

DEESIDE RAILWAY COMPANY

Minutes of Board Meeting August 24th 2016

Present	DRC Directors- Keith Robertson (Chair), Iain Taylor, David Allan, Bob Kelley, Jeff Rogers and Chris Milburn.	Action
Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of July 13 th were approved by JR and seconded by DA.	
Health and Safety	No reported incidents	
Finance	RDRPS has agreed to buy a side loader for £4.5k and DRC will help with a short term loan.	KR
Training	<p>Timetable for training courses will be initially every 4-6 weeks for 1.5 hrs approx until complete. Induction Course for new volunteers will be run by JR. PTS Course, including refresher for all, will be run by BK.</p> <p>The starting date is hoped to be at end September with a maximum of 8 candidates per day.</p> <p>A revision Duty Officer seminar for DRC Directors was given this evening by IT.</p>	<p>JR BK</p> <p>IT</p>
Safety Management System	This important subject will be further discussed at a combined meeting with RDRPS and eventually put on website. Level crossing will be discussed at next DRC meeting	BK
Permanent Way	Maintenance of the existing track takes priority over laying new track and work will start in Autumn. Needs have been identified.	CM
Temporary Platform	Planning permission will be submitted to Aberdeen Council soon. The Estate approves subject to some shrub planting to screen and soften the platform appearance.	CM
Train Operations	A meeting with the Transport Museum has clarified and confirmed the locos future and its loan to Beamish Museum. Salmon will run steam services in 2017	KR
Catering	There has been some disquiet from the Milton Restaurant about us providing cream teas monthly on the trains. A meeting with the manager will be held to discuss.	<p>BK JR</p>
Toilets	The need for more toilet facilities will be looked into with a proposal to convert part of the old Bothy into two toilets.	<p>JR CM</p>
Santa Planning	Santa advertising budget was set and special flyers and banners will be obtained. Booking starts online on Sept 1 st .	
AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new volunteer Helen Swan has offered to help with paperwork and she will initially work on a briefing document. 2. JR attended a local tourism conference and was much enthused with proposals for more cruise ship visits in future years. 3. Frank Grant will liase with GNSRA in planning the Deeside Railway input into the rebuilt Ballater Station. 4. There will be no change in the charter rates for 2017 and the "IT is On" voucher scheme has again been a great success. 5. We already have 10 Shearings and 2 steam charters booked for 2017. 	

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Next meeting Wed 28th September