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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

The 11th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited
will be held at

Savoy Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY2 9SJ
on Saturday 16th May 2015, starting at 11.00 am
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

On foot from Blackpool North Railway station (25 minutes): Leave the station by the main entrance and take the walk up the slope going to the right by red brick wall (don't take the subway) bearing round to the left. Turn right onto High Street walk approx 400m then turn right onto Pleasant Street, walk approx 20m to the mini roundabout, take the first left onto Egerton Road. Egerton Road bears round to the left, follow this for approx 600m until the T junction with Carshalton Road where you turn left. Walk approx 20m then turn right onto Dickson Road. Follow this for approx 500m as it slowly curves to the left. You'll reach a large roundabout with the Gynn pub just before it on the right, take the second exit onto Queens Promenade and the Savoy Hotel is the large redbrick building on your right.

By tram: Sadly the tram is not yet direct from Blackpool North, its a little walk to the sea front to join it. Leave Blackpool North by the main entrance, take the subway under the road then turn left up the slope, turn right at the top onto Talbot Road. Follow this all the way to the seafront then turn right, where you will find the North Pier tram stop just on your left across the road. You need to get a tram just three stops to Gynn Square, where the hotel will be just across the road.

By bus. Follow the same route as the tram under the subway, walk down Talbot Road, turn right onto Dickson Road, the stop is about 100m along, outside 'Funny Girls,' they run about **every 10 minutes**, **Number 3** towards **Cleveleys Park** and **Number 4** towards **Cleveleys Centre**, ask for Gynn Gardens, the bus stops by the side of the hotel.

http://www.blackpooltransport.com/pdf/C193_Service_3-Nov.pdf

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Important Notice regarding Catering: If you require lunch at the AGM, you must book and pay for it in advance. The Society cannot afford to order (and pay for) extra lunches on the off-chance that delegates might want them on the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided free-of-charge during Registration (10.00-11.00). However, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to predict with any degree of accuracy the number likely to attend the AGM and thus how many servings of tea/coffee to order (and pay for). If you are planning to come, but are not booking lunch, please do take the trouble to either a) post the booking form, b) e-mail lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk or c) go to www.railfuture.org.uk/member to say you will be attending so that we can avoid over (or under) catering. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Ballot for election of Directors.

As there is only one nomination there will be no vote for Chairman. Voting papers for the election of directors accompany this notice. **Please note** that this year you may vote either electronically or by post. Please read the voting instructions carefully to ensure that your vote is valid.

Proxies

Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, upon a vote, vote on their behalf. A recommended form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company. Alternatively complete it at www.railfuture.org.uk/member.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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at **11.00am on Saturday 16th May 2015**

AGENDA

10.00-11.00 Registration (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

11.00 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by The Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Val Haynes
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speakers:
Stephen McFarlane, Head of Community and Stakeholder Engagement, HS2
**Second Speaker - To be confirmed

12.45 – 13.30 LUNCH (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome.
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 10th May 2014.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2014.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. To note the single nomination for Chairman and receive the results of the election for Directors.
10. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents.
11. Railfuture presentation
12. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.
13. Chairman – review of the meeting and looking forward to the year ahead.

By Order of the Board

Lloyd Butler, Company Secretary
24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND.
1st December 2014

AGM Motions

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to discuss and assess what we have done over the past twelve months. You may therefore comment on, or raise questions about, the reports submitted. If the question is a very detailed one, it would be best to submit it in advance, in writing.

The AGM is also an occasion to look ahead and guide us all in our campaigning over the coming year. This is one reason why motions are submitted. Motions for discussion must be sent to the Company Secretary at 24 Chedworth Place, Tattlingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2ND to arrive by May 3rd, with the signature of proposer and seconder. They should be posted in typed format or emailed to lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk. For legal reasons motions sent to a different recipient cannot be considered.

Amendments to motions should be sent in writing or by email, with proposer's and seconder's name, before the day of the meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, further written amendments may be accepted by 12.30 on the day. You should also check the policy folders on our website, which set out our existing policies.

The Chairman has the right to send, before the meeting, copies of any motion(s) to any Branch, Directorate, Group or officer whose work it may affect. This is purely to ensure well-informed discussion at the meeting.

Motions on local issues should normally be debated at Branch AGMs but may also, in exceptional cases, be put to the National AGM. Emergency motions may be put to the meeting at the Chairman's discretion.

Motions should be CONCISE (preferably not more than 100 words). A motion will only be considered if the proposer or seconder attends the AGM in person to speak on them and/or answer questions. Motions without a seconder will not be accepted. Any member proposing two or more motions must indicate order of priority (motions other than his/her first one will only be put if time allows).

Specialist Directorates/Groups, etc.

These are currently:

- Policy Directorate
 - High Speed Rail team
 - Rail Industry Finance team
 - Research & Intelligence team
- Passenger Group
 - Cycling issues team
 - Disability issues team
 - Rolling Stock panel
- Freight Group
- Infrastructure & Networks Group
- International Group
- Finance and Corporate Governance Directorate
- Railwatch* Editorial Group
- Media, Marketing and Communications Group

Any member interested in serving on any of these Directorates/Groups should write to the Chairman (address above) as soon as possible; he will then put their name to the incoming Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM.

Railfuture's Mission Statement

To be the number one advocate for the railway and rail users.

AGM BOOKING FORM

Savoy Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY2 9SJ
on Saturday 16th May 2015, starting at 11.00 a.m.

You can complete this form online at www.railfuture.org.uk/member, entering your membership number and PIN (found on the inside of the Railwatch cover sheet) or by completing the form below and posting it.

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETION)

If you are coming to the AGM, or wish to send your apologies, please complete this form
IN CAPITALS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

- I will be coming to the AGM in Blackpool on Saturday 16th May 2015
 I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £9.50 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the **full** draft 2014 AGM Minutes (please enclose a)
 Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting (large letter/A4 envelope with)
(a minimum of a 69p stamp)

- Please email me a copy of the **full** version draft 2014 AGM Minutes
 Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the *edited* public version of the draft 2014 AGM Minutes are also available for download from the Railfuture website www.railfuture.org.uk/dlxxx Copies of the **full** version are only available to RDS members by post or email – see above.

Electronic booking:

Lunch can be booked via the Railfuture website at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences/#book>.
Apologies and other AGM notifications may be emailed to the Company Secretary at lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk.

Postal booking: Please return this form (with cheque, payable to 'Railfuture', where appropriate):

by WEDNESDAY 6th MAY 2015 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

Lloyd Butler (Railfuture AGM)
24 Chedworth Place
Tattingstone
Suffolk
IP9 2ND