

WEARDALE RAILWAY TRUST

Minutes of the management committee meeting held in Bishop Auckland Station on Tuesday 11th November 2008

The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Those present

Ian Gardner - Chair
Dr Mike Wood – Vice Chair
Trevor Hewitt – Treasurer
John Askwith
Brian Cox
Dave Foxtton
Kevin Hillary
Frank Holmes
Graham Lord
Steve Raine
Graham Richardson
Julian Shepherd
Dave Scott
James Lynn – Secretary

1 Apologises for absence

Dave Million, Gerry Mudd, Arthur Temple

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the 14th October 2008 meeting were held over for discussion at the next Trust Council meeting after the AGM.

3 Matters arising from the last meeting

None

4 Identify other business.

None

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman (Ian Gardner) gave a short oral report. He expressed his thanks for all the support he received over the past 2 years. The Directors thanked Ian for all his efforts.

6 Treasurer's report

Trevor commented on his report he had previously emailed out. This month's income was £630 in addition there was a grant receipt of £1469 for training volunteers. Expenditure was £7800 with £6000 spent on Number 40 and Gala costs of £1500 (this event broke even). The Directors discussed the location of the Gala evening. The Directors thanked Trevor for all his hard work on behalf of the Trust

The Directors approved the Treasurers report.

Proposed: Kevin Hillary
Seconded: Brian Cox

7 Secretary's report

No report was presented.

AGM – The Secretary reviewed the Trustees report and accounts and the Directors approved the motion that the accounts be adopted by the members at the AGM. The Treasurer and Chairman signed a copy of the accounts.

The Directors reviewed the AGM agenda and agreed on nominated Directors to respond to issues that may be raised by the members (including giving an update on Number 40 – Gerry Mudd)

Election of Directors – The final ballot paper was approved by the Directors.

8 Number 40

Gerry Mudd reported that the rebuild program was approx 1 week behind schedule. 2 volunteers are working on Number 40 and the scheduled completion is spring 2009. All bills have been paid and £2000 is being held in contingency for unforeseen problems. The Treasurer noted that a loan (from a Director) will still need to be paid off amounting to £11,500.

Weardale Railways CIC Reports

9a/9b Report from the Company Board meetings/ Report from Management Group meetings (Trust representatives)

Steve Raine reported that the Land Registry had reported back that 54 parcels of land had been registered by other parties but none were show stoppers.

The Class 25 and 73 diesels are to be removed shortly

9c Report from the Marketing Group meeting (John Askwith)

John Askwith reported that the 2009 leaflet is at the printers and needs proof reading.

Santa Specials – 1000 bookings have been taken to date. Publicity has been handled by Ian Gardner and Brian Cox. Dave Million has produced a roster and there are some volunteer shortages for some dates.

Mince Pie Specials – Rolling stock to be identified (probably 141).

Residents card scheme – ongoing.

Café/Shop – The Directors discussed stocking issues for the Santa Specials.

Advertising – Details on the railway are now shown in the current Northern Rail timetable and County Durham Pocket Guide.

Wear Valley Visitor Network – WRCIC has not paid its subscription (£25) however meetings are during the day and may need a volunteer to attend.

10 Volunteering (Dave Million)

AGM questions on volunteering issues will be fielded by the relevant Director.

11 Other Reports from Trust Directors

11a Weekly Lottery/Fund raising (Arthur Temple)

No report.

11b Major Projects and Funding Sub Group – (Gerry Mudd/Arthur Temple)

No report

11c Educational Activities/Talks/Publications/Magazine – (John Askwith)

John Askwith reported the following:-

Publications	2 books are to be published by Trust members
BTL61	AGM issue despatched.
Talks	5 talks are in the diary (see BTL)

11d Membership Secretary's Report (Frank Holmes)

Frank will provide an update at the AGM.

11e New fund raising ideas – Ian Gardner

No report.

12 Restoration Activities

12a Locomotives

No report.

12b Carriage and Wagon restoration activities

No report.

12c Infrastructure

No report.

13 Any other business.

Credit card facilities at Stanhope have not been installed. Trevor has cancelled facility based on emailed instructions from BARS.

Meeting closed at 21:05

13 Date/time of the next meeting is 9th December 2008 7:30PM at Bishop Auckland Station.