

# ***Railway Preservation Society of Ireland***

## **REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**St Jude's Hall, Belfast, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1986**

The Chairman, Sullivan Boomer, presided, and 14 members were present. There were no apologies.

S.Boomer said that the proposal before the meeting was to increase the annual subscription with effect from January 31, 1987, to the sum of £8 adults, £4 U16. He explained that, if passed at the meeting, the resolution would be subject to the ratification of the RPSI AGM on February 27.

John Richardson, the Treasurer, explained that because of increased capital expenditure on two projects - the Coleraine turntable and the Whitehead siding excavation - the Society currently found itself in an overdraft situation. Accordingly, the RPSI Council had been examining various ways of increasing income in order to overcome the problem. It had been decided to propose an increase in the subscription rate which, J.Richardson contended, still provided value for money. The Treasurer said it was the first such increase for some time.

J.Richardson also appealed to members to help the Society by covenanting their subscription. By this means, he said, the £8 subscription would be worth even more in cash terms to the Society. He said all those who were UK taxpayers could opt to covenant their subscription and he stressed it did not involve committing oneself to being a member for any length of time. The RPSI could recoup £11.20 for every £8 sub covenanted.

J.Richardson also appealed to those members who paid by standing order to amend their standing orders to the new rate in advance of the January 31 renewal date.

The Treasurer also expressed thanks to the large number of members who, when paying their subscription, added a donation to Society funds. This, he said, was a most useful source of additional income.

J.Richardson said that overheads such as inflation, printing and postage costs were increasing all the time.

There being no further discussion, the motion was put, on the proposal of Derek Henderson, seconded by Paul McCann. It was carried unanimously.

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Chairman*      *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_