

## FRIENDS OF HEYFORD STATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Heyford Station was held in the Lower Heyford Bowls Club on Tuesday 13th February 2018, starting at 7.30pm - which was then followed by an Ordinary Meeting

### **Present:**

#### ***Friends' Committee***

Roger Bowen (Chairman)  
Peter John (Hon Secretary & Hon Treasurer)  
Eric Ball  
Bruce Eggeling

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies were received from Peter Stoddart (*who was attending a Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan forum*) and from Claire King of GWR - who has recently succeeded David Pinder as the Oxford Station Manager.
2. **MINUTES** The Minutes of the AGM held on 7th February 2017 were agreed as a true record and were signed as such by the Chairman.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2017**  
The Chairman noted that the year had been characterised by the disappointing lack of engagement on the part of GWR and the company's seeming unwillingness to deal with the several matters of concern that had been repeatedly raised.  
On the brighter side was the completion of the planting of the bank and the subsequent shortlisting of the project in the 2017 Community Rail Awards.  
In closing, the Chairman expressed his optimism that the coming year would be more positive - which sentiment was roundly endorsed.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2017**  
A copy of the Treasurer's report is appended.
5. **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2018** The Officers as follows were proposed, seconded and duly declared elected:  

a) Chairman	Roger Bowen
b) Honorary Secretary	Peter John
c) Honorary Treasurer	Peter John
6. **APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
Eric Ball and Bruce Eggeling each indicated their willingness to continue to serve on the Committee and, along with Peter Stoddart, in his absence, they were duly re-appointed.
7. **ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIPS** It was agreed that membership of ACoRP should be renewed at the anticipated (but as yet unnotified) cost of £30 including VAT.

There being no further Annual business, the Chairman closed the AGM

The Chairman then opened the Ordinary meeting

..... (Chairman)

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING**

(held on 13th February 2018)

8. **MINUTES** The Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th November 2017 were agreed as a true record and were signed as such by the Chairman.

9. **MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising.

10. **GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY**

**a) Station car park** (see Min 40a/17) - Claire King's holding message of 4th February: "Unfortunately I will not be able to attend, I am on annual leave and out of the country from 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> February. I am currently following up the actions that you mentioned below, and will endeavour to get these back to you before your meeting. I am trying to find out who some of these actions were initially raised with, hence the delay." was noted. As was the absence of any further contact.

Also noted was her associated intention to attend the next meeting: "Please let me know the date of your next meeting and I will put this in my diary to ensure I can attend."

[note: the date of the next meeting was notified to Claire on 14th February - along with an indication that an alternative date in late May would be acceptable if more suitable for her]

**b) Accreditation & safety briefing for new Member** (see Min 36/17) - it was noted that Claire King had advised on 4th February that the matter was in hand but the promised "next day" follow-up contact had not happened.

**c) Chairman's letter to the Managing Director** (see Min 40/17) - it was agreed that this letter should be put on hold, in the light of Claire King's foregoing assurances.

**d) Matters raised by the GWR representative(s)** - no representatives were present.

**e) Matters raised with the GWR representative(s)** - no representatives were present.

11. **MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters raised.

12. **FINANCE**

**a) Treasurer's report** - the meeting received and approved the account for the period from 15th November 2017 to 13th February 2018, which showed: an opening balance of £196.53; expenditure of £5.00; a closing balance of £191.53.

**b) Income** - there was no income to report.

**c) Expenditure** - the meeting noted & approved the item of expenditure incurred between meetings.

**d) Possible funding sources** (see Min 44a/17) - the meeting noted that an approach to the Dorchester Group was still pending.

13. **ACoRP** There were no matters for discussion.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Bruce Eggeling suggested that, to possibly assist in raising the profile of the work of the Friends, the minutes of the meetings should be posted on the parish website and it was agreed that these should be passed on to parish councillor Chris Cox (in his role as the manager of the website) for his consideration.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 29th May 2018, at 7.30 pm, was agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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