

## **Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxtton Rail User Group Meeting AGENDA**

**14 December 2016, 7PM for 7:30-9:00**

**27 Elin Way, Meldreth, SG8 6LT (Sheltered Housing Community Room)**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Train services issues
  - Meldreth Station issues
  - Shepreth Station issues
  - Foxtton Station issues
4. Network Rail: Platform Extensions and Barrington Road gate at Foxtton Level Crossing
5. British Transport Police issues (BTP attending)
6. Community Rail Partnership update (below)
7. Date of next meeting: March 14 (AGM)

### **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 Foxtton Stations 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. To do all these things well, there are some bureaucratic hoops to jump through, as follows:

Station Adoptions: Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxtton stations have been formally adopted as individual station partnerships with Govia Thameslink Railway – Risk Assessments completed and papers signed. This should help support sustainable local groups to champion community activities around each station. This has brought in £500 per partnership and can be used for minor infrastructure at each station – for example, replacing the flower tubs which are showing their age. Please get in touch with Susan if you would be prepared to help coordinate community activity around individual stations – there is lots of room for creativity, and this should be a rewarding activity.

Paid Post to run day to day work of CRP: The job of maximizing all opportunities for our stations, at a time of huge growth in footfall, is becoming bigger and would benefit from a paid (part-time) post. Fundraising for a post has been successful, with grants of £700 from three parish councils and Govia Thameslink Railway. South Cambridgeshire District Council is actively exploring the possibility of hosting the paid post. The CRP is looking at setting up a Community Interest Company to hold and spend funds for these activities.

Station Travel Planning: The Greater Cambridge City Deal has agreed to contribute funding for 'Station Travel Planning' work – the necessary collection of data to understand station usage including all access patterns – which is a necessary precursor to accessing infrastructure funding.

Support from the national Association of Community Rail Partnerships: A grant of £1K has been offered to support the work of the Meldreth, Shepreth, and Foxtton Community Rail Partnership.