

**Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLGRP)
Minutes of Annual General and Partnership Meeting
Microsoft Teams, 16th January 2023**

Present:

Cllr Trevor Ainsworth, DCC (TA) (Chair)	John Snell, Wyvernrail (JS)
Alastair Morley, DVLGRP Partnership Officer (AM)	Cllr Richard Walsh, Crich Parish Council (RW)
Chris Hegarty, DCC (CH)	John Weaver, FDVL (JW)
Alexa Stott, East Midlands Railway (AS)	Kate Pudney, Belper Station (KP)
David Jones, CrossCountry (DJ)	Sukie Khaira, Derwent Valley Mills WHS (SK)
Paul Webster, Community Rail Network (PWe)	Peter White, Derwent Valley Trust (PWh)
Cllr Garry Purdy, DDDC (GP) (Vice Chair)	Natasha Wilkinson, Network Rail (NWi)
Cllr Chris Furness, PDNPA (CF)	Cllr Nigel Weaving, Ripley Town Council (NWe)
Tim Nicholson, PDNPA (TN)	Nigel Carabine, Peak Rail (NC)
Cllr Russ Boyack, Cromford PC (RB)	Martin Burfoot, Matlock Station (MB)
Chris Balls, Ambergate Station (CB)	Megan Carroll, Marketing and Comms. (MC)
Rob Fryer, DCC (RF)	Chris Darrall, Minutes Secretary (CD)

Apologies:

Donna Adams, East Midlands Railway (DA)	Cllr Andy Jordan, Wirksworth Town Council (AJ)
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Annual General Meeting (deferred from September 2022) (CH in the chair)		
1	<p>Introduction and Apologies 2 Apologies were received.</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Rob Fryer who works in the public transport team at DCC and has been assisting the CRP for 1 day per week; and Megan Carroll, a freelance in Marketing and Communications who is just starting her role with the CRP.</p>	
2	<p>Partnership Appointments Chair: Cllr Trevor Ainsworth, proposed NWe, seconded GP. Vice Chair: Cllr Garry Purdy, proposed TA, seconded NWe.</p> <p>John Weaver (FDVL) was proposed as the non-funding organisations' representative and Chris Darrall as Minutes Secretary.</p> <p>These were ACCEPTED.</p> <p>TA assumed the chair and thanked the meeting for their support.</p>	
3	<p>Annual Report 2021/22 (Draft report circulated with agenda)</p> <p>The report was attached for comment by Partners. The agreed version will be printed in colour, with photographs included, and added to the website.</p> <p>The draft report was ACCEPTED.</p>	

Partnership Meeting		
1/23	Minutes of last Partnership Meeting (17th June 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These were ACCEPTED. 	
2/23	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no matters arising. 	
3/23	Partnership Officer's Update (This has been circulated with the Agenda.) The following comments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through trains service to Nottingham TA said he had been speaking to local MPs about reinstating the through service to Nottingham. He was met with warm words, but there was still no commitment from DfT to do anything. For EMR, AS had no information, and did not want to raise expectations. • Passenger Numbers There are some corrections to the table included with the agenda. These are shown in the appendix. • CRP Website The usage continues to increase. • Marketing and Support Co-ordinator The chairman introduced Megan Carroll (MC), who will be working 1 day per week for Derwent Valley Line, and 2 days per week for High Peak & Hope Valley CRP. She is keen to meet as many people as possible within the CRP. • Community Rail Awards It was reported that 3 of the young people who worked on the project 'Turning around vulnerable young lives through engineering' have now gone on to do engineering apprenticeships. The project helped young people learn engineering skills and create the Duffield Arch, which won the top prize in the 'Involving Children and Young People' category. 	
4/23	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KP reported that the mural at Belper station was deteriorating, and the station group were looking to restore it. • MB said that Matlock station was affected by the temporary road closures in the town, while riverbank works were in progress. He also said that the condition of the station buildings was deteriorating and asked if something could be done urgently. AS said this was the responsibility of Peak Rail, but in the meantime Network Rail have put up netting as a safety precaution. Subsequent to the meeting NC reported that dialogue was continuing between Peak Rail and Arch Co. about getting the roof repaired, to enable Peak Rail to then renovate the inside, as rent has continued to be paid since the shop was last open in March 2020. • JW queried whether (with the reduced platform length at Matlock) it was still possible to operate 4-car trains. • GP said that travellers camping at Matlock Bath had been reported as intimidating passengers, and that some guards were afraid to open the train doors. The travellers have now left the site. • CB thanked AS for her assistance in arranging for pupils from Ambergate School to travel by train to visit the cinema. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request has been made for new fence planters at Ambergate station, and AS said that EMR would welcome an application from the CRP for funding for this. • GP advised that he would not be attending subsequent meetings, as he was not standing as a councillor at the next election. TA thanked him on behalf of the meeting for his long and valuable contribution over the years. 	
5/23	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th May 2023 at 14.00. Venue tbc • Monday 18th September 2023 (AGM) at 14.00. Venue tbc. • Monday 15th January 2024 at 14.00 Venue tbc. 	

Appendix – Corrected Passenger Figures

CURRENT YEAR - 2022/23										2022/23 v 2021/22	2022/23 v 2019/20
Sum of Journeys (*)	(31 days)										
	2023/P01	2023/P02	2023/P03	2023/P04	2023/P05	2023/P06	2023/P07	2023/P08	P01-8		
Period End Date	30-Apr-2022	28-May-2022	25-Jun-2022	23-Jul-2022	20-Aug-2022	17-Sep-2022	15-Oct-2022	12-Nov-2022	Total		
AMBERGATE	2,801	2,464	2,117	2,225	2,617	2,907	2,590	2,999	20,720	1.66%	-23.80%
BELPER	14,106	13,893	12,729	12,430	13,234	15,068	13,105	15,042	109,607	24.76%	-26.21%
CROMFORD	2,970	2,971	2,767	2,588	2,738	3,098	2,603	2,674	22,408	22.41%	-26.10%
DUFFIELD	4,279	3,827	3,415	3,367	3,533	4,906	3,510	3,880	30,717	24.31%	-37.66%
MATLOCK	15,622	14,064	14,101	13,095	18,046	17,678	12,874	13,116	118,595	20.85%	-29.70%
MATLOCK BATH	7,481	5,570	6,831	5,241	9,817	7,963	4,892	5,712	53,506	13.47%	-2.57%
WHATSTANDWELL	2,305	2,183	1,919	1,777	1,897	2,441	1,953	1,933	16,409	25.32%	-9.10%
Total	49,562	44,971	43,879	40,723	51,883	54,061	41,527	45,356	371,963	21.15%	-22.85%

CURRENT YEAR - 2021/22									
Sum of Journeys (*)	(31 days)								
	2022/P01	2022/P02	2022/P03	2022/P04	2022/P05	2022/P06	2022/P07	2022/P08	P01-8
Period End Date	01-May-2021	29-May-2021	26-Jun-2021	24-Jul-2021	21-Aug-2021	18-Sep-2021	16-Oct-2021	13-Nov-2021	Total
AMBERGATE	1,270	1,665	2,198	2,417	2,395	2,566	2,541	2,708	17,760
BELPER	6,475	8,109	10,177	9,635	11,761	13,951	13,589	14,159	87,857
CROMFORD	1,228	1,805	2,409	1,971	2,654	2,648	2,672	2,919	18,306
DUFFIELD	1,748	2,009	2,684	2,740	3,595	4,562	3,829	3,541	24,709
MATLOCK	6,335	7,502	13,343	11,218	17,753	15,740	13,597	12,651	98,137
MATLOCK BATH	2,730	3,491	6,775	5,119	9,845	8,266	5,745	5,183	47,153
WHATSTANDWELL	897	1,249	1,518	1,491	1,933	2,164	1,919	1,922	13,093
Total	20,682	25,830	39,103	34,591	49,936	49,897	43,892	43,084	307,015

PREVIOUS YEAR - 2019/20									
Sum of Journeys (*)	(27 days)								
	2020/P01	2020/P02	2020/P03	2020/P04	2020/P05	2020/P06	2020/P07	2020/P08	P01-8
Period End Date	27-Apr-2019	25-May-2019	22-Jun-2019	20-Jul-2019	17-Aug-2019	14-Sep-2019	12-Oct-2019	09-Nov-2019	Total
AMBERGATE	3,158	3,479	3,213	3,469	3,498	3,320	3,613	3,443	27,194
BELPER	16,512	17,978	18,754	17,547	17,472	18,408	21,461	20,401	148,532
CROMFORD	3,697	3,836	4,599	4,037	3,423	3,952	3,453	3,327	30,324
DUFFIELD	5,562	5,774	5,686	6,382	5,278	7,083	5,686	7,819	49,270
MATLOCK	19,960	17,321	17,803	19,293	21,244	22,366	19,257	16,570	153,813
MATLOCK BATH	8,031	5,369	6,044	6,424	8,446	9,402	6,294	4,908	54,918
WHATSTANDWELL	1,839	1,898	3,040	2,196	2,116	2,340	2,526	2,096	18,051
Total	58,759	55,654	59,139	59,349	61,476	66,870	62,292	58,564	482,102

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