

WEST LANCASHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY TRUST

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Tue 10th July 2012

At: Euxton Lane, Euxton

Present: P W Smith, N McMurdy, I Clark, A Frodsham, A L Jones,
C Tate, D R Geering, G K Birch & P Pacey

Meeting Commenced at 7.31 pm

Minute 1) Introduction & Matters Arising

No Mr P W Smith opened the meeting
Apologies received from G Fairhurst
No matters arising
Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved
Proposed: C Tate Seconded: A L Jones

2) Legal Matters

Insurance

NMC advised that the renewal was due later this month, and we have been requested to submit a list of valuations
It was agreed to revise the values of Irish Mail to £75k, and the Joffre was now to be insured for £85k. NMC to submit a revised list.

Fowler Locomotive

NMC advised that Leeds had requested a meeting in August to discuss the locomotive loan, and also to discuss to what condition we intended to restore it.

It was the opinion of the meeting that Ex works condition would be the easiest to achieve

Meetings & Minutes.

NMC advised that it had been suggested that we look to go to quarterly Meetings with the minutes and agenda being produced much more in advance (say one month) than has become the normal recently
It was the opinion of the meeting that the meetings are better on the current frequency as otherwise the meetings would become too long.
In addition it was felt necessary to be able to add to the agenda until fairly close to the day

3) Health & Safety

Safety Management System (SMS)

NMC advised the ORR is requesting that the SMS is fully completed by 1st October 2012, after which Railways would be subject to random inspections.

It was noted that we need a system of recording defects

It was agreed that the guidance should be:

Defect to be reported to the controller, who will contact the responsible keeper

Also

Need to include Safety Verification of new rolling stock and Main Running Line modifications, extensions etc

4) Accounts

IDC advised that Income & Expenditure was on par with 2011, but we have spent more on infrastructure

Loco Rents – Still one outstanding, and a plan of action was drafted to collect the outstanding amount

5) Sales Department

The replacement fridge, which is currently working OK, is too small for our requirements, and IDC advised that we were looking for a new one.

6) Traffic Manager

Joffre Launch

A brief recap of the arrangements for the day was done:

Martyn Smith is supplying the PA system

We need Name Badges for the Committee & Key Members

We need umbrellas available in case the weather is inclement

We need to ensure that all cars are parked in Alty's, leaving our normal

Car park for VIP Guests and Disabled

August Gala Day

We shall have 2 visiting locomotives from Statfold (GP39 & Marchlyn)

This will enable us to have 6 locos in steam – another first for the WLLR

7) Publicity Officer

Leaflets

The new batch of coloured leaflets have now been received

PIQAS

Our Inspection for PIQAS is due shortly

PP advised that he was attending a Heart of England Tourism event on the 11th July

There had been a request for Laminated Photos from the Joffre Launch for Woodvale Rally – NMC advised he would do them if someone would send him the pictures from the day.

8) Membership Secretary

2 New members for membership approval

Mr G Wood Barnoldswick

Mr T Whitfield Lowton

1.1.1061 Proposed by I Clark. Seconded P Pacey
Approved by all Committee

Membership Form

Proposed to revise same to include:

a) Space for Members e-mail address (To Improve communication)

b) Change address for application to Manchester Road, Southport

Agreed to these amendments

9) Civil Engineering

Linear Park

No Further Matters To Report

Workshop Extension

Old Mess room now demolished and removed
Can now accurately survey the column base positions
Need to get the Turntable area concreted and walled so that we can
Backfill, to prevent any slippage of adjacent track

Still Need a Safety Plan/ Method Statement

10) Mechanical Engineering

Nothing to Report

11) Steam Locomotives

Joffre Locomotive

We have been requested to take the loco to Rille (France) in may 2013
have obtained a transport quotation and submitted same.

Joffre to appear at Statfold at their September open day
Likely to depart approx 29th Aug if all work completed
Sponsors Day is on 8th Sept
Statfold Open Day is on 15th Sept

12) Diesel Locomotives

No 38 – HC750

CT advised that the inside of the frames have now been cleaned and
undercoated. Hope to be able put engine in before August Gala.
New cab design will look like Sierra Leone Railway loco.

No 10 – FH2555

It had been noted that damage had occurred to the cab back, looks
Like it had been hit by an overhanging item on a wagon
Please take care with these locomotives

Bg2095

Request to have Baguley loco running on 4th August
Need a 6 volt battery charger

13) Trackwork & Rolling Stock

New Bogie Coach

Sub Group had discussed a modification to the original proposal
With the coach being fitted with centre doors, to fully enclose coach and then a
folding seat on centre vestibule with provision for a wheelchair..
Work now ongoing drawing up design, listing materials and costing as a possible
Funding source may be available to us.

New Axles for existing coaches

Axles now delivered, so we need to look at finishing the axle sets with an aim of
swopping the axles on both coaches before the start of 2013 season

Braking System/ Brake Tender

DRG had not been able to ascertain any accurate costs for overhauling FD1
valves

Replica Slate Wagons

AF advised the meeting that he was still looking at building some replica Dinorwic slate wagons, but utilising standard tipper style axles, so they could be used on the railway. It was a background project that may be used to provide work for volunteers

14) Heritage Railway Association

No matters Arising

15) Museum & Heritage

No Matters Raised

16) Other Business

i) ORR/Railway Inspectorate Investigations/Reports

Discussion took place with regard to any possible implications arising from recent reports/incidents that have been published recently
Kirklees Railway, North Yorks Moors and 'Oliver Cromwell' on main line

ii) Child Protection Policy

PWS advise that Member Mr G Payne had agreed to be our Vetting Officer
We now need to start getting possible Junior Supervisors
The committee drew up a possible short list to approach

iii) Enquiry from Minor to have cab ride on Steam loco

Agreed that at present
He can come with parents
Can ride on Brake Van (with Parent)
(Cannot accommodate on Train due to space avail)
Could have visit on Steam Loco whilst Stationary
Could come down early to see locos being prepared

Meeting Closed 10.15 pm

Minutes Signed as a true record Chairman