

Thursday Report 12th March, 2009

A good working day out at Glenreagh West today, Ron and his crew were working on the station building again, getting ready for the erection of the ramp, and also starting some of the groundwork necessary to relocate the red rattler and the S trucks to the ends of the platform.

Terry and his crew carried on with tidying up the workshop and its surrounds. Unfortunately in the process, he found some wood rot in the windowsill of one of the end platform cars. We will work out the best way of treating this, and also improve the condition of the paintwork, which is starting to look a bit sad, having been out of use, and out in the weather, for some time.

On rather better news, we heard today that we have permission to move various items of rolling stock as requested from the safety regulator. These include the two S trucks from the chook shed and the tram. The paperwork is following, and we hope to be able to start these items very soon.

During the morning, the Rail Safety Committee held a meeting, and resolved a number of issues, and reviewed some of the documentation completed, in draft form, so far. It was agreed that Dennis, who has taken on the unenviable task of creating the risk register, will work with MAP Training, who are also doing some work on some aspects of a risk register that we will share. One major outcome of the meeting was that we agreed to produce a "progress chart" which will track the progress of the high level documents that we are processing at the moment. Whilst this will not necessarily encompass all of the documentation that we have to do, it will provide a good overview of progress so far. When this process has settled down a bit, we hope to be able to generate it in a publishable form, which will help keep all members posted. I expect to be able to append a short summary to this report each time the RSC holds a meeting, which, at the moment is every week.

Also as part of the conversation I had with Kevin Kitchen of ITSRR, he indicated that they would be in our area within the next month, and we hope to set up a meeting between ITSRR and the RSC to review progress, mainly to ensure that we are going down the right path.

In the late afternoon, we held a board meeting. Apologies to those who had intended to attend, but we held this earlier than scheduled, as all the directors that were coming from some distance had already sent their apologies, and we decided that, since all known attendees were already on site in Glenreagh, we would proceed as soon as our normal day was over, and award ourselves an early mark! The minutes of this meeting will be posted on the web site over the next few days.

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