

Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the of RDRPS held at Crathes Hall on 18 November 2017 at 2pm

Welcome from the Chairman following a delay due to members wishing to speak before the meeting commenced

Apologies	Chris Milburn, Malcolm Neal, Angie Neal, W Glennie, Peter Cromack	
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes from the previous meeting were read and proposed by Richard Cinderey seconded by Craig Watt.	
Chairman's report	<p>Welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for attending. The Royal visit in April was a welcome to the railway in many ways. The Duke of Rothsey attended the station to open the refurbished carriage and named it Birkhall. He met with some of the volunteers and enjoyed the opportunity to assist with driving the steam engine on the line. His visit gave the railway much welcome publicity. Thanks were given to Bill Halliday for his involvement with his team, in the refurbishment. Thanks also given to Harvey Pole and his team for the work done on the Brake Van. Lowmac not refurbished, painted and back in service. Picnic Saloon off site work progressing. Once complete it will be regarded as an asset to the Society, due May 2018. Tree felling complete at level crossing and layby, land owner agreement for disposal of timber, giving more emphasis to going forward moving west. Containers being used are now upgraded, decking under construction to hold containers.</p> <p>Thank you for the dedication of all volunteers.</p>	
Treasurer's report	<p>Treasurer not present however copies of the accounts were made available. Discussion followed regarding points in the accounts. David Fleming raised question of expenditure, reply will be sent. Keith Robertson asked about expenditure for tools and equipment. The incumbent Treasurer will no longer hold the position which is due to end at this AGM. Once a new Treasurer is appointed the accounts will be presented in a clearer format.</p> <p>Accounts proposed Frank Grant seconded Keith Robertson</p>	

Questions from the floor

David Fleming asked about a member. There was a meeting held in July 2016, regarding misappropriation of funds. The committee made the decision to suspend the member requesting he submitted evidence to disprove the allegation. He was given 14 days however no further evidence was submitted, the decision to suspend was held. The funds were then refunded to the Society, no further loss. In accordance with Police Scotland, a crime was committed but the matter will go no further. Peter Thomson asked what evidence was held and would the committee raise a complaint to the Police. The situation has now escalated to outside organisations. The new committee will decide on actions to take. Peter Mearns asked why the evidence was not issued. Peter Thomson asked what liability does society put themselves in by the decisions made. No formal complaint made as yet. The statements made put the society at risk.

John Lucas asked what happened to the BEMU. Jeff Rodgers did some work then resigned. Keith Robertson answered stating the costing report not available yet.

Paul Gunning asked what plan is in place for the level crossing. KR responded, we are working towards opening March 2018.

Mark Craigie asked what happens beyond layby? We go to the Bridge of Bennie and build a pedestrian bridge. What about level crossing? KR responded to say we are investigating unmanned, auto or barrier operation.

Proposals –

1. James West proposed by Rachel Mather, seconded by Paul Gunning, as Secretary, **votes in favour carried**

Treasurer – no proposal, David Fleming asked can committee appoint authority to a trustee to act as Treasurer. Bob Clark asked if that person would be a member? Vice Chairman David Pearson agreed to take on the role, **votes in favour carried**

2. That the Constitution of the RDRPS is amended to include the request that members follow the RDRPS Code of Conduct or membership may be withdrawn. Proposed by James West seconded by R Cinderley **votes in favour carried**

3. The RDRPS formally adopts the proposed Code of Conduct and elected officers bear responsibility for reviewing. Proposed by J West seconded by R Cinderley **Votes in favour carried**

4. Any member of RDRPS who acts as director of DRC signs statement to ensure HRA code upheld. **Not voted not RDRPS**

5. To protect RDRPS the chairman should ensure safe systems of work developed by DRC. **Not voted not RDRPS**

6. The minutes of meetings and AGM are posted on website within 30 days. Proposed by Peter Thompson, seconded by David Smith **votes in favour carried**

7. Member of RDRPS committee to act as Co-ordinator for extending the railway west. Proposed by Peter Thompson, seconded by David Smith. **Motion voted down**

8. The Articles of Association will be amended to allow RDRPS members to be automatically members of DRC Proposed by Peter Thomson seconded by Charles Brown, Peter Mearns, David Leslie, Eric Pashley, Phil Whyte and Gordon Simpson. **Motion voted down**

9. RDRPS Constitution amended to have Trustees appointed at AGM. The status of RDRPS continues as charity. Discussion followed regarding OSCR website, returns and to clarify looking at SCIO last year by joining two groups. **NO vote taken.** MK suggested a working group to look at all options, proposed by Martin Knowles seconded by John Lucas. James

Election of Office Bearers	<p>No one nominated as Treasurer, James West elected as Secretary</p> <p>No other nominations made</p>	
AOCB	<p>Appealed to all attendees to consider volunteering for the Santa Season. We have double passengers and half volunteers, please give your name as a Santa Season volunteer.</p>	
	<p>The Chairman asked if there was any other business, no response.</p> <p>All attendees were thanked The meeting closed at 3.45pm</p>	