

Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership (DVLGRP)
Minutes of Partnership Meeting
Held at Derbyshire Dales District Council Offices, Matlock, 13th June 2016

Present:

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe, DCC (IR) (Chair)	John Snell, Wyvernrail (JS)
Alastair Morley, DVLGRP Partnership Officer (AM)	Stuart Smith, Peak Rail (SS)
Cllr Garry Purdy, DDDC (GP)	Wilf Carey, Campaign for Better Transport (WC)
Cllr Chris Furness, PDNPA (CF)	Cllr Russ Boyack, Cromford PC (RB)
Tim Nicholson, PDNPA (TN)	John Weaver, FDVL (JW)
Cllr David Elsworth, Matlock Town Council (DE)	David Savage, DerwentWISE (DS)
Rachel Coates, AVBC (RC)	Cllr Michael Missett, Ripley Town Council (MM)
Angela Lin AVBC, (AL)	Cllr Michael Wilderspin, Matlock Bath PC (MW)
Kevin Williams, DCC (KW)	Chris Darrall, Minutes Secretary (CD)

Apologies:

Richard Bates, Network Rail (RB)	Tania Pells, DerwentWISE (TP)
Cllr Derek Woodward, Matlock Town Council (DW)	Andy Jordan, Wirksworth Town Council (AJ)
Paul Mobbs, East Midlands Trains (PM)	Cllr David Farrelly, Ripley TC (DF)
Cllr John Owen, DCC (JO)	Adrian Farmer, Derwent Valley Mills WHS (AF)
Chris Hegarty, DCC (CH)	Brian Waters, Derwent Valley Trust (BW)
Nigel Carabine, Peak Rail (NC)	

Min No		Action
14/16	<p>Introduction and Apologies</p> <p>11 Apologies were received. The meeting was advised that Cllr Mike Whitworth, who represented Cromford PC, had recently died. IR paid tribute to his work with the CRP, and a minute's silence was observed.</p>	
15/16	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>There had been no questions received.</p>	
16/16	<p>Minutes of last Partnership Meeting (7th March 2016)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. 6/16, Belper Station Access Issue RC pointed out that Jo Bamford's title was AVBC Town Centre Development Officer, not Town Centre Manager With this correction, the minutes were ACCEPTED. 	
17/16	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/16 Transition Belper Network Rail had carried out a litter clearance on the embankment next to Field Lane path. • 8/16 Draft Action Plan – Rail Tourism Competition Unfortunately a bid submitted to develop an integrated Derwent Valley travel and tourism ticket including onward travel from stations using electric vehicles was unsuccessful. AM wished to thank Jo Dilley from Visit Peak District for submitting the application and the assistance of Ian Jackson from Transition Belper and Jo Bamford from AVBC. However, WyvernRail had been successful in their bid (see below). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/16 Arts Festival along the Derwent Valley Line, 2017 Amanda Penman from Artsbeat has been unable to get commitments from various groups that she wished to involve with the festival. As the idea was ambitious, she had hoped to form a committee to take the event forward. Because of the amount of planning required, the festival will not be possible in 2017 but is something that she would like to do in the future. AM wished to thank Amanda for her efforts towards this and hope that such a festival may be possible in the future. 	
18/16	Partnership Organisations' Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WyvernRail JS said that the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway had been successful in its bid in the Rail Tourism Competition. The funding is to enhance visitor experience along the whole line, improved integration with EMT train services, and associated marketing. EVR was pushing ahead with its station building at Duffield. DerwentWISE DS reported that DerwentWISE had funded the repairing of a wall at the entrance to Cromford Station. DS and volunteers had removed some large trees to facilitate this. GP proposed a vote of thanks to the DerwentWISE team. DS also mentioned that DerwentWISE had agreed an access grant to fund improvements to the access to the new EVR station building in Duffield. Cromford PC RB said that the work at Cromford Station had made a great improvement, and made the station much more attractive. He was planning to attend volunteer sessions and to encourage the PC to take a more active role in the station. Peak Rail SS reported that the Ivatt project had received support from various organisations in Derby and the National Railway Museum, and that quite a lot of funding was in place. Matlock TC DE confirmed that he would be the representative for Matlock Town Council from now on, and would be providing reports back to the Council. Matlock Bath MW reported that a new planting area had recently been completed at Matlock Bath Station, although part of it had been trampled by tourists! Amber Valley RC reported AVBC had started preparation of a new local plan. Ripley TC MM reported that work at Ambergate station was progressing, with a planting day due to take place next Thursday. He was welcomed to the group by IR, who thanked David Farrelly (the previous rep.) for his help and advice. Peak District National Park TN reported that updated PDNPA Local Plan will be consulted upon in the autumn. 	

19/16	<p>Next East Midlands Rail Franchise 2018/19 (circulated with Agenda)</p> <p>The East Midlands Trains (Direct Award) franchise has been extended by a further five months until July 2018. Consultation and the Invitation to Tender for the next franchise are expected to be issued in late summer. It is essential that the Partnership is clear about its aspirations for the next franchise, and AM has produced a draft document outlining some thoughts. This consists of a 1 page summary supported by a series of appendices detailing the aspirations.</p> <p>Comments received include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From NC at Peak Rail – Acknowledges input into and quality of the paper and the detailed wish list enforces the purpose for Community Rail Partnerships. • JS from EVR requests the inclusion of the role the line provides in serving the two heritage railways including the inclusion of Ecclesbourne Valley and Peak Rail trains in EMT’s timetable and through ticketing system. • KW Should regular calls at Spondon be sought? Should peak times for a half hourly service be listed?, Include electric car changing points at stations (Appendix 4)? Should we comment on service extension to Newark or could the service go somewhere else instead or just be Nottingham to Matlock? • Appendix3 should be made more specific. • GP said the Newark service should be included, and we should emphasise the financial value of the line to the Derwent Valley. • TN asked about doing surveys to value the contributions to the local economy. • CD suggested that Boxing Day services should be included. • CF said that we should specify what trains should call at Belper <p>IR invited any other comments to be sent to AM by the end of July.</p>	
20/16	<p>2017/17 Action Plan and Station Issues (circulated with Agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambergate Planting of Embankment Construction of a terraced sleeper bed using 60 sleepers is now complete and planting will take place on Thursday 16th June. This has been a massive project led by Matty Maternaghan Station Service Team member for the Derwent Valley Line, assisted by colleague Kevin Knight and on occasions by PM and AM. • Belper Station Parking Enforcement on Station Overbridge At the end of May parking enforcement was introduced on the station overbridge by London and Scottish Property Management Ltd on behalf of the site owners Tosca Midlands Ltd (a Jersey registered company). Vehicles have to display a permit to park in this area, otherwise a £100 parking fine can be issued. No one from the rail industry was aware of this happening and one of the Station Volunteers was issued with a parking fine at the end of May whilst working at the station, having not seen the enforcement signs. The volunteers have asked if they can apply for permits and raised issues for disabled people using station and area should be for deliveries, traders, pick up and drop off for station and volunteer gardeners – spaces could be designated accordingly. IR asked members to note this situation, the CRP will make representations to the Landlords. • Cromford Tree Management Permission for work was granted by Forestry Commission in March 2016, allowing felling over a five year period of 20 Sycamores and 2 Lawson Cypress 	AM/IR

	<p>trees. Network Rail's tree contractor has provided quotations for the different felling options which total approximately £10,000. AM has been successful in gaining grant funding of £6,000 from ACoRP for felling of Sycamore. It is hoped that Network Rail will fund the Cypress removal which are a safety issue and additional tree pruning around the platform and car park. Additionally DS and volunteers from DerwentWISE gained permission from Network Rail to fell Sycamores growing into a damaged wall at the station entrance. The DerwentWISE team spent two days felling these trees so that the wall could be rebuilt, which has now been done, part funded by a DerwentWISE grant. AM wished to thank DS and his volunteers for carrying out this work. IR thanked AM for taking this forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matlock Bath artwork and planting This has now been completed. Station volunteers have cut and dug out overgrown trees next to the station, and replanted shrubs to complement artwork installed on a new framework behind. • Whatstandwell footpath improvements AM and Rights of Way Officer are still pursuing footpath improvements and currently working with Street Lighting Dept. to find a suitable lighting option for the path. Use of low voltage lights used to illuminate road signs are being considered – it is likely 4 lamps will be required, and consultation will be carried out regarding this. AM would aim to submit this for Community Rail funding from ACoRP. • Promotional Map for Derby Station Waiting Room The panel has been completed and printed, but unfortunately suffered damage in transit. A higher quality replacement has been produced and delivered. This is awaiting installation at Derby Station. • Passenger Figures 6% increase in passengers in 2015/16 compared to 2014/15. Ambergate 7.3%, Belper 7.1%, Cromford 4.7%, Duffield 4.9%, Matlock 3.1%, Matlock Bath 11% and Whatstandwell -1.6%. KW noted that, in comparison, the national figure was 2.8%. • Derbyshire Train Timetable Booklet KW said that because of financial constraints, this year's booklet would be the last to be produced in printed form. Future issues would appear solely on the internet. 	
21/16	<p>Pentrich Revolution Information Panel for Ambergate Station (circulated with agenda) The meeting noted the proposal to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Pentrich Revolution, including the installation of a display panel at Ambergate Station. There were two recommendations in the paper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CRP to support the installation of a Dibond Panel for the Pentrich Revolution at Ambergate Station. This would be screwed to the fencing (subject to approval by East Midlands Trains). 2. CRP to see funding in the region of £500 from ACoRP Small Grants Funds towards the cost of the panel for Ambergate Station. This grant funding, or the majority of it would need to be provided to the Pentrich Revolution Group who are commissioning the work. The CRP could get the panel printed onto Dibond, as AM is familiar with doing this, and retain part of the 	

	<p>grant for this cost. Installation would be assisted by East Midlands Trains.</p> <p>These recommendations were ACCEPTED. (proposed CF, seconded MW).</p>	
22/16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matlock Bath Station Rail Crossing Network Rail are reviewing use of the rail crossing adjacent to station and have met with Heights of Abraham, who are very concerned about possible closure and impact on their business. CRP will write to Network Rail to express our concern over this. • Model of Whatstandwell Station AM reported that Crich Carr Primary School had a scale model of Whatstandwell Station. They have had this for some time, but as they no longer wish to retain it, they were asking for suggestions for a new home. Suggestions from the meeting included Famous Trains Model Railway in Markeaton Park, and the Midland Railway Trust. • Derbyshire Wayfarer CF raised the validity of Derbyshire Wayfarer tickets, which he had found were not now valid on TransPeak buses. KW said that this was a recent decision of High Peak Buses to withdraw from the scheme, as they believed they were not receiving a sufficient slice of the revenue. This applied to all High Peak services, apart from those which are operated under contract to DCC. (This includes the late evening and Sunday TransPeak services). 	AM/IR
23/16	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 12th September 2016, 13:30 at East Midlands Trains Academy, Derby • Monday 5 December 2016, 13:45 at County Hall Matlock (Derbyshire County Council Offices) 	