

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021 HELD IN THE HOLLINS MILL, SOWERBY BRIDGE.

ATTENDEES:- Charles Adams, Peter Burke, Joy Edwards, David Harriott, John Hartley, Jim Milner, Mike Payne.

APOLOGIES:- Lauren Brundell, Auralee and Tony Evans, Daniel Kelly, John White, David Whiteley.

VENUE & CHAIR. After discussion it was agreed that, for the time being at least, monthly open meetings will continue to be held at the Hollins Mill, from 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Evening meetings were favoured over daytime meetings as they were considered to be more inclusive for the membership. At this stage the room booking has been confirmed for 11th January, 8th February, 8th March and 12th April. If Chris (Convenor) is unable to attend, then the Chair will rotate in the order – Charles, Jim, Joy, Mike – commencing with the 11th January meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. The last monthly open meeting was held on 12th October 2021. With the following minor amendments, the minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true record:-

Page 1. Spelling correction – John White.

Page 1.additional one (board) being paid for from Group funds.

Page 2. bottom of page. Mike Payne to organise fixing of boards.

UPDATES TO MINUTES / MATTERS ARISING.

Treasurer's Report – The outstanding grant payment from Northern has now been received. The cost of the winter plant changeover was £122.78.

A.G.M – 23 attended, but no response from Dean Howard (Station Manager).

Remembrance Service – 28 attended. Music recordings were successfully employed as substitute for a live ensemble/band, and wreaths were placed by Sir Roger Marsh (Deputy Lieutenant), Richard Isaac (Northern), Paul Whiteley (SB Rotary Club) and Joy (FofSBRs). David Harriott took photographs. Next year Charles may be able to print the Order of Service sheets, which this year were produced by Simprint. Despite the station announcements again being an annoying distraction, feedback on the event has been positive.

Remembrance Plaques (John King and Malcolm Veal) – John H. to obtain a quote from Briggs Priestley in the new year.

MEMBERSHIP. Since last month's AGM one additional member has joined the Group. A request to be made to the Membership Secretary to provide a list of names of lapsed members, and where possible personal contact will be made in an attempt to bring some of these back into the fold. Charles raised the issue of a standardised annual membership renewal date, and it was agreed that this may be discussed again at a future meeting when the Membership Secretary is present.

GARDENING TEAM / YIB. Plans to lay fresh gravel on the Bronte Garden paths etc have been put back to Spring 2022. Joy to obtain a key to the padlock on the recently repaired gate to the Platform 2 compound. Those on the gardening team who are not currently members to be encouraged to renew/take up membership of the Group. Joy reported an incident caused by the slippery surface of the section of ground-level wooden boarding adjacent to the WW1 Memorial on Platform 2. (Charles to check with Chris that this has been reported). It was confirmed that YIB has Joy's contact details for notification of arrangements for the 2022 competition.

SPONSORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT. John H. confirmed that the Planter Sponsorship scheme would be re-instated as from April 2022. John also to approach Dan (proprietor) to ask if a stock of the Group's promotional leaflets can be displayed and made available to customers in the Hollins Mill.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Jim gave details of the £56.00 income received, and expenditure of £149.44 incurred, in the five weeks since the AGM on 9th November 2021, the current balance being £5,117.64. The staging of the Remembrance Service on 14th November had cost a total of £114.98. Members were asked to think of projects for possible inclusion in the Group's Annual Plan for 2022, and to submit these for consideration at the next meeting.

WEBSITE. Charles referred to the non-active status of the Group's website, and will contact David Whiteley regarding access passwords etc.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. The Group's Christmas cards, featuring a water colour painting by Joy, have been printed by Simprint and were in process of distribution (by hand, by post) to appropriate recipients as in previous years.

HEALTH & SAFETY / INSURANCE. Jim outlined the Group's position regarding public liability insurance and circulated copies of a page from ACoRP's Station Adoption Guide headed "Health and Safety". The need to recruit to the Health & Safety Co-Ordinator vacancy was recognised as a priority and Jim will draft a suggested Job Description and present this to the next meeting. It was agreed that Northern be contacted with a request to carry out a formal health and safety briefing to appropriate members and volunteers at the earliest opportunity.

CALDER VALLEY COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP. The first meeting of the Calder Valley CRP Steering Group was held on 1st December and a CRP Officer (Karen Hornby) has been appointed and will take up her duties in March 2022. An introductory email has been received from Karen, and while in no way indicating that our Group is supportive of this new CRP, it was agreed that she should be allowed to attend and speak to our Group at a future meeting, date of which to be agreed.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPHS. David Harriott brought a comprehensive selection of photographs to the meeting, some in frames, of the Remembrance Day event for distribution between those who had taken part. Unfortunately time ran out – these will now be shown at next month's meeting.

A.O.B. An email has been received from Richard Isaac (6/12/21) reminding that "face coverings must be worn at all times when on the station (exemptions apply). This is compulsory."

CHRISTMAS WISHES. We wish all our members and supporters a happy and safe Christmas and hope for and look forward to better times to come in 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm. Next Meeting 11th January, 2022.

