

Friends of Hadlow Road Station Meeting

Monday 7th September 2015
7.30pm in Willaston Memorial Hall Committee Room

Draft Minutes Open Meeting

1. Welcome to new members

BV welcomed all new members. Presently 72 FHRS members

FHRS extended their sympathy to Paul Conway-Stuart's family at the sad news of his recent death. Paul had only joined FHRS at the last meeting and involved himself immediately, and rapidly became a valuable and most likable member.

2. Apologies

Ged and Debbie Weeden, Lyn Jackson-Eves, Ken Stubbs, Jane Townsend

3. Minutes of last meeting (29th June)

Agreed by meeting, proposed by Sue Unsworth, seconded by Hilary Booth

4. Matters arising

Action 4 Paint, brushes are available from CWAC, which will be used by Community Payback Team to paint crossing gates. Restorative work to be completed by Bob Davies.

5. Update on Progress

a. Planting/tidy up (GK)

Progress is continuing to be made with some areas now are being weeded again. Most of the weeds in the pavement cracks on the up platform have now been cleared. The meeting decided that there were sufficient tasks to carry on during the winter.

AP1 JF to agree dates and circulate.

b. Ness Gardens support (BV)

Constructive meeting had been held. Ness Gardens undecided on what it can do at this stage but they will come back to us for further discussion in late October. Suggested a 150 year motif be planted for next year.

c. Legal/MOU with CWaC (BV)

Agreement reached that FHRS will have ground floor access to Station Masters House, yard and outbuilding at weekends. PT is active in progressing this.

6. Financial Update (HB)

Financial statement issued. See attached. ADAPTUS bid unsuccessful and EPNAVCO monies are not going to be received. Stall on Village Green is successfully selling tickets for opening and receiving funds for FHRS. Awaiting confirmation of new homes funding.

AP2 GK to submit outstanding claims for expenditure undertaken.

7. Signal box – Opening Ceremony (JB)

Many thanks to everyone on the subcommittee. Event plan agreed by CWaC. Issues over safety considerations still to be resolved over opening of signal box to the public. Volunteers and photographs still required for the day.

AP3 JF to circulate list of volunteer requirements to members.

AP4 Any photos to be sent to John Morgan johnandgill@btinternet.com

AP4 HB to produce poster thanking sponsors of prizes and cakes.

AP5 JF to write to sponsors thanking them for their contribution to the event.

8. English Heritage & Planning permission (BV)

Meeting had taken place with the Conservation Officer of CWaC

AP6 BV to produce a summary for distribution to members.

9. Charity Xmas Fair Stall (JB)

Stall to be manned in the Memorial Hall to sell books, Christmas cards and FHRS merchandise.

AP7 CH to book stall

10. Formation of Officers Committee (BV)

It had become apparent that there was a need for a body to progress matters between the open meetings. A meeting of Officers of FHRS has been convened for this purpose. The Meeting agreed to this proposal.

11. Appointment of a FHRS patron (BV)

It had been agreed by the Officers that a Patron would enhance the development of the FHRS. AP8 FHRS members to send suggestions for Patron to CH

12. Plan for Santa's Grotto (JB)

Agreed to defer until later date so that lessons learnt from opening of the signal box can be included.

13. Green Flag Community Award (PT)

PT unable to attend meeting. Postponed to a later meeting with a time to be agreed with PT.

14. Community Payback Scheme

CH had organised for the CPS to undertake work at the station namely painting the Crossing gates and clearing the Hooton end of the down platform. Dates to be decided.

15. Publicity/Comms Update (GW/SU)

Please see attached report prepared by GW presented to the meeting by SU in his absence.

A proposal was made to purchase an A2 size notice board for FHRS news etc. FHRS will require permission from CW&C for its placing on the wall in the Waiting Room. Details were given to SU for review & action by GW

16. AOB

a) Future events

Provisional date of Dec 13th for Santa's Grotto.

b) Volunteer call for Crossing Gates

Agreed to delay until Spring 16

c) Peter Williams from CTC introduced himself and explained about the organisation he represented. He offered a renovated wing wheeled heritage plaque that could be placed at the station. The plaque (one of a few historic cycle shop plaques left in the UK) had been restored by one of the CTC members. Peter also provided us details of Wilf Wilson the original Wirral Head Ranger who was instrumental in rebuilding the signal box that was brought from east Cheshire.

AP9 JF to add to agenda of the next Officers meeting.

AP10 BV to contact CWaC.

JB to invite Wilf Wilson to opening

d) Disused Railway Line web site

BV had contacted the group and was awaiting response

AP11 BV to progress and JB to invite to opening

e) Future Dates

An updated version with new tidy up dates is attached.

Next Open Meeting 2nd November.