Alford Valley Community Railway Ltd – A Community Benefit Society (No 8486)

Minute of Annual General Meeting on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm

Present:	John Fincham (Director, Chair)		Karl Stevens (Director)
	Yvonne Buckingham (Director, Secretary)		Gloria Malcolm (Director, Treasurer)
	Carol Sinclair (Director)		Bob Humphrey (Director)
	Jan Bewick (Associate Board Member)		Jane Booth (Associate Board Member)
	Julia Coutts	Joan Gilbert-Stevens	Guy Bewick
	Harry Russell	Alan Emslie	Mary Ross
	Iain Burr	Ross Cooper	
Apologies:	Bob Heath (Director)	Margery Heath	David Coutts
	Tony Scott		

1 Welcome

Gloria Malcolm and John Fincham welcomed everyone to the AGM for AVCR.

2 Proxy Vote

Bob Heath had lodged a Proxy Vote and nominated Yvonne Buckingham to vote on his behalf.

2 Approval of Minute of Previous AGM

Proposed by Joan Gilbert-Stevens and Seconded by Carol Sinclair.

3 Trustees Report (John Fincham/Gloria Malcolm)

There is a new format for reporting this year which includes a finance report. The report was viewed on a screen for everyone to see and is attached to this Minute. No questions were asked and therefore the report was signed off.

4 Consideration of Accounts (Gloria Malcolm)

This report has been created in relation to the financial period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. The accounts have been independently verified by Gordon Gunn, Bridgeton Bookkeeping. The report was viewed on a screen for everyone to see and is attached to this Minute. No questions were asked and therefore the accounts were signed off.
The accounts will now be submitted to OSCR and HMRC (**Action: Gloria**)

5 Elections /Re-Elections

Under our Rules the maximum number of Directors is 12 and the minimum is 6.
Under the Rules, 2 Directors have to stand down, however they are eligible for Re-election. Neil Howie stood down earlier in the year therefore only one Director had to stand down. Yvonne Buckingham stood down.
Yvonne Buckingham – Carol Sinclair Proposed and Karl Stevens Seconded Yvonne's re-appointment.
John Fincham, Gloria Malcolm, Karl Stevens, Carol Sinclair, Bob Humphrey, Bob Heath all confirmed they happy to continue as Directors. No opposition was received to this.
Jan Bewick – confirmed she was happy to become a Director. Proposed by John Fincham and Seconded by Gloria Malcolm.
Jane Booth – confirmed she was happy to remain as an Associate Board Member.
Gloria asked if anyone else would like to consider being a Director – should any one wish to do so, they could attend a few Board Meetings prior to doing so or they could become an Associate Board Member first. Harry Russell, Alan Emslie and Ross Cooper agreed to come along to a few Board meetings to see what was all involved.

6 Amendment to Rule 9.2 and 113 and 113.1

Rule 9.2 – add the words 'Community of Interest'.
Reason for this is that people outwith the postcode AB33 who wished to be members could be and this Rule would now include them.
Proposed by Karl Stevens and Seconded by John Fincham.

Rules 113 and 113.1 The maximum number of directors shall be 16; outwith that number
113.1 no more than 12 shall be Community Directors.
Reason for this is that 8 is quite a constrained number – it is good to have a broad range of experience on the Board.
Change of Signatories: this will confirm the changes in the rules.
Proposed by Carol Sinclair and Seconded by Bob Humphrey

(Action: Yvonne to update Rules, Gloria to forward new Rules to OSCR).

7 Any Other Competent Business

John thanked everyone for their dedication, time and support for the Railway – it is greatly appreciated by the Board.
Comments by Tony reflected this too who thanked everyone including the Board.
Jan – looking back, you can see how far the railway has come in 12 months, it's amazing to see.
Harry – comradery is great and there's a lot good banter.
Alan – good for mental health, keeps folk going and is inclusive too.
Mary – railway has been a great help to her mental health.

8 Date and Time of Next Board Meeting

Immediately after AGM for Directors to elect Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

AGM closed at 8.20pm