



Restoring 2304 to full working order

ELECTRIC MULTIPLE UNIT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Issue 1 dated 1st December 2019 (revised June 2022)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The EMU Preservation Society (hereinafter EMUPS) is a society dedicated to educating the general public in matters relating to Electric Multiple Unit traction in South England, insofar as is possible by means of securing, restoring, maintaining, and where possible displaying and operating for use by the general public, Electrical Multiple Units and locomotives*, generally, but not exclusively of type referred to as Class 411/412 (previously referred to as Class 4-Cep & 4-BEP units).
*[Note1] [*Note1a] applies.*
- 1.2 The Purpose of EMUPS and this constitution shall be defined and amended as required, only by means of Extraordinary General Meeting as described below.
[Note3]

2 MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership of EMUPS shall be open to all persons committed to the purpose of EMUPS, and whose annual subscriptions have been paid.*[note 2]*
- 2.2 The fee for membership annual subscription will be decided by the Committee from time to time.
- 2.3 Application for membership will be made on the Group's application form. Applications submitted for membership will be considered by the Committee, whose decision will be final.

3 THE COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Management of EMUPS will be exercised by a Committee, constituted as described in paragraph 4.4
- 3.2 The Committee of EMUPS shall have full authority to act on behalf of EMUPS as a whole. The Committee shall have authority to hold meetings, seminars, publish newsletters and other material and carry out any other activity in pursuit of the purpose of EMUPS. The Committee, in so doing, shall have authority to act in co-operation with other bodies and sources with similar aims.
- 3.3 The Committee shall meet as required. A quorum shall consist of four members, two of which must be Chairman or Honorary Officers. Members of the Committee shall be given at least one week's notice of the intended date of the meeting, by the Hon. Secretary. Committee meetings may be conducted in person, or by electronic means where convenient, and subject to the Committee's previous agreement, for which an appropriate internet platform may be instigated.

- 3.4 At Committee meetings, each Committee member shall have one vote per corporate member. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 3.5 The Committee shall have authority to nominate any member to represent EMUPS on the representative bodies of other organisations.
- 3.6 The Committee shall be empowered to introduce, from time to time, RULES, in order to govern the conduct of EMUPS. It will disseminate copies of these rules to the membership generally by electronic means, or by hard copy where electronic distribution is impractical. The Honorary Secretary will keep a permanent record of these rules, and maintain copies for inspection by members as required.

4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 4.1 Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) shall be convened by the Committee and shall be open to all paid up members.
- 4.2 An AGM shall be called in each calendar year. Notice of every AGM and EGM shall be given to all members, by the Hon Secretary at least twenty one days prior to the date thereof. In consideration of the wide geographical distribution of members, and availability of electronic communication Virtual AGMs and Virtual EGMs may be accepted in lieu of conventional meetings, at the discretion of the committee, and having full regard for the views of all members without the facilities to conduct e-mail correspondence.
- 4.3 A quorum at an AGM or EGM shall be four paid up members
- 4.4 At the AGM the members present shall:
 - (a) elect individuals from among the membership, a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to five paid-up members, whose term of office will extend to next AGM.
 - (b) Also, an auditor will be elected (who may be lay or professional) to subject EMUPS's accounts to examination or audit.
- 4.5 Each paid up member may attend an AGM, EGM or any other meeting of EMUPS. In the absence of the Chairman, a Chairman will be elected for the meeting from those present.
- 4.6 Each paid up member shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have an additional casting vote. Proxy votes must be received in writing, or via e-mail, by Hon-Secretary at least twenty four hours before the date on which the meeting is proposed. Voting may not take place on any item or matter not placed on the agenda of the meeting.

5 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 5.1 EMUPS shall have authority to operate a bank account(s) in the name "EMU Preservation Society" or, for simplicity, EMUPS. The account cheque book shall remain in the custody of the Hon-Treasurer.
- 5.2 Payments of all membership subscriptions and any other income shall be made into the account.
- 5.3 The Committee, via its officers, shall have authority to make payments from the account for any purpose appropriate to the purpose of EMUPS. Cheques shall require any two signatures from among the Hon-Treasurer, Chairman, Hon-Secretary or Operations Officer. Online banking will be dealt with by the Hon-Treasurer or other Officers as required.

6 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 6.1 In voting on amendments to the constitution each paid up member shall have one vote. Proposals for amendments to the constitution shall be delivered to the Hon.Secretary of EMUPS. Upon receiving a request for an Extraordinary General Meeting the Secretary shall call the Extraordinary General Meeting giving not less than 21 days notice. The business of the Extraordinary General Meeting or motions to be discussed at the Extraordinary General Meeting will be laid before the Hon.Secretary of EMUPS at the same time that a request for an Extraordinary General Meeting is made.

7 DISSOLUTION

- 7.1 In the event of the failure or cessation of EMUPS, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of the debts and liabilities, including formal loans provided by members/officers, of EMUPS shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members but shall be given to such other charitable institution, or such other formally constituted body having objects similar to those of EMUPS as the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall decide.

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Note 1 *It is acknowledged that EMUPS will be responsible for care, maintenance and operation of formally 3-CEP unit 1198, now reverted to previous identity of class 412 4-BEP 2304 consisting of at cars 61736, 70573, 69345 and 61737. It is further acknowledged that this unit is owned by others, each of whom own equal proportions of all vehicles, which must not be separated or sold individually.*

As from 20-06-2020 the unit is to appear in Blue and Grey Livery on a rolling programme of refurbishment of the exterior, and revert to its previous unit number of 2304 and in future will be known as 4-BEP class 412 including arrival of buffet car as and when available. The management of the coaches are the responsibility of the owning group.

Note 1a *Locomotive – for use in propelling/hauling electric units in multiple.*

Note 2 *Normally set by committee prior to AGM, and recommended and accepted by AGM.*

Note 3 *the constitution is the top level document and only a full meeting can decide any changes - the committee cannot, by itself, change the constitution*

The normal agenda for meetings is:

*Apologies for absence
Minutes of the last meeting (to be voted)
Chairman's Address (his view of future direction)
Hon.Sec's report (report on previous year's activities - to be accepted by meeting by vote)
Hon. Treasurer's report (report of accounts, including comments by auditor - to be adopted by meeting by vote)
Election of officers and committee members
Election of auditor
Other business communicated to the HonSec at least 24hrs before the meeting is called (and therefore eight days before the meeting).
Date of next meeting.
Close*

Rule Book : Rules will be needed to protect the constitution, protect the group in case of unexpected departure of its officers, conduct of virtual meetings, verification of electronic signatures, and any other business that could directly affect the operation of EMUPS.

Ownership of Coaches of 4-BEP 2304 (Formally known as 1198 3-CEP)

All coaches of 4-BEP Class 412 No: (41)2304 are equally owned by each member of the management group

Driving Motor Second Open (a) 61736 (AKA DMSa)

Trailer brake Composite 70573

Trailer Buffet (Second) 69345

Driving Motor Second Open (b) 61737 (AKA DMSb)

Christopher Newbury – Chairman of EMUPS

Philip Roy - Officer of EMUPS

Robert Burch - Officer of EMUPS

Paul Pickup - Officer of EMUPS

The Identity of the unit has simply been changed to its former number and class as released from Swindon under the British Rail refurbishment scheme during 1983. The original coaches have not been changed although the buffet car is installed from a different unit no: 2305.

Subsequent numbers included:

2314 as a 4-CEP unit

1198 as a 3-CEP – known as Linda the Lymington Flyer – formally named in 2015

2304 will continue to display its named identity.

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