

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership

17 May 10AM-noon

Shepreth Wildlife Park

Minutes

Attendees

Susan van de Ven (Chair), Sarah Grove (MSFCRP Project Officer), Paul Webster (Operations Manager, ACoRP), Roger James (Meldreth Parish Council), Geoff Barnes (Foxton Parish Council), Dean Howe (Foxton Parish Council), Peter Wakefield (Railfuture East Anglia), Ruth White (Shepreth Parish Council), Andy Harrowell (Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, Govia Thameslink Railway), Sarah Hatcher (Cambridge County Council Transport Strategy).

1. Welcome and apologies

Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Matt Brennan (Network Rail), Tim Sparrow (Sussex CRP), Jose Hales and Philippa Hart (Melbourn District Councillors), Richard Goddin.

Thanks were expressed to Shepreth Wildlife Park for hosting the meeting and to ACoRP for the gift of wild flower seeds via Grow Wild.

2. Introductions

A round table of introductions took place.

3. Update on the Community Rail Partnership and nascent Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Interest Company

Susan gave a verbal update on the CRP and CIC.

4. Draft Line Action Plan to review

Sarah walked the attendees through the Draft Line Action Plan, additions were noted, including:

- Cambridge South Station – MSFCRP to respond to the planning application to ensure a community facility is included (see Kenilworth for best practice)
- Possibly changing the Twitter handle to be more inclusive.
- The possible adoption of the stations by their respective parish councils or other groups to secure additional funding from ACoRP.
- It was agreed to set up separate meetings with the Parish Councils to gather further feedback.

5. To agree annual schedule of CRP meetings

It was agreed that the CRP steering group would meet quarterly, and to have an annual AGM to which the stakeholders would be invited.

6. Any other business

It was noted, with thanks, that additional funding had been secured by the CRP from GTR to cover the gap between the CRP officer's two-year post and the end of the GTR Franchise.

7. Dates of next meeting

Dates will be circulated via email – the next meeting to be late September/early October and subsequently in December/February.