



Community Rail Partnership

Board Meeting FINAL MINUTES

Date: Thursday 11 June 2020

Place: Online-Microsoft Teams, invites from Alan Neville

Time: Board Meeting 14:30 to 16:00

Invited:	<p>Aaron Taffera – (AT) Chair, ESLCRP and Line Group South Tracey Vobe - (TV) Suffolk County Council, Vice Chair, ESLCRP Carolyn Barnes – (CB) East Suffolk Council Michael Newsham – (MN) Ipswich Borough Council Claire Kendall –(CK) ESLCRP Officer Graham Newman – (GN) Chair, Line Group East Trevor Garrod – (TG) Acting Chair, Line Group North Alan Neville – (AN) Community and Customer Engagement Manager, Greater Anglia Paul Webster – (PW) Operations Manager South, AcoRP Charles Baker-(CB2) Network Rail, Public Affairs Manager (Anglia route) for AGM</p>
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		Board Meeting	
1.	1430	<p>Approval of minutes from the board meeting 20th March 2020 Accepted by AT, seconded by CB</p>	AT
2.	1435	<p>Officer Report Circulated prior to meeting -CK to liaise with TG about possible tourism railshows for autumn/ or more likely spring and any further marketing opportunities with Stena. TG to try to publish his article in Dutch press. CK to chat with Jayne Sumner from ESSCRP to engage about Stena. -CK to investigate possible ESL's cycle routes Guide to accompany Walks Booklet. TG to send former copies of similar along the Lowestoft line to AN to scan & forward to ESLCRP board. GN may help with some Felixstowe rides. CK grateful for any assistance/input on this matter. Perhaps this could be ready for spring/summer 2021?</p>	CK
3.	1440	<p>Chair Update Circulated prior to meeting, no comments except praise for AT's continuing hard work.</p>	AT

4.	1445	<p>Network Rail update</p> <p>CB2 explained how improved axle counters and treadles along the Ipswich- Lowestoft line should improve user worked level crossings by providing signaller with more accurate train location so as to allow easier crossing for road/path users. This discourages un-safe usage.</p> <p>Track replacement works to take place along the Lowestoft line with a 9 day blockade around Brampton later in the year and some weekend closures in November/December on the Felixstowe line for track replacement.</p> <p>CK had asked CB2 if he could find out for us about Westerfield station plans, showing if the proposed new cycle/footbridge was going ahead and if there is any plan to reignite former ideas to move the platforms near to this to allow ease of access/egress from the station, CB2 will do his best to find out. He said that CK's previous request about using any of Network Rails compound area there for a couple of e-charging points for cars was not possible due to the compound being in constant use.</p> <p>CB2 would be happy to help those in need to advertise internally for Network Rail volunteer hours to help with any ESL projects by their staff. TG asked if any would be able to help with project to install decorative gravel/sleeper area at Lowestoft? CB & TG to discuss later or details forwarded onto Martin Halliday at CRN. TG reports that gates have been moved at Lowestoft between archways and running lines. AN advises that the DfT also has volunteer days available for relevant projects.</p> <p>CK asked about NR Community License Schemes for areas such as Oulton Broad South where there had been a vague plan to install wildflowers garden perhaps beyond GA lease boundary on the platform. PW will send details to CK later CK to then discuss with station adopters there.</p> <p>CB2 is main contact for ESL's at NR from now on. AT thanked CB2 for attending</p>	CB2
5.	1500	<p>Action Plan Review</p> <p>1)Gained accreditation from CR Network May 2020</p> <p>2/3)CK reports all events are currently cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19, but would like to try to get the</p>	All

	<p>Festive train 2020 up and running. The ukulele band from 2019 have been approached and keen. CK will investigate with others nearer the time and when restrictions lift further.</p> <p>4)PW reports that Community Rail in The City is definitely cancelled & will hopefully take place in May 2021 instead as usual.</p> <p>5)Heritage Open Days. GN believes all will be cancelled and online only for 2020.</p> <p>6)'Schools out' trip seems increasingly unlikely as school not engaging probably due to current conditions. Further schools/educational work may well take place though in collaboration with Becky Crocker from Network Rail at Ipswich mainline train station & Derby Road (TBA).</p> <p>7)DRT buses. AT reports very low usage currently and only taking limited bookings for essential journeys</p> <p>8) Days Out in East Suffolk rail-shows. TG reports that all postponed and hopefully room hire paid out for Ipswich Town Hall will be carried over to 2021. Lowestoft-easy for TG to liaise with Martin Halliday (CRN) regarding room hire at The old Parcels Office. TG has approx 9,000 leaflets at home ready for these when they can viably go ahead. TG will co-ordinate this project with help from other board members as appropriate. CK & GN need to pursue possibility of doing similar at Felixstowe. GN to contact Co-op in the foyer of the former station buildings to investigate as a possible location.</p> <p>9)Kids Colouring Packs. CK still to do. We have coloured pencils and had printed out online resources for festive train 2019 but would really like to work with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to come up with a joint resource to advertise Carlton Marshes. Requires time and staff to return from furlough in SWT. Failing this CK may pursue other ideas.</p> <p>10) Dutch Flyer. TG & CK to progress at a later date when can get engagement with Stena line and others as restrictions hopefully lift a little. TG has emailed contacts in The Netherlands and CK has tried to engage with Stena.</p>	
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	<p>11) ESL merchandise. CK to pursue when time allows. Some already in stock as on Activity Plan.</p> <p>12)Car parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Beccles car park. TV reports no news but further ahead than previously-Saxmundham car park progressing.-Trimley-AT questioned Trimley car park charges and if GA would consider dropping these. All park externally to the car park to avoid charges so car park barely used.-CK asked if more electric charge points can be installed at stations if grants are currently still available to help with costs. This would perhaps make GA car park charges more acceptable to the general public and increase revenue stream for GA in time. AN to send through GA Committed Obligations in regards to this. CK suggests secure electric E-Bike charge points also perhaps a great incentive for last mile travel (or several miles on an E-bike). <p>13) ESL Ranger ticket-nothing to report, awaiting GA reprint but in light of COVID-19, this would be impractical at this time.</p> <p>14) ESL Guided Walks all currently cancelled or postponed. TV suggests booking system to limit numbers on return.</p> <p>15/16) ESL clockface & timetabling to be looked at in 2021 with timetable review.</p> <p>18) First light and Folk East festivals cancelled so nothing to report.</p> <p>27)Ipswich Garden project. CK reports that Emma Pitcher from Greater Anglia who originally came up with this project alongside AT is sadly moving to a job in Norwich. CK investigating possibility of completing this project without her invaluable assistance and is setting up meetings with interested parties from Suffolk New College etc.</p> <p>28)Westerfield garden project as below</p>	
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6.	1520	<p>Line Group Updates: East/North/South</p> <p>LGE: Felixstowe. GN reports offending tree covering signage taken down by storm. Unlit lighting columns on lead up to station are still a continuing issue with ownership of problem. Paling on white picket fence in poor state of repair. GA to address</p> <p>Trimley-funding for restoration still an issue</p> <p>Derby Road-shelters to be installed autumn 2020. CK to work on project with Network Rail for a poster campaign for local school children to be displayed there and other interested parties to perhaps tidy up the station.</p> <p>Westerfield-Sandy the adopter doing an amazing job there with a big wildlife garden and other work. Grants to be applied for and board will perhaps be approached for help with funding</p> <p>LGN: TG emailed for feedback from members and nothing to report except as reported above in other minutes.</p> <p>LGS: AT has town centre signage for 'Saxmundham station' in his possession to be installed when circumstances allow.</p>	GN/TG/AT
7.	1540	<p>Any other urgent business</p> <p>AN reports all legacy fleet now replaced entirely with new fleet. Reliability and feedback great so far</p> <p>CK asked for input for GA stakeholder survey via email. She also reminded all that she is not available over most of the summer holiday due to holidays (as previously advised at March 2020 Board meeting and childcare restrictions under lockdown.</p>	All
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