Friends Board meeting 12.06.26. Ribblehead Visitor Centre and online

Decisions, Actions and key discussions

In attendance.	Allison Cosgrove (AC) Chair
	Jon Tomlinson (JTo) Vice Chair
	Damian Smith (DT) Treasurer
	Jill Tiernan (JTi)
	Iain Gould (IG)
	James O'Ryan (JO'R) Secretary
Apologies	Chris Gee (GC),
	Mark Chung (MC)
	Richard Morris (RM)
	Pete Myers (PM)

Also in attendance, Trevor Huntington (TS) Health and Safety, Anna Jackson (AJ) Commercial Manager

Conflicts. JTo and AC also members of the Trust.

Action DS to share form for conflicts of interest to inform a standing register.

4. Minutes of 13.03.26 agreed. No actions arising noted.

5. Minutes of AGM agreed

6. JTi and AJ discussed upcoming events to mark S&C 150. The media approach taken by Dev Co was discussed. Disappointment that this wasn't more collaborative was expressed by the Board.

7. IG discussed interactions with Dev Co about further collaboration. It is apparent that the Trust and Friends are ready to align more closely, but not so Dev Co. The Board discussed the challenges and opportunities but agreed that closer collaboration was very desirable.

There are matters at the Trust which are of concern. The Board expressed gratitude for the update on the Trust and noted that it will monitor next steps.

The board moved onto item 15, Settle Carlisle Family. JT spoke to the paper shared with the Board. He emphasised the need for openness and a true consultation on the future. He drew attention to paras 19 to 22 of the paper and said that the Board would need to remain actively involved.

Decision. The Board agreed the paper as the way forward.

DS spoke to the finance report. The Finance report agreed. The Board agreed the proposal to move the operation of Friends Dent Station to the Property Co but that assets currently owned remain property of Friends.

Two RFFs agreed outside the meeting were formally adopted. These were

a) The funding of the On Train Guide leaflet. T
b) The Footsteps in Time request, with the caveat that future requests must comply with the Brand Guidelines and agreed through the Comms Team. The Board's gratitude to the FiT was also noted.

Health and Safety Policy. This paper was held over, and the secretary will contact board members to decide on a suitable date to discuss the future strategy.

Nominations to Settle Carlisle Trust. Jon Tomlinson. Paper. Agreed

Determining the role of Friends. Richard Morris. Paper attached. This paper will be considered as part of the future of settle Carlisle family item

The Settle Carlisle Family. Jon Tomlinson spoke to the paper which was welcomed by the Board. Agreed

Board Guideline. Jon Tomilinson spike to the paper which was discussed. Agreed

Gift Policy. Paper Jon Tomlinson. Agreed

Decision log. Jon Tomlinson noted the paper and undertook to maintain a master log going forward. Agreed

JTi spoke to the Volunteer report which the Board discussed along with some feedback which had been received from individuals. Discussion on the Friends approach to coach parties following recent challenges, took place.

Decision. Note to DevCO that all future coaches must drop off and pick up at the Sidings, due to safely concerns. Request that Northern prohibit coaches accessing the station carpark due to safety concerns associated with the lack of space.

Summary of Actions

1. The H&S report was discussed. TH to provide copies of the last 3 years of H&S Sub Committee minutes in his next update.

2. Secretary to canvas Board members to agree a Board seminar exclusively on Health and Safety.

3. Action DS to share form for conflicts of interest to inform a standing register.

4. Note to DevCO that all future coaches must drop off and pick up at the Sidings, due to safely concerns.

5. Request that Northern prohibit coaches accessing the station carpark due to safety concerns associated with the lack of space.

6. DS to share form for conflicts of interest to inform a standing register.

Summary of Decisions

1. The Friends will no longer undertake activities which are part of the CRP function.

2. RM's paper 'Determining the role of Friends' will be considered as part of the 'A Route Ahead' Paper.
3. Updated Board Guidelines paper agreed
4. Updated Gifts Policy agreed
5. 2025 Board decisions agreed.
6. Data management paper agreed.
7. RFF on the funding of the On Train Guide leaflet.
8. RFF on the Footsteps in Time request, with the caveat that future requests must comply with the Brand Guidelines and agreed through the Comms Team. The Board's gratitude to the FiT was also noted.