

## **Synopsis of the DEPG Board Meeting held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

Membership – It was reported that we currently had a total of 225 members.

First Aiders – Volunteers are to be sought to train as first aiders.

Covid Track & Trace – A list of contacts is being compiled in case of a positive test being reported at Williton.

D9526 – The loco was reported to have arrived safely at the KESR for a six month hire period.

47077 – The loco had been moved to BL pending despatch to the NYMR for a two-year hire period. The preferred haulier, Allelys, in common with other heavy hauliers are currently experiencing problems in getting route approval from Highways England. NYMR now considering rail movement.

D7017 – Awaiting a confirmed date of entry into the 'Swindon Shed' for bogie spring change.

D7018 – Investigation into transmission control issues now postponed until after operating season.

D1010 – Means of raising overhaul funding being investigated. Drawings for the front valances are being sought. It is hoped to borrow transmission tooling from the WLA once these are defined.

Class 33s – Both nominally available for service. D6566 to have an engine oil change.

Class 56 Spares – Awaiting confirmation of when these can be accepted at the GCR(N).

Contaminated Waste – A contractor is to be asked to remove the applicable waste from site.

Data Protection Officer – Following contact by the Information Commissioner's Office, DEPG need to appoint a DPO, a volunteer would be sought. *Post Meeting Note – Mark Townsend has been appointed to the position.*

Sales – Reported to have been good over the preceding month mostly through the on-line store that now featured categories.

Operating Days – Awaiting final confirmation of times and ticketing arrangements for the five days – *Post Meeting Note – arrangements now confirmed.*

WSR Mixed Traction Gala – This was planned for 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September and will feature DEPG locos.

Finance - Considered to be satisfactory under present circumstances with sufficient reserves.

Old Goods Shed – Means of mitigating the ongoing scaffolding hire costs to be discussed with WSR including sheeting the roof over.

DEPG 50 – The DEPG will be 50 years old in 2023. Ideas on how to celebrate this are being sought.

AGM – Confirmed as Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 14:30 in the Diesel Depot.

Written by IR.