

DEESIDE RAILWAY COMPANY

Minutes of Meeting July 19th 2017

Present	Keith Robertson (Chair), David Allan, Bob Kelley, Jeff Rogers, Iain Taylor and Chris Milburn.	Action
Approval Of Previous Minutes	Proposed by DA and seconded by BK	
Resignation	Jeff Rogers handed in a letter of resignation which was accepted. He was thanked for all his work over the past year. His duties will be redistributed amongst other Directors. He then left the meeting.	
Health and Safety	Several incidents were logged involving unauthorised use of forklifts by one volunteer. The forklift locks have been changed and the three authorised users have been issued with new keys. There is a delay with railway critical crew medicals. It is deemed that only one guard is needed for most trains	KR CM IT
SMS	KR emphasised that a plaque is needed near the signing in book to remind volunteers of their responsibilities under SMS guidelines. He suggests an extra column for volunteers to record the recognition of their responsibility.	KR BK
Training	BK now has sole responsibility for Induction and PTS Courses.	
Financial	The situation remains healthy with passenger numbers and takings up on 2016. Steam tasters are sold out until end of year and cream teas are very popular and may warrant a method statement study. Santa services bookings will start online on 1 st September.	
Temporary Platform	This is proceeding well under leadership of Bill Halliday. Six trees need to be felled to clear the ground and the tanks need to be sandblasted before painting.	
Carriage and Wagon	Birkhall carriage brakes are dragging and need attention as do brakes on tube wagon. The generator will be removed from brake van. Long term planning of coach need is a priority as at the moment we can operate most of the year with two.	DA
Locos	The stay of Bon Accord at Beamish may need to be extended.	
Permanent Way	A recent visit to the layby has revealed that some of the recent track laying is not up to quality or design and some renovations will be needed.	
Infrastructure	The Estate has had a water meter installed for railway so charging may increase. We need a new notice board to be placed right of entrance gate.	KR
AOCB.	1. Discussion is going on with a building company about possible sponsorship. 2. The Prince's Trust are eager for us to get more involved with the local group. 3. An opera group is keen to charter a train in November. 4. Brown signs are still being pursued and assessment visit will be arranged.	CM KR

Next DRC Meeting Wed 23rd August