

# DEESIDE RAILWAY COMPANY

Minutes of Board Meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

Present	DRC Directors- Keith Robertson (Chair), Iain Taylor, David Allan, Bob Kelley, Jeff Rogers and Chris Milburn.	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Proposed by JR and seconded by DA.	
Health and Safety	New keys have been issued for the Sanderson forklift to the three authorised drivers. New site keys are being issued to all keyholders. Medical reviews will be arranged for those needing them in near future.	CM
Finance	This is in a healthy state with takings up on April last year by 60% and passenger numbers are also steeply up. This is partially due to the Itison promotions and good advertising.	
Safety Management System	This is in under review and various helpful comments and suggestions have been made.	BK
Training	PTS Course still has to be run.	BK/JR
Carriage and Wagon	Brake wagon and Tube wagon are still under restoration. Mark 2 coach Birkhall and a very successful royal opening but is awaiting new door pins before it can be put into public service.	
Locos	Salmon has had the blower pipe repaired and is performing well.. Bon Accord is doing reliable and remunerative work at Beamish Museum pulling regular trains.	
Permanent Way	The layby loop construction is progressing very slowly and JR will investigate. Complaints have also been received about the untidy state of the layby. A meeting will be arranged with RDRPS. Birkenbaud level crossing methodology is still being investigated. The digging of a drain beyond Bridge of Bennie to prevent flooding of the footpath is being arranged.	JR BK/CM CM
Infrastructure	There is urgent need for the Temporary Platform to be built to offset tax costs next year. Tree cutting will be done by Estate to clear the site.	
Events	Planning for Victorian weekend is advanced and will include Punch and Judy, magician, tombola and perhaps a traction engine and saw bench. Air cadets will again be asked to help. Advance booking is now possible for all cream tea events and Father's Day steam tasters. A Wild West show will be booked for later in the year.	
Catering	Thanks were again given to the dedicated catering team. A signing in book will be placed in the Buffet Car for all staff to formally sign in for catering duty.	IT

Next meetings – Joint RDRPS/DRC Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Milton  
DRC meeting Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June 7pm Altens

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AOCB.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Water supply was disrupted recently by building work at a tenanted cottage at Milton. KR will consult with the Estate to prevent this again.</li><li>2. Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of the Aberdeen Joint Station is in November and we may mount a display.</li><li>3. Our railway was recently featured on a Radio Scotland programme “Out of Doors” and JR contributed.</li><li>4. Plans for 2018 may include an all day free “Community Day” and a “Book Bug Day.”</li></ol>	KR CM
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