



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 22 July 2023, at 17:00

Main Shed, Lionheart Station, Alnwick, NE66 2EZ

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Appointment of Independent Examiner
5. Election of Trustees

Whilst votes are being counted, there will be a presentation seeking members views of the alternate proposals for a station adjacent to Alnmouth mainline station.

6. Board proposal that Stephen Wood be granted Patron Membership due to his long-standing and continuing commitment to the Aln Valley Railway
7. Motions put forward
 - a) Planning to get to Alnmouth.
See below.
 - b) Greenrigg to Alnmouth
See overleaf.
8. Any Other Competent Business.

Notes

Voting slips will only be issued to those Members of the Trust who have fully paid their increased 2023 subscriptions by 14 July 2023.

AGM MOTIONS

a) **PLANNING TO GET TO ALNMOUTH**

That the Board publish their plan for reaching Alnmouth, listing the issues to be faced and their proposals to address them, with a timescale.

Proposed by: L.W. Robson

Seconded by: D.J. Rixon

Motions continued overleaf.

AGM MOTIONS – continued

b) GREENRIGG TO ALNMOUTH

Background: In 2019, the AVR completed the first half of the line from Lionheart Station to Alnmouth Station with a halt at Greenrigg. This was officially opened by The Duke of Gloucester on 13th June 2023. Running parallel to the railway track, a Greenway (footpath/cycleway) was also completed in 2019, and this has proved very popular with residents of Alnwick, Lesbury and Alnmouth, as well as visitors to the area.

The long-term aim of the Aln Valley Railway is the completion of the line from Greenrigg Halt to Alnmouth Station, including the provision of a Greenway providing a link between the town and the coast. However, the costs of this project will be significant, and the time required to complete the work is likely to be more than 5 years. In view of this, the Longhoughton and Lesbury Greenway Group propose the Greenway is constructed in advance of the railway line.

There are several reasons for this

- It is currently extremely dangerous to walk or cycle along the A1068 to Alnwick. However, unwary visitors are often seen attempting this. The route along the road from Alnmouth Station to the Greenrigg turn is also dangerous for walkers and cyclists. The Greenway would provide a safe and direct route from Alnmouth Station to Alnwick.
- The Greenway would greatly increase the opportunities for leisure and exercise.
- The Greenway would provide a benefit to AVR volunteers, as they would have ready access to the track, and this would facilitate the development of the line to Alnmouth.
- When complete, the Greenway would provide an ideal surface for preparing the trackbed to Alnmouth.
- The Greenway is supported by policies in the Lesbury Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Northumberland Local Plan.
- The cost of constructing the Greenway would be a small fraction of the cost of completing the line and station at Alnmouth and can be undertaken without any cost to the AVR.

The Proposal: We request the agreement and support of the Aln Valley Railway to proceed with the development of the Greenway from Alnmouth Station to Greenrigg Halt.

Proposed by: Tom Allen

Seconded by: William Stafford