

East Suffolk Lines Community Rail Partnership

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notes

Date:	Thursday 10 June 2021
Place:	On-Line Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Times:	13.00 to 14.20
Invited:	<p>Aaron Taffera – AT- Chair of ESLCRP Board & Chair, Line Group South Lewis Boudville – LB - East Suffolk District Council Trevor Garrod – GE - Acting Chair, Line Group North Michael Newsham – MN – Ipswich Borough Council Alan Neville – AN - Greater Anglia TOC Graham Newman – GN - Chair, Line Group East Andrew Gee – AG - Suffolk County Council Bob Webb - BW – Line Group South Paul Webster – PW - Community Rail Support Manager South – Community Rail Network Charles Baker – CB - Network Route Manager Edward Thompson – ET Line Group South member, East Suffolk Councillor, Martlesham Parish Councillor Chris Wheeler - CW - Line Group South member from Friston</p>

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1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions and any apologies.</p> <p>AT opened the meeting at 13.00 and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Apologies were received prior to the meeting but not recorded from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timothy Stephenson – Head of Passenger Transport – Suffolk County Council 	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graham Newman declared that he was a County Councillor, a Felixstowe Town Council Councillor, and the Chair of Felixstowe Travel Watch. 	
3.	<p>Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AT stepped down as Chair, AG asked for nominations, Proposer GN. Secunder ET. AT was nominated to continue in the role, and this was unanimously agreed. - AG who now represents on behalf of SCC stepped down as Vice Chair. AT asked for nominations. Proposer by GN. Secunder by ET. This was also unanimously agreed. by the Board 	

4.	<p>Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AT shared a digital presentation of ESLCRP achievements in 2020 / 2021 - AT was thanked for preparing this and congratulated on his achievements and those by Claire Kendall (the previous ESLCRP Officer) through a very difficult year. - The Board accepted the Annual Report by AT - The Board accepted the Annual Report by AT 	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were no matters arising. 	
6.	<p>Approval of minutes from the AGM 11 June 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of minutes from the AGM 11 June 2020. These were accepted in September 2020 but also had to be had accepted at this AGM. Proposer GN – Seconder TG 	
7.	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was circulated by AG earlier in the day. PW mentioned about the end of year actual / budget figures needed to be completed. AG explained that due to changes in accounting software at SCC earlier in 2021 and end of financial year pressures there was still updates required with the administration. - AT / AG agreed to follow up the omissions and discrepancies. 	AT/ AG
8.	<p>Community Rail Network Update. Verbal report by PW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This included a brief review / comments of the Government’s Williams – Shapps Plan for Rail. - Relevant highlights include the introduction flexible season ticket fares, significant mention of CRPs nationally and station adopters. - PW advised about a recent CRN webinar to encourage modal shift to rail and a campaign to promote Summer Days Out. TG asked about the Theme of the Week to ensure it was circulated and promoted with a good notice period. as this would be helpful for the three planned exhibitions. (NB: The June 26th exhibition has now been postponed.) - He also mentioned the Government "Build Bus Back Better" project and its relevance to bus/train integration (NB: SCC agreed on June 15th to prepare a submission on this and TG will meet Peter Aldous MP in late July to discuss it.) - The CRP annual awards will be in Southampton on 9th December 2021. Entries could be made from June 14th to August 2nd. 	

9.	<p>Network Rail Update – Verbal Report by CB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be two-line closures on the East Suffolk Line. One in August / September for work at Bealings and another in late November / early December for work at Westhall. - The upgrade to the level crossing at Woodbridge has been completed. - CW asked about Network Rail plans for increased line / freight capacity for Sizewell C Power Station. CB advised in principle they are willing to encourage as much freight to travel by train as possible. However, they are awaiting more specific details from EDF to establish how they can accommodate their transport plans. - TG asked EDF's contribution to costs of upgrading the ESL infrastructure and CB advised that their ongoing discussions would cover this. NR would give EDF several options. - GN asked CB about the status of the crossing at Routs Hall on the line between Derby Road and Trimley. Related to a permanent closure? CB to revert. 	CB
10.	<p>Greater Anglia Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This was circulated as a PDF by AN prior to the meeting - GN raised a point about missed connections at Ipswich for passengers travelling from Felixstowe, with passengers having to wait a longer time for southbound London services. AN advised that due to Covid-19 the frequency of GEML services has been reduced and was still not back to the full timetables. This is being reviewed and subject to Government announcements will be re-introduced as soon as practical. - In reply to a question from TG, AN said that the four "Easy Stations" plaques were in storage at Cambridge station - including the one for Wickham Market (Campsea Ashe) and it was GA's intention to do a photocall once the time was right. 	
11.	<p>Any other urgent business None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting closed at 14.19. 	