

BEDFORD COMMUTERS ASSOCIATION

BCA COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Present: Arthur Taylor Steve Floyd Mark Spurgeon
 Alison Crompton Howard Pile John Henderson
 Courtney Lee Martin James

Apologies:

As a result of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic this meeting is being held via Zoom.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 11th November 2020 were agreed.

2. Actions

Membership Cards – meeting agreed to switch to an electronic version - **Ongoing**

Suggestions for the way forward – **Ongoing JH/AC/HP**

Suggestions for improvements and why ex members lapsed their membership. **AC/HP/CL agreed to look at this idea - Ongoing**

AT will draw up a list of achievements over the years and pass onto CL- **Ongoing**

Discussed the need to look at a possible new Logo.AC agreed to ascertain costs. - **Ongoing**

3. Correspondence

December edition of Railwatch.

4. Treasurers Report

SF reported that there was £1879.78 in the bank and that 16 donations had been received.

5. Communications

The December newsletter had been distributed.

6. Performance

AT reported that infrastructure failures have continued with signalling problems at Harpenden. NR are at present renewing old signal power cables at Harpenden to resolve the problem.

7. Timetable

Thameslink

No changes at present but further changes are expected in February.

EMR

The full pre Covid timetable is now operating.

8. GTR

AT will be attending a virtual Stakeholder conference on 22nd January.

Quote received for provision of wifi and seat back tables on remaining class 700 sets. A paper is now being drawn up to the DfT for authorisation.

Class 700 PIS improvements being looked at.

Class 700 reliability improving – 25000 MTIN

AT reported back on the Winter Webinar, a copy of the presentations having been sent to the committee.

9. East Midlands Railways

Driver training on class 360's has commenced.

Electrification work completed with testing now underway.

All class 360's now with EMR.

AT sent a list of BCA requirements for the Class 360 refurbishment.

10. Thameslink Programme

AT attended meeting on 11th December. The main topic was Rolling stock and project Aurora, the refurbishment of the class 377/387 fleets, the enhanced cleaning regime and class 700 provision of wifi and seat back tables.

11. Website

MS is looking at further improvements to the website.

12. EWRL

JH reported that work has commenced on the Bicester to Bletchley part of the line and work is continuing on the Bletchley flyover.

13. Bedford Matters

Nothing to Report.

14. Flitwick Matters

AT has had a meeting with CBC to discuss the project.

Still awaiting details of the projects from the PBF.

EV Charging Points. AT to speak to Berni **Action AT**
e tickets are now available at Flitwick.

15. MML CRP

Nothing to Report.

16. BCA Aims 2021

AT will resend updated list of Aims to committee, **Action AT**

17. AOB

Discussed the need for Flexible ticketing once the pandemic is over. Railfuture are drawing up a paper on this which the BCA fully supports.
AT is attending monthly virtual meetings of Railfuture London and South East branch.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 10th March 2021 commencing at 19.30 via Zoom.