

MINUTES OF THE 1982 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MIDDLETON RAILWAY TRUST LTD.

Held at the A.T.C. Headquarters, Dewsbury Road, Leeds at 07.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th March, 1983.

PRESENT:

Messrs.	J. K. Lee	- (Chairman, in the chair)
	G. W. Lunn	- (Treasurer)
	23 Other Members	

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1. Mr. Lee opened the meeting and asked for apologies for absence. These were received from W. E. Holliday, K. Crowther, L. Snelling, C. Billinghamurst, A. Key, Mrs D. Hebden, D. Hebden, Mrs A. Roberts, Mrs H. Lunn, F. W. Hampson, A. Thompson, I. Coulson, K. Cockerill and H. Gunston.
2. As the minutes of the 1981 A.G.M. had been circulated to all members of the Trust it was proposed by council that these be taken as read. It was proposed by Mr. Chaplin and seconded by Mr. Smith that these be accepted as a true record. Carried nem con.
3. Mr. Lunn read the report of the Auditors and the Chairman invited questions on the accounts, which had previously been circulated. Mr. Plummer enquired as to the present position with regard to a £500 loan. Mr. Lunn stated that this had now been repaid. Adoption of the accounts and balance sheet was proposed by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Brampton and agreed by the meeting.
4. The report of the council had been previously circulated and the Chairman invited questions or comments. Mr. H. Nettleton suggested that a handout be given to visitors as they bought tickets and that this include a membership application form. Mr. Lee replied that the Tourist office had offered to print 10,000 copies of a coloured brochure and these could possibly be used for this.

Mr. Plummer queried whether the Inner City grant would be lost if not spent by the end of March. Mr. Brampton replied that arrangements had been made to pay the money into a holding account. The Chairman then invited Mr. Brampton to give a resume of the progress with the scheme so far. Briefly, Mr. Brampton stated that the scheme would be run in conjunction with the Manpower Services Commission who would be providing a further £31,000 to cover the employment of personnel. The scheme included for landscaping, fencing, car parking, ticket office and engine shed. It was hoped to make a physical start before the end of March but technical difficulties may prevent this becoming fact. The Leisure Services Department were in the early stages of their proposals for the whole of Middleton Park and the schemes would make use of the Railway as a facility within the park. There was the possibility of using the baled waste disposal plant, which would become redundant in about five years, as a museum centre for the railway.

Mr. Lunn proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the work he had done in obtaining the grant for the trust. This was carried unanimously.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. Nettleton, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried nem. con.

5. The Chairman, in referring to the elector of officers and council stated that the following nominations had been received:-

Chairman	-	J. K. Lee
Secretary	-	Mrs E. Brampton
Treasurer	-	Mr. G. W. Lunn
Council Members	-	J. Bushell, A. Bell, Mrs J. Bell, N. Brampton, C. J. Chaplin, A. J. Cowling, P. Nettleton, C. Rogers, S. J. Roberts, P. Rowden, I. B. Smith

As the Articles of Association allowed for 13 council members, there was no need for a ballot and it was proposed by Mr. Nettleton, seconded by Mr. Plummer that the nominations be accepted, en. bloc. This was carried unanimously.

6. The Chairman stated that the Council proposed the re-appointment of Victor, Walton and Crondson as the Auditors. This was carried nem. con.
7. Introducing the proposal to increase membership fees, the Chairman invited Mr. Roberts to say a few words on behalf of the Membership Secretary in support of the proposal. There was considerable discussion on the proposal before the Chairman called for a vote. The result was:
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| For | 7 |
| Against | 14 |
| Abstentions | 3 |

The proposal was therefore defeated.

8. The Chairman stated that there had been no notification of other business to the Secretary and he therefore declared the meeting closed at 08.20 p.m.