

# **K&ESR Annual General Meeting 2023**

## **Programme of Events**

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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| 10.00         | Access available into Saint Midred's Church, Tenterden             |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Tenterden Railway Company Limited AGM                              |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Colonel Stephens Railway Enterprises Limited AGM                   |
| 11.30 - 12.00 | Robertsbridge 20 20 Ltd AGM  |
| 12.00 -12.30  | 6619 Limited AGM   |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | LUNCH BREAK  |
| 13.30 – 16.00 | K&ESR AGM  |
| 17.00         | Church to be vacated followed by Bonfire and Fireworks from 5.30pm |

## **K&ESR AGM RUNNING ORDER**

- 1 Open Meeting, welcome attendees, safety notices
- 2 Introduce Board Members.
- 3 Agenda Item 1 – Approval of 51st AGM Minutes (12<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

Agenda Item 2 – Receipt and Adoption of Accounts

Agenda Item 3 – Appointment of Auditors

Agenda Item 4 – Re- election of Directors (counting of votes takes place while remaining items are dealt with – no other nominations have been received)

Agenda Item 5 - Chairman's Report.

Agenda Item 6 – Safety Directors Report

Agenda Item 7 – General Managers Report

Agenda Item 8 – Volunteering Committee Report

Agenda Item 9 – Sustainability Committee Report

*Announcement of the election result*

Agenda Item 10 – Any pre-notified formal business

Agenda Item 11 – Members Q&A

Agenda Item 12 – Any Other Business

## **Election Statement from Mr. Geoffrey Crouch who is offering himself for re-election**

I am married with two children and a granddaughter and have run my own retail business since 1989.

I am also a Sub Postmaster and went through the trials and tribulations of the Horizon Scandal.

I have been a member for over 25 years, P. Way manager for a little under a decade and a director for 10 years. For the last 6 years I have been Finance Director guiding the Railway through some tough times. I have around me a solid Team with a great deal of expertise. It has, at times, been a job, not a hobby, but I am happy to give the necessary time to ensure we get through the roughest of times.

If re-elected, I will continue to defend the interests of the K&ESR, financial and other, to the best of my ability.

## **Election Statement from Mr Ian Campbel Legg DipM MCIM who is offering himself for re-election**

I'm 61 years old and a long standing, and still active, volunteer on the railway doing many roles – from Santa Sleigh Driver to Pullman washing up via Controller, Guard and Signalman. My professional career is in marketing, income analysis, product development, fares and retail systems strategies, and I now act as a consultant in these areas in the rail industry. I'm a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

The contribution I hope to continue to make as a board member is in the commercial and strategic development of the Railway. My work experience that I can bring to the Railway is in understanding the developments needed to meet market needs and the analysis of income performance. My long experience of railways in general, and the KESR as a volunteer in the operating department, means I can also help develop the Railway's Robertsbridge challenge. As a member of the finance committee I am take a close interest in generating cash surpluses to fund investment.

## **Election Statement from Mr. Simon Marsh who is offering himself for re-election**

I have been a K&ESR trustee and director for six years, and chairman for five of them. During that time, we have survived Covid and a major economic downturn, and we are well on the way to positioning ourselves as a major tourist attraction which can hold our head up in the modern world and play our part in the local community, all the while not losing our heritage and distinctiveness.

Looking to the future, it is clear that much remains to be done if we are to continue our journey and make the most of the Robertsbridge extension. Our current business model is no longer fit for purpose, and we need to continue to change.

We are never going to have enough resource to do everything that we want to do, and we must accept that. There are big calls to be made, and balances to be struck.

I can continue to play a leading part in this. My style is to encourage and empower people to play to their strengths and work together as part of a team. I prefer evidence rather than opinions. I do not seek to second-guess. I consider that the expert managers and others should run the Railway on a day-to-day basis, and that the Board should set the overall strategy and provide support and challenge. I believe that we are a complex family and that relationships matter. We all have something to offer and each of us has a different motivation and brings something different to our Railway. And that's fine.

I am now 66 years old, and I have been a member and volunteer from my very early teens. In my previous life I was a senior civil servant, mostly in the Northern Ireland Office, and I am currently working part time on strategy within the Church of England.

I have no personal agenda, other than to contribute to the success and wellbeing of our Railway.