

**Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLGRP)
Minutes of Partnership Meeting
Held at County Offices, Matlock 09th December 2019**

Present:

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth, DCC (TA) (Chair)	Mark Spilsbury, Duffield Parish Council (MS)
Alastair Morley, DVLGRP Partnership Officer (AM)	Cllr John Porter, Belper Town Council and AVBC (JP)
Cllr Chris Furness, PDNPA (CF)	Colin Hoskins, Whatstandwell Station Adopter (CH)
David Jones, CrossCountry Trains (DJ)	Richard Walsh, Crich PC (RW)
Donna Adams, East Midlands Railway (DA)	Cllr Russ Boyack, Cromford PC (RB)
Paul Webster, ACoRP (PW)	Andy Jordan, Wirksworth TC (AJ)
Rachel Coates, AVBC (RC)	Michael Wilderspin, Matlock Path PC (MW)
John Snell, Wyvernrail (JS)	John Weaver, FDVL (JW)
Sukie Khaira, Derwent Valley Mills WHS (SK)	David Jemmerson, Ambergate Station (DJ)
Lisa Witham, Derwent Wildlife Trust (LW)	Martin Burfoot, Matlock Station Adoption Group (MB)
Wilf Carey, Campaign for Better Transport (WC)	Jerry Drew, Matlock Civic Association (JD)
Peter White, Derwent Valley Trust (PWh)	Chris Darrall, Minutes Secretary (CD)

Apologies:

Cllr Garry Purdy, DDDC (GP) (Vice Chair)	Dexter Atkins, EMR Marketing (DA)
David Marsden, PDNPA (DM)	Alice Vincent, EMR Marketing (AV)
Tim Nicholson, PDPNA (TN)	Nigel Carabine, Peak Rail (NC)
Chris Hegarty, DCC (CH)	

Min No		Action
31/19	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After introductions, the Chairman welcomed new members to the meeting 7 apologies were received 	
32/19	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions have been received. 	
33/19	<p>Minutes of last Partnership Meeting (16th September 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW was added to the list of apologies JP said that there was discussion of a working group at Belper at the last meeting, although this was not referred to in the minutes. With these changes, the minutes were ACCEPTED. 	AM
34/19	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
35/19	<p>Update on Community Rail Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the terms of reference had been received from Peak District National Park. Following the meeting on 28th November, PW is producing a report to DfT for consideration. From the feelings at the meeting, he thought there was nothing to hinder this process, and that the Partnership should achieve accreditation. 	

36/19	<p>Matlock Footbridge Artwork (circulated with agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD said that the Civic Society wanted to do something about the appearance of the footbridge at the station. They were proposing an aluminium plaque attached to the railings, depicting a Midland Railway 4-4-0 compound locomotive. Permission for this had already been obtained. The cost was expected to be around £5,000, of which £2,000 had already been raised. DA indicated that funding from EMR could be available. It was intended to install planters and an interpretation board at ground level underneath the plaque. Matlock Town Council is looking to improve signage at other places within the town, and AM suggested a working group be set up to look at this and other aspects around the station. 	AM
37/19	<p>2019/2020 Activity Plan (circulated with agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM said that this had been revamped to make it clearer. It should be noted that completed items were now shown at the end of the document, in section 3 • Item 1 – End to End journeys. PWh said that Derwent Valley Trust would be pleased to help with surveys; he thought that details of final destinations should be captured as well. • Item 26 – Duffield Station Footbridge. MW said that this work was requested several years ago. Network Rail had deferred it, saying that it would be included as part of MML electrification work. As this has now been deferred/cancelled, Network Rail should be asked for the current position. TA said that this should be considered at the next meeting. 	
38/19	<p>Train Service Update (details circulated with agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM said that from the start of the new timetable, 4 departures from Derby to Matlock have been retimed and will run 4 minutes earlier throughout. These are 09.48, 10.48, 15.48 and 19.48 from Derby. This is because some CrossCountry Reading – Newcastle services have been speeded up, by up to 30mins, and the Matlock trains need to be ahead of these trains. JW pointed out this worsened the connections to the Matlock trains from the Birmingham direction. • AM had raised queries with EMR, seeking clarity on plans for future services, which seem to have changed from what was originally announced. It has been confirmed that from December 2020, the Derwent Valley Line service will revert to a Matlock - Derby – Nottingham service and will no longer continue to Newark Castle. Most of the regional service enhancements would be from December 2021. • East Midlands Railway are currently consulting on the timetable to be introduced in December 2020. All partners are encouraged to participate in this, which can be accessed at https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk/december2020. DJ said that the next CrossCountry Direct Award would start in October 2020, and any suggestions for changes to services should be formulated as soon as possible and submitted to DfT. 	
39/19	<p>Partnership Organisation Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Site. SK said that it was intended for the management plan to be finalised by February 2020. This envisaged increased train usage. • Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. LW reported that following the refurbishment of the Whistlestop Café building, the trust was seeking to refurbish and increase the usage of the Education building. • Belper Town Council. JP said that the council were keen to improve access to the station from the town, with improved signage, including bus running times. There was a possibility of co-funding some of the improvements. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matlock Bath Station. MW praised the work to extend the platform back to 4 coaches. He said that the council were pressing for toilet and disabled-friendly “Changing Places” facilities at the station. • Ecclesbourne Valley Rly. JS said that EVR planned to improve its marketing. The new toilets at Wirksworth would be opening in the spring. • Matlock Station. MB said that the new draught screen is excellent. The roof of the “toilet building”, leased to Peak Rail, is in a poor state, and needs urgent attention. 	
40/19	<p>Station Proposals submitted to EMT (Circulated with agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM has assembled and submitted to EMR a list of proposals for improvements to stations along the line. These have been drawn up following discussion with the Station Adopters and other stakeholders at each station. It was emphasised that this was only an initial list, to be added to as necessary. The list was NOTED by the meeting. 	
41/19	<p>2020/2021 Draft Activity Plan (plan circulated with Agenda)</p> <p>The Activity Plan was discussed, and the following points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Rail in the City (Item 3). It has been suggested that this should be held in the Intu centre in Derby. Cost would be £1600, and it was thought this would be funded by EMR. North Staffs. CRP might also be interested. There was general agreement for this. • EMR’s proposals for staffing at Belper station (Item 51) and Matlock (Item 52) were included; the latter to include other refurbishment work at Matlock station. • Projects for increasing Community Engagement included “Try the Train” events with Alderwasley School, Utilising the Whistlestop Education Centre and encouraging groups to travel there by train. • Also included was a plan to engage with Engineered Training CIC, who train young people in welding and fabricating, for possible steel features for stations e.g. Duffield Arch. • DA said there is more funding available, and EMR have increased CRP funding, which is also available to station groups who are ACoRP members. There are Community Development Fund and Station Improvement Fund that can be bid for and there will also be a Social Fund, and Social Enterprise Fund available. 	
42/19	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
43/19	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9th March, Belper Town Council Offices, Belper, 10.15 • Monday 15th June, Derbyshire Dales DC Offices, Town Hall Matlock, 13.30 	