

**FRIENDS OF SOWERBY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 – HOLLINS MILL**

**Attendees:** Mike Payne (Chair), Joy Edwards, Peter Burke, David Harriott, John Hartley, Chris Harvey, Jim Milner.

**Apologies:** Charles Adams, Richard Adams, Chris Webster.

**Laurie Plumbe:** One minute's silence was observed when our thoughts were of Laurie Plumbe (Life Member) of the Group who has recently passed away.

**Committee Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023:** Minutes approved.

**Health & Safety:** CH reported that he was not aware of any H&S incidents since previous meeting. He also confirmed that he, together with five other members and volunteers had attended Northern's safety briefing held at the JRR on 5/1/23. MP had also attended an on-line briefing on 12/1/23. CH to contact and arrange to deliver briefings to those yet to be covered. A supply of "Z cards" (listing Northern's safety guidelines) had not yet been received – CH to remind Richard Isaac.

**Secretary:** CA was not in attendance, but had forwarded details by email.

A CRP (Community Rail Partnership) meeting was arranged for 15/2/23 at the Halifax Industrial Museum with both MP and CH to attend. An invitation to attend a Ward Forum Meeting at St. Paul's on 16/2/23 had also been received.

Eight new rail passes have now been received from Northern to replace those recently expired. The new passes are valid after 9.30am on weekdays but at any time at weekends and have expiry date September 2024.

It was agreed that 2 x recycled plastic barrel planters (600mm diameter) be purchased from Sweepwise of Walsden to replace existing wooden barrel planters which are no longer fit for purpose. CA to contact Richard Isaac to ascertain whether Northern have funds remaining this financial year to support a grant application towards this cost.

**Treasurer:** Thanks to MP, an updated bank account mandate form has now been completed and signed by all involved and will be submitted to the Group's bank for implementation. JM reported that income of £34.00 had been received (membership subs, rail pass use, book and card sales) and that expenditure of £104.95 had been incurred being the purchase of a replacement Yorkshire flag for the Bronte Garden flagpole. Not yet received the £500.00 grant (plants, compost, paint) from Northern which was approved in November 2021.

**Gardening:** JE confirmed the next gardening session was Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, when focus will be on removal of saplings and general tidy-up. It was agreed that the vintage metal luggage trunks on the Slingsby trolley be replaced as required.

**Membership:** One new member has joined since last meeting.

**Sponsorship:** JH reported that recent interest from a potential new planter sponsor appears to have cooled. Renewal of existing sponsorships to be pursued in due course. Reference was made to the outstanding items from last year's Ward Forum Grant, ie replacement of banners, which JH hopes to progress within the deadline period.

**Coach Trip:** PB has obtained various quotes from coach hire firms in respect of outing to Pickering/Whitby on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Agreed that the quote of £650.00 from TS Travels be accepted.

**Station Update:** A problem with accessing the notice board on the Leeds platform (as notified by Richard Adams) was reported to Trevor Armitage (Station Manager) on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**Website / Social Media:** All up-to-date.

**A.O.B:** The generator to be offered to "Men in Sheds". This will free up space in the container.

Coronation 6/5/23. To be discussed next meeting as to activities/actions to be undertaken to mark the occasion – bunting, band, Morris Dancers?

**Next Committee Meeting:** 7.30pm, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at The Hollins Mill.