

NORTHAMPTON RAIL USERS GROUP

Minutes of Meeting held 5th February 2011

Those Present: Brian Binley MP, Colin Bricher, John Ellerby (NCC), Paul Minton, Patrick Rawlinson, Geoff Steel, Tom Welsh, Paul Varnsvery.

Apologies: David Cheney, Cllr. Mathew Golby, Shaun Hope, Gyde Horrocks , Cllr. Suresh Patel, Paul Smith, Elisabeth Townsend, David Trill.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted.

We heard with regret of Paul Smith's illness and wish him well.

MEETING WITH PHILLIP HAMMOND

To be organised. Key points for a briefing note discussed and agreed: gaps in service; rolling stock & IEP; fares and new station. Secretary to prepare a briefing note.

STATION

An application (pre-notification) is on the NBC planning portal N/2010/1065. 1269 parking spaces. No alteration if position or scale and no through platform 4 – ie not future proof, which is very disappointing and short sighted.

AOB:

We have received an answer to Brian's letter to NR – but it just refers us back to the WCML RUS.

Items for LM next month: toilets failing; new barriers at Euston; announcements again; punctuality, and especially why 07.00 has become so poor since December.

ACTION ITEMS

E-mail to the University of Northampton regarding presence of the University of Northampton transport committee at NRUG meetings – **PAM**

Add UoN representative as blank line to attendance sheet - **PAM**

Arrange meeting with Phillip Hammond. – **Brian Binley**

Briefing note for meeting – **PAM - done**

Press NBC & NCC to protect Northampton's interest over HS-2 – **Brian Binley & Paul Varnsvery**

See if we can get NR to a meeting – **Geoff Steel/Paul Smith – IN HAND**

See if we can get one of LM's timetabling staff for a future monthly meeting - **Geoff Steel/Paul Smith – IN HAND**

Make contact with Chiltern, Grand Central - **Paul Smith**

Add Chamber of Commerce to circulation list – **Paul Minton**

Write to NR re need for heated points at Riverside and Kings Heath – **PAM**

Christmas disruptions on agenda for next time LM attend – **PAM**

Background facts on fares increase – **Gyde Horrocks**

New rolling stock for LM – write again to CEO of LM to get confirmation of what we are getting by when – **Brian Binley**

Prepare brief on rolling stock and track – **Patrick Rawlinson**

WM & Chilterns RUS consultation response – **PS/GS/PV**

WCML RUS response - **PS/GS/PV**

Write to LM re Christmas services, disruption, letter received etc – **PAM - done**

Write to NCC re Bedford track protection – **Cllr Golby**

Get update on plans for Castle Station – **Paul Varnsberry - done**

Central area action plan presentation to NRUG – **Matthew Golby**

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Agenda for Meeting to be held Saturday 5th March 2011 The Guildhall, Northampton

10.00 – 10.05: Meeting opens, apologies, minutes of last meeting and AOB

10.05 – 10.30: London Midland report & issues

10.30-11.00: Network Rail (Patrick)

11.00 – 11.20: RUS consultation feedbacks by subgroup

11.20 – 11.30: Phillip Hammond Meeting

11.30 – 11.40: Review of action items

11.40 – 11.45: AOB

11.45: Meeting closes

Dates of next meetings:

April 2nd

May 7th

June 4th

July 2nd

September 3rd

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd