

Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station

Committee Meeting 12th July 2022

Attendees; Charles Adams (chair), Jim Milner, Peter Burke, Joy Edwards, John Hartley, Richard Adams, John Myddelton, Chris Webster, David Harriott & Chris Harvey

Apologies; Aurelee & Tony Evans, Mike Payne

Minutes of Last Meeting; Accepted

Health & Safety Report; the group are pleased to welcome CH to the H&S position for the group. The position being vacant since the death of Malcolm Veal. CH was very positive in his search to learn what the groups current H&S standing was at. An early action will be to introduce himself to Richard Isaac of Northern and chivvy them into refresher courses for the volunteers as per Northern's H&S standards.

Secretaries Report; CA advised that emails had been quiet. Network Rail had been advised as to the state of the station canopies and the Station Road retaining wall, they are advising the canopy is Northern's domain. JMil hopes to get email addresses of listed members so as to send minutes out to them, JMyd can assist in this. An email from Northern has indicated staff changes to contacts, Dean Howard has left, his Interim replacement is Stuart Copley and a Neil Armstrong has joined Northern as a Team Organiser!

Treasurers Report; JMil report an income of £59, which was SVR trip payments and membership renewals. Expenditure of £155 was made for Sponsorship plaques, Website domain provider and trimmer. Forms for the transfer of account signatories had been handed to the bank, who advised of a possible 7 week changeover.

Gardening Report; JE advised the recent dry weather was a concern, but the small team of waterers were keeping tabs on the situation. Additional assistance with watering always appreciated. Some of the old flowers in tubs had surprisingly reflowered. The Yorkshire in Bloom judging seemed to go well, the awards ceremony is a tentative 6th September at York racecourse.

Membership Report; JMyd attended and his upto date membership list was discussed, many members needed contacting to discuss their renewals.

Sponsorship Report; JH advised he was busy on another matter, but referenced needing to remove lapsed sponsor plaques. Many of these lapsed sponsors were due to company takeovers, staff leaving and the current financial climate. Rushbearing and Angela Viney plaques had been received, Rosehill Polymers, a long standing sponsor, were being chased for their continued support.

Coach Trip; PB advised there were 42 confirmed bookings for the trip to Severn Valley Railway in September, a 53 seat coach had been booked. The invoice for this trip has now been received with only minor adjustment to initial quote from 2020. Ideas were to be sort for the next trip and raffle prizes were wanted for the SVR trip.

Container; JMil advised that the groups container on the carpark was getting a little shabby, what were the thoughts for tidying it up. 3 options were wood cladding, strip and repaint or sandblast and regalanise. The strip and repaint option was accepted. Cladding would

obstruct the double door access and sandblast would mean container being transported of site.

Station Update; CA reported that Kerry Taylor of Network Rail who had visited the station recently had passed her thoughts on to RI of Northern for response. The flytipping reported at the last meeting was quickly dealt with by ISS (station contracted cleaners). There had been no further movement relating to the defibrillator. CA had been passed some 'Friends' items that had been at the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, these were distributed to the relevant persons.

Website/Social Media; CA advised that the website domain provider multi year offer had been paid. All social media was upto date.

Platinum Jubilee; the groups efforts had been appreciated by station users, and CA thanked RA & MP for their involvement.

The July Gardening session had been brought forward to the 13th due to holidays.

The next Committee meeting is 9th August at the Hollins Mill, back room from 19.30hrs

The next Gardening session will be 17th August from 18.00 hrs

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