribute to the funding; Belper Town Council wished to assist in jointly funding access improvements from the town centre to the station and car park.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Partnership Meeting</u></b>		
<b>23/19</b>	<b>Public Participation Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No questions have been received.</li> </ul>	
<b>24/19</b>	<b>Minutes of last Partnership Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> July 2019)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These were <b>ACCEPTED</b>.</li> </ul>	
<b>25/19</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no matters arising</li> </ul>	
<b>26/19</b>	<b>Partnership Organisation Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CrossCountry Trains</b> – <b>AB</b> said that CrossCountry have secured a further 1 year extension to their franchise, up to 31/10/2020, and funding arrangements are being discussed. There are still funds in the existing Community Fund. An additional Community Rail liaison officer is being recruited.</li> <li>• <b>Peak Rail</b> – <b>NC</b> said that Peak Rail were hoping to discuss the staffing of Matlock station with EMR. They were also working with Heritage Rlys Association to lobby for exemptions from the proposed banning of use of coal in UK.</li> <li>• <b>Ecclesbourne Valley Rly</b> – <b>JS</b> said that in conjunction with “Wirksworth Wizarding Day” on 26/10/19, they would be running an extra 3 trains. This was likely to increase demand on Derwent Valley Trains.</li> <li>• <b>World Heritage Site</b> – <b>AF</b> said that the ‘Great Places Scheme’ to provide way finding to sites within the WHS was progressing. The Discovery Day week this year is from 26/10/19 to 3/11/19. This was also likely to increase demand on the Derwent Valley line, particularly during the first weekend. The WHS management plan has now been issued for consultation.</li> <li>• <b>East Midlands Railway</b> – <b>DA</b> said that the new franchise had started successfully. “Delay Repay” had been introduced, which enabled passengers to claim compensation for journey delays of more than 15 minutes. She had no further information on future fleet plans.</li> <li>• <b>Derwent Valley Trust</b> – <b>PW</b> put in a request that increased cycle accommodation should be included in future fleet plans.</li> <li>• <b>DA</b> also mentioned that East Midlands Trains had taken all the station adopters for a “Thank You” day out on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. This had been most successful, and she passed her personal thanks to EVR.</li> </ul>	

27/19	<p><b>2018/19 Activity Plan</b> (plan circulated with Agenda)</p> <p>The Activity Plan was discussed, and the following points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matlock Glass Screen (item 41)</b> – The installation of the glass screen to provide wind/rain protection at Matlock station is now complete.</li> <li>• <b>STEAMing along the Derwent Valley Line (item 27)</b> – A project is being developed to engage with young people and community groups from Derby to visit and explore the world heritage site by train. It is intended to apply for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and the outline proposal was circulated with the agenda.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Train to Matlock Bath (item 25)</b> – EMR are planning a “Santa Special” train for disadvantaged children from the Derby area to Matlock Bath on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. They will visit the Whistlestop Centre and meet Santa.</li> <li>• <b>Platform work at Matlock Bath (item 44)</b> – Work has started to reposition the fence across the platform at Matlock Bath, to allow 4-car trains to stop when required.</li> <li>• <b>Passenger Figures (1<sup>st</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019)</b> – Passenger figures for this period are showing an overall increase of about 3% compared with the same period last year.</li> </ul>	
28/19	<p><b>Community Rail Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the 7 entries submitted for the Community Rail Awards 2019, the following 5 have been shortlisted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cat. 4 (Station Building and Surroundings): Waking up the Whistlestop</li> <li>Cat. 7 (Marketing/Communications) Communicating Derby Resignalling to Derwent Valley line passengers.</li> <li>Cat. 10 (Photo Competition) Photograph of Perri the Peregrine meeting new friends and promoting the new Derwent Valley Line Activity Book.</li> <li>Cat. 11 (Outstanding Volunteer) Kate Pudney from Belper</li> <li>Cat. 12 (It's Your Station) Transition Belper Station Gardening Volunteers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The winners to be announced at the presentation ceremony at Telford on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>	
29/19	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DA</b> said that in November she was hoping to cycle about 350 km in India, from Jaipur to Agra, to raise money for Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre, and she would be looking for sponsorship!</li> </ul>	
30/19	<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 1345 at County Hall, Matlock.</p>	