

# **Railway Preservation Society of Ireland**

## **REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Carrickfergus Town Hall, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dr Joan Smyth chaired the meeting and 57 members were present.

### ***Apologies***

A.Boal, M.Devlin, A.Duggan, G.Ebrill, P.Emmett, C.Holliday, M.Holland, P.McCann, F.McDonnell, J.Teesdale, J.Williams.

### ***Minutes of the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021***

The minutes, previously circulated, were adopted on the proposal of J.Mckeown, seconded by R.Morton.

### ***Chairman's Report***

The report, previously circulated, was adopted on the proposal of J.Mckeown, seconded by P.Scott.

### ***Secretary's Report***

The report, previously circulated, was adopted on the proposal of P.Scott, seconded by M.Kennedy.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

The report, previously circulated, was adopted on the proposal of P.Scott, seconded by M.Kennedy.

### ***Appointment Of Auditors***

Finegan Gibson were appointed on the proposal of M.Bailey, seconded by J.Linehan.

### ***Reports Of Operations Officers***

The reports, previously circulated, were adopted on the proposal of P.Scott, seconded by M.Kennedy.

### ***Reports Of Locomotive And Carriage Officers***

The reports, previously circulated, were adopted on the proposal of P.Scott, seconded by M.Kennedy.

### ***Curatorial And Events Reports***

The reports, previously circulated, were adopted on the proposal of P.Scott, seconded by M.Kennedy.

### ***Election Of Board and Office Bearers***

The Chairman reported that nominations had been received for Chairman and Treasurer and that 10 nominations had been received for the 9 director posts.

J.O'Neill questioned the procedure for proxy voting. The Chairman explained that the Memorandum and Articles state that each member is entitled to a proxy vote. M.Bailey proposed

that the election of officers should be done by show of hands. The Chairman explained that the Ballot Act of 1866 enshrined the principle of secret ballots for the election of officers and the proposal did not find a seconder.

K.McShera and R.Kenny were appointed as tellers. The results of the election were as follows:

**Chairman:** Peter Rigney

**Directors:** Jonathan Clinton

Paul McCann

**Treasurer:** Mark Bailey

Mervyn Darragh

Joe McKeown

Martin Devlin

Jim O'Neill

Sue Harpur

Mark Walsh

Mark Kennedy

**External:** Dermot O'Hara

It was noted that the new procedure would see the Secretary and Vice-Chair appointed at the first meeting of the incoming Board.

### ***Any Other Business***

On a proposal from D.Mackie, seconded by K.McShera, a vote of confidence in the General Manager was carried.

N.Close asked about recruitment procedures for Whitehead staff. He was informed that the relevant employment law was complied with. R.Nugent queried this matter further and the Chairman invited her to put her queries in writing to him.

G.Rogers expressed concern that there were rumours regarding the future of the marshals at Whitehead. The Chairman stated that, while there might be changes to procedures, marshals were an integral part of the Society's operations.

The meeting stood as a mark of respect to members deceased during the year and to the late Queen.

***Signed:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Chairman*** ***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_