

## Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Trust

Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held at ELR Workshops Bury on Saturday 26 October 2019.

### Present were:

Trustees: E G Ring (EGR), P Eastham (PE), I G Holt (IGH), R S Greenwood (RSG), R Higgins (RH).

Others: J Hindle (JH), David Winters, Daniel Winters.

Agreed P Eastham to act as Chairman.

Apologies for absence were received from K Roberts, G Hallos, Marjorie Higgins and P Yewdall.

### 1 Minutes of the Meeting held at Oxenhope on 25 May 2019

These were accepted as an accurate record and signed by P Eastham.

### 2 Matters arising

The remaining books, etc, donated from Peter Sunderland's estate have now been collected.

David and Daniel Winters have the production of posters for display in 1474 in hand.

### 3 Confirmation of electronic mail meetings and other arrangements since the previous meeting

The appended list of matters dealt with by electronic exchange since the last meeting was noted and approved.

However the insulation material purchased for 752 and the Bury Jinty turned out to be unsuitable for the latter. It has been returned and a credit note has been received, payment of nett amount to be arrange. **Action** PE

### 4 Financial report

4.1 EGR prepared and circulated a current financial report up to 30/9/19 detailing the total at the start and end of the period since the last meeting, including the designation of the resources to individual projects. He was thanked for his efforts in continuing to keep the Trustees well informed of the financial position and also about the day-to-day developments concerning Trust matters.

4.2 The financial position remains healthy, with a current balance of around £92,000.

### 5 Progress reports and expenditure requests

#### 5.1 Loco 752

5.1.1 Most of the expenditure involved in overhauling the loco has now been committed, but some copper pipe will still be required to complete pipework for various fittings. The cost will be about £900.

5.1.2 Large donations have been received from a Trust member who would like to see the loco appear in the guise of Horwich Works shunter 11305 (the last L&Y ST in BR service) at some stage. Noted that it would be appropriate for this to be arranged whilst the loco is still painted overall black (i.e. before L&Y lining is applied). Other guises in which the loco could appear, quite apart from a fully lined out L&Y 752, are overall black LMS 11456 in two styles and BR 51456 (which it never was).

5.1.3 There is no trace of a spare smokebox door which was purchased by a member after a Newton Heath open day, subsequently donated to the Trust, and taken to Haworth.

5.1.4 The assistance given by Tim Hanson when locating stored parts for 752 at Haworth was much appreciated.

5.1.5 RSG is providing advice to the ELR about the loco's braking system.

5.1.6 The loco is likely to be used on the ELR for special trains for school parties, etc, probably between Bury and Ramsbottom.

#### 5.2 Loco 51218

The Trust is still awaiting a response from the KWV about our proposal to overhaul the loco at Haworth using a team of young KWV volunteers. Alternatives may have to be contemplated. Expert boiler advice will be necessary concerning the extent of boiler repairs required, and how to undertake them, before work is started.

5.3 Loco 19 continues to be on static public display at Preston Dock Railway. It would be advantageous to engage the same boiler expert who reports on 51218 to also advise on the boiler and firebox of 19. **Action** RSG

#### 5.4 Coaching stock:

5.4.1 The body of family saloon coach 12 remains in secure storage. No progress on the reconstruction of this coach is likely to be made until a suitable site can be found that will provide the necessary accommodation. Noted that a 4-wheel tube wagon at Bury may be suitable as a temporary underframe, provided it is long enough. Other strategies will be explored with Martyn Ashworth. **Action** RSG

5.4.2 Club Coach 47: the communication cord chain has sagged and will need to be repaired. EGR has noted that the roof paint has deteriorated at the south end; the roof will need to be repainted before the roof covering suffers.

5.4.3 Coach 279: New floor covering has been fitted to protect the carpets from burns, etc.

5.4.4 Coach 1474. The repairs to the braking system are around half completed. JH is liaising with John Reddyhoff about the strategy to be adopted to complete the repairs to the suspension and springing. **Action** JH

5.4.5 Coach 1507: The possible presence of asbestos lagging on a steam pipe will be investigated by EGR.

(Subsequently EGR has reported that the only Trust vehicle listed on the KWV asbestos register is coach 47, due to the bellows on the corridor connections.)

There were no other requests for imminent major expenditure, apart from that required to complete work on the braking and suspension of coach 1474.

### Other progress reports etc

- 5.5 Agreements etc: RSG has submitted a draft agreement to the ELR covering 752, which appears to have been received favourably. RSG would like an estimate of the total Trust expenditure on 752 since 1983, so that it can be compared to the ELR financial input to the overhaul cost. **Action** EGR
- 5.6 *On Trust*: RH reported that the Winter 2019-20 edition is at an advanced stage of preparation and that several pages will be devoted to coverage of the restoration of 752, for which purpose the latest information and up to date photos will be included. It is intended that *On Trust* will be distributed by 14 December including membership reminders.
- 5.7 Relations with KWV: In the event that hirers of 752 away from Bury also require to hire any Trust coaches, it will be necessary for the Trust to allocate a proportion of any revenue received to the KWV to provide some compensation for housing this stock.
- 5.8 Noted that the RAIB has made recommendations concerning the safety of opening windows on all railways, including heritage lines, following incidents in which passengers have been beheaded on the main line railways. John Reddyhoff has arranged a meeting of all interested parties on the KWV to consider the implications and how the KWV will need to respond. He is also progressing an asbestos review of all stock on the KWV.
- 5.9 Insurance: Our insurers will be informed that 752 is now moving under its own steam. **Action** EGR
- 5.10 Membership: There are 116 Members at present. 11 have not renewed, although this includes some deceased.
- 5.11 Gift Aid: The next claim will be submitted in November. **Action** EGR
- 5.12 Appeals/Donations: The renewal form for 2020 will be revised to take account of the almost completed work on loco 752. Appeals for funding should now be directed towards the cost of investigating the extent of the repairs required to return loco 51218 to working condition. Noted that it is desirable for the overhaul of this loco to be completed by 2022 so that it can take part in events to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the L&Y/LNWR merger.

### 6 Governance

- 6.1 Acquisitions: L&Y Saloon 50: Nothing further to report.
- 6.2 Bowers Trust: Overhaul of 957 at Haworth is progressing, with steam heat being fitted for the first time.
- 6.3 Web site: Work continues to update, and the new version is likely to go live by the end of 2019. **Action** EGR

### 7 Any Other Business

- 7.1 The wood stored in Oxenhope shed should be retained if all possible, but may have to be moved under the PMV.
- 7.2 RSG produced a board of L&Y Trust photos that had been displayed at an event held at Manchester Victoria on 20 October to mark the station's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### 8 Next meeting

To be arranged on a convenient date in February 2020.

I G Holt *Trustee*  
28 October 2019

#### APPENDIX: Confirmation of electronic mail meetings: May-October 2019

##### June

- 1 JH and DW rearranged carriage electrics to enable control from Club Carriage.
- 10 Stay tube work on 752 completed by John Varley.

##### July

- 4 Netflix filming Part 2 brought forward from 9<sup>th</sup>.all OK invoiced £750.
- 7 Agreed pay ELR invoice £409.45 for metal bar, nuts and bolts.
- 10 Autumn *Push & Pull* report agreed.

17 752 boiler fitted into frames.

20 New regulator rod for 752 being made.

##### August

- 10 Agreed PR represent Trust on KWV meetings about use of droplights.
- 12 752 Steam test completed.
- 14 £1000 donation from Harvey Scowcroft towards 752 repaint.

##### September

- 2 PE attended ceremony for restored L&Y C&W memorial at Newton Heath.
- 2 Agreed insulation for 752: 20 rolls for 752 and ELR Jinty total £802 plus VAT inc delivery. Only 4 rolls used and remainder to be returned in October, await revised invoice.

##### October

- 4 AGM enclosures approved (notices issued by 7<sup>th</sup>).
- 8 Agreed RSG to discuss running agreement with ELR.
- 10 Agreed Winter *Push & Pull* content.
- 14 RSG drawn up revised version of KWV 51218 agreement for 752 on ELR.
- 15 Circulated further KWV email re use of droplights.