

# CAMBRIAN RAILWAYS TRUST

Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Cambrian Railways Trust for the Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Held at the Guildhall, Oswestry, on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009, commencing at 1400hrs.

A one minute silence was held for Alun Evans who died tragically on the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**Present:-** See attached list.

1. **To read the Notice convening the Meeting** - David Karren read the notice

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr	A	Astley
Mr	Tony	Bush
Mr	Roger Gareth	Date
Mr	Malcolm	Davidson
Miss	Alex	Greig
Mr	David	Greig
Mr	Owen	Jones
Mr	Wilfred	Jones
Mr	Graham	Nesbitt
Mr	David Alan	Scott
Mr	Ian	Ward
Mr	Malcolm	Weaver
Mr	Andrew	Wilson

3. **Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting**

Copies of the minutes were circulated at the meeting.

David Karran proposed that the minutes be accepted Brian Rowe seconded the proposal which was accepted unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising from the above Minutes.**

No matters were raised

5. **Chairman's Report.**

Henry Thomas read the report, which was attached to the accounts.

David Karran proposed that the report be accepted Richard Jones seconded the proposal which was accepted unanimously.

6. **Annual Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

A summary of the accounts was distributed with the calling notice.

David Karran guided the meeting through the report and answered various detailed questions.

Points raised:

- The year showed a small profit mainly due to a number of generous donations..
- We were advised again that fixed assets should be depreciated even though some items (such as restored coaches) obviously have not.
- The accountants have asked that an RMB stock-take be undertaken for next year (This has been done).
- The use of restricted funds also needs reviewing for the next year.
- David expressed his satisfaction with the new accountants. In answer to a question David indicated his desire not to consider a change of accountants for 3-4 years.  
It is Trust policy to review suppliers on this kind on timescale.

Bill Pumford proposed that the accounts be accepted. Andy Vance seconded the proposal was accepted unanimously.

David was thanked for his work on the accounts.

**7. To Confirm re elections as Trustees**

Mr Brian Rowe,  
Mr Roger David Karran

Proposed Mike Rowe, Seconded Dewi Evans, accepted unanimously

**8. Confirm elections as Trustees**

Mr. Richard Michael Owen Jones.  
Mr. Rowland Charles Mainwaring.  
Mr. Derek Michael Rowe.

all appointed on 24<sup>th</sup>. October,2008.

Proposed Dewi Evans Seconded, Colin White accepted unanimously

**9. To appoint Messrs Turner Peachey the Independent Examiner for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup>. April, 2010.**

Proposed David Karran. Seconded Brian Rowe, accepted unanimously.

**10. Any Other Business**

None - but see questions and answers below.

**The main meeting closed at 2:30**

**Signed**

**Position**

**Date**

## 2009 Update

Henry Thomas read out a report summarising progress since May 2009 which was well received. Email copies will be distributed.

### Highlights:

- Possession of the line has enabled much clearance to be undertaken and some extremely good work as been done by many volunteers.
- As a result of the clearance work we have been able to have HMRI inspect the track from Llynclys to Weston. This resulted in some very valuable and encouraging advice.
- We have a formal Management Structure defined and are now developing Job Descriptions to support this.
- Along side this we are developing Health & Safety systems in line with HRA guidelines.
- We are very pleased that the Trust and the Society are now working well as partners.
- A limited company - Cambrian Heritage Railways - has been set up under Cross-Border Tourism Development Group.
- This will help make grant applications so much more credible
- We are examining schemes to enable us to buy the trackbed through the old Llynclys Station.
- The ecological features of our line are beginning to be perceived much more as an asset and we are working on this with other organisations such as the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.
- We are still searching for Great Crested Newts!
- Much legal work has been done on the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) and we are now moving on to the consultation work.
- Over winter we will be completing a platform at Pen y Gareg lane. Passengers will be able to alight there for a walk along the canal. This will make our rides so much more attractive.

### Questions and Answers

- Middleton Road Bridge - state of footbridge is anything being done? This will be brought to SC Engineer's attention.
- Gasworks Bridge- what is happening? The design is in SC year 2011/12 programme.
- What other options are there for the trackbed through Llynclys Station? A number of schemes are being considered. A national appeal is a possibility.
- Could the Job Centre supply volunteers? Can be considered but experience has shown there to be difficulties.
- Should we be running more steam? Under review for the 2010 season but it does need significant financial support. We will look at broadening the appeal for support in the review.
- Why are not both DMUs serviceable - various small jobs and some more major engine compatibility problems have caused the delay this year. Should be ready for new season.

## Attendees

Ms	Helen	Ayash	204
Mr	David	Barlow	416
Mrs	Joan	Boughton	133
Mr	Richard	Boughton	132
Ms	Christina	Bridges	373
Mr	Jeffrey Roy	Byrne	223
Mr	Geoff	Caulfield	436
Miss	Diana	Clementson	50
Mr	T	Darlow	371
Mr	Nigel	Davies	440
Mr	Dewi	Evans	366
Mr	Ian	Firth	120
Mr	Darren	Forster	447
Mr	Brian	Gresham	411
Mr	Robin	Higgs OBE	246
Mr	Romer	Hoseson	434
Mr	Richard	Jones	103
Mr	David	Karran	35
Mr	Kevin	Kingsley	292
Mr	Rick	Kirby	304
Mr	John	Leigh	143
Mr	Roly	Mainwaring	157
Mr	Brian	Marsh	315
Mr	Colin	Newbery	148
Mr	Guy	Nicholls	78
Mr	Colin	Pare	347
Mr	David	Parsons	352
Mr	Bill	Pumford	8
Mrs	Rosemarie	Pumford	60
Mr	Brian	Rowe	1
Mr	Mike	Rowe	280
Mr	Ken	Ryder	228
Mr	John	Sharples	425
Mr	Henry	Thomas	3
Mr	Alexander	Tonks	331
Mr	Andrew	Vance	252
Mr	Colin	White	64