

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group Meeting

14 March 2017, 7:45-9:00 (directly follows AGM)

Shepreth Village Hall, Station Rd, Shepreth

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Train services issues
 - Meldreth Station issues
 - Shepreth Station issues
 - Foxton Station issues
4. Network Rail: Platform extensions update
5. Community Rail Partnership update
6. Date of next meeting: June 2017 (TBC)

Community Rail Partnership update

Our overarching group, the Community Rail Partnership (CRP), is working to bring in more support to help realize aspirations for Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Stations and their travelling communities at a time of rapid growth. In essence, the Rail User Group should be the lobbying group for improvements to daily rail services, while the Community Rail Partnership is a collaborative partnership including the rail industry, councils and local businesses that supports community activity and helps leverage funding for strategic improvements for the three stations.

Station Adoptions: Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton stations, having been formally adopted as individual station partnerships with Govia Thameslink Railway, need to strengthen their own community action groups. This has commenced with station gardening groups convening to begin planning the deployment of new station platform tubs this year, and any additional community, environmental or station enhancements projects they may wish to undertake.

Paid Post to run day to day work of CRP: South Cambs District Council has helped to progress our work on creation of the Community Interest Company, and also the sponsorship of a paid administrative position to support the CRP – this is taking time but we are getting there.

Station Travel Planning: The Greater Cambridge City Deal has somewhat retracted its offer to fund this piece of work – saying instead that this is an aspiration that it will consider in its Tranche 2 funding, post 2020.

Support from Network Rail: In conjunction with its platform lengthening work, NR has said it would be happy to consider ways of supporting the Community Rail Partnership's station enhancement work, particularly where environmental/biodiversity is concerned. This will be an excellent opportunity to put things right at Shepreth where volunteers are still restoring the accidentally herbicided area.