

	Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership Annual General Meeting held at the British Queen, Meldreth
Date:	02 July 2024
Item 1	Welcome, introductions and apologies
	<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan van de Ven (SvdV) CRP Chair and CCC Cllr for Melbourn and Bassingbourn • Sarah Grove (SG) CRP Project Officer • Peter Wakefield (PWa) Railfuture • Sarah Hatcher (SH) CCC (officer) • Jay Clark (JC) SCDC (officer) • Viv Browne • Karen Chudovszky (GTR) • Andrew Chillingsworth (GTR) • Martin Clark (Community Rail Network) • Robert Stripe (Fen Line Users Association) • John Grant (Fen Line Users Association) • Ben Walsh (Fen Line Users Association) • Adam Bostanci (Meldreth PCC) • Margaret and Philip Shaw
	<p>Apologies received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter MacDonald (CCC Cllr and Vice Chair of CRP) • Sally-Ann Hart (SCDC Cllr and Parish Councillor for Melbourn) • Nigel Strudwick (Whaddon PC) • Patrick Ladbury (Network Rail) • Tim Sparrow (Community Rail Network) • Paul Webster (Community Rail Network)
Item 2	Minutes of previous meeting
	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting are published at: CRP Meetings and Minutes (meldrethsheprethfoxtonrail.org.uk)</p>
Item 3	Annual Report
	<p>The report had already been circulated and a substantive update given at the March 2024 meeting. Further work on the four pillars since March is reported under item 5. The Annual Report can be viewed here: MSFCRP-Annual-Report-2023-24---Digital.pdf (meldrethsheprethfoxtonrail.org.uk)</p>
Item 4	Treasurer's report
	<p>A report from the Community Interest Company (CIC) can be found within the main Annual Report.</p>

	<p>The CIC manages the funding from the Train Operating Company (TOC), the four parish councils and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The funding makes sure we're in a strong position to protect the role of the project officer.</p>
Item 5	Chair's report
	<p>SvdV extended her thanks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilary for leading the maintenance of the station gardens at Meldreth, as well as Elisabeth at Shepreth and Rachael at Foxton; • CIC directors • Partners, including businesses and Melbourn Science Park. • Sarah Grove
Item 6	Election of officers
	<p>For this item, RS took the chair. The following were elected as officers: Chair: Susan van de Ven Vice Chair: Peter MacDonald Secretary: Sarah Hatcher</p>
Item 7	Championing local rail services
	Members to suggest if any additional wording needed in ToR for championing of rail service
Item 8	Project officer updates since March meeting
	<p><u>Providing voice to community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of business-as-usual work • EWR consultations postponed due to election - keeping an eye on this • 3CR - results of inquiry found against upgrade of Shepreth crossing so not going ahead <p><u>Promoting healthy and sustainable travel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still pursuing ramp • Looking into EcoTourism bus linking from Shepreth, Wimpole, Duxford and Whittlesford. Submitted proposal to internal SCDC fund - decision 10 July. • Showcase at Ely. • Active Travel day, tied in with A10 Cycle Campaign • Working closely with Foxton school. Liaising with Head, four visits, reading and games to promote rail safety, trip to signal box <p><u>Bringing communities together, supporting diversity and inclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilary organised watering rota for station gardens. Have no more DofE volunteers. Following up a lead with Army Cadets. • Joint approach with the Scouts. Three meetings so far. Very different to schools. Cover rail citizenship, gardening session - loads of litter pickers, bughouses. Cake

	<p>sale, cubs made £200. Will approach Orwell scouts in autumn to do something similar.</p> <p><u>Supporting Social and Economic Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail and Ale trail. Launched in Community Rail week. Joint venture between Visit South Cambs and CRP. • Community Rail Week. Seven days of social media. Support from GTR social media contact. • Railway Heritage Trust - another conversation re Shepreth station. Land opposite being developed so things changing again. <p><u>Strengthening the Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved re-accreditation in May • Working with GTR marketing team • Keeping up with CRP officer training • Working with other CRPs, doing a lot of resource-sharing with other CRPs • Talking about expanding the reach of the CRP to incorporate Shelford and Whittlesford Parkway and Cambridge South into our CRP. Trying to secure some funding to do some extra hours. The villages are similar, eg schools, village college, sixth form in Cambridge. MSF trains will go direct to Cambridge South.
Item 9	Date of next meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a variety of individual meetings with individual station partners. • Next meeting for this meeting likely late autumn