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Walton-On-Naze, Frinton-On-Sea, Kirby X & Thorpe-Le-Soken Rail Users Association

Serving the Walton & Clacton lines & Tendring Lines for over 20 years

AGM & QUESTION TIME – SATURDAY 16th. MAY 2020 COVID DEFERRED

10.30 a.m. – 12 NOON GOSPEL CHAPEL OLD ROAD FRINTON ON SEA

GUESTS INCLUDE OUR MP, COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARK PLATT, ALAN NEVILLE, ABELLIO'S GREATER ANGLIA RAILWAYS HQ, NETWORK RAIL & OTHERS

Timing AGM ITEMS

1. 10.30 INTRODUCTION, GUESTS & APOLOGIES

Annual Reports

2. 10.33 Minutes of AGM 2019 (See Handout): Matters Arising
3. 10.36 Annual Report Y/E 31st st. December 2019 (See Handout): Matters Arising
4. 10.39 Hon Treasurer's Report Y/E 31st December 2019 (See Handout); Matters Arising
5. 10.42 Treasurer's Membership Sec's Report 2019 (See Handout): Matters Arising

Election of Officers

6. 10.45 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & GENERAL COMMITTEE (Members only vote):
– New ideas/ new blood welcomed

7. 10.48 REVISED CONSTITUTION - SEE DRAFT

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONTIME

8. 10.55 INTODUCTION TO CURRENT ISSUES BRIEFING (HON CHAIR)

9. 11.05 GILES WATLING MP - DEFERRED

10. 11.15 ECC COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARK PLATT/ TDC COUNCILLOR NICK TURNER -

11. 11.10 GREATER ANGLIA RAILWAYS GUEST SPEAKER: MR ALAN NEVILLE - **DEFERRED**

12. .11.35 NETWORK RAIL GUEST SPEAKER / SLIDE PRESENTATION **- DEFERRED**

13. 11. 50 "QUESTION TIME"; ALAN NEVILLE , LOCAL COUNCILLORS & OTHER GUESTS

DEFERRED

14. 12..00 GUESTS ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENT & AOB

15. Date of Next meeting - (indicative date to be advised)

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MINUTES OF THE AGM/ QUESTIONTIME MAY 2019 –

1. Meeting opened 10.30 a.m. by Chair, who introduced speakers and guests.

2. Formal matters 10.33 a.m. following were laid before members and considered:
Minutes of 2018 AGM
Annual report.
Hon. Treasurer's report
Membership Secretary's report.

No matters arising, and approved and passed unanimously.

3. Election of officers 10.46 a.m. – No nominations received; All the Present committee were willing to stand again and were duly re-elected by members.

4. SPEAKERS:

4.1. MP GILES WATLING & LAUNCH OF TDC Transport Liaison Group Report produced in collaboration with ONTRACK and stakeholders - Giles Watling MP said there is a need to talk about Clacton services in the next franchise (noting that "Norwich in 90" came out of the last franchise proposal). Recommended everyone to read the report "COLCHESTER TO CLACTON/WALTON: A Very Underperforming Railway" and promised to hand to the Secretary of State for Transport for him to read. He also commented that fares are too high and the fact that with more housing under construction the railway will be even more necessary.

4.2 County Councillor Mark Platt, retiring Chair of TDC: Described setting up the TDC Transport Liaison Group and meeting with representatives of potential franchisees at Clacton Town Hall. Now a County Councillor (no longer a District Councillor) and has been given the Green Agenda role. One example is Manningtree station car park – how many electric charging points? There is a need to lobby franchisees. He has handed the TDC TLG to Councillor Nick Turner.

4.3 Alan Neville (Greater Anglia Railways) Presentation – key points and points raised:

- He had taken on Paul Oxley's role as well as liaison with Community Rail Partnerships.
- New InterCity trains – first run into Liverpool Street of a new Stadler unit.
- Current performance figure for PPM is 88% MAA (86.4% nationally).
- Described work being carried out for the new trains at Crown Point (Norwich) and at Ilford depot, and the station upgrade work involving seating, car parks, lighting, new information screens, new help point with all TVMs providing passengers with the capability of contacting an operator in Norwich. Altogether £180m was being invested in stations and depots.
- Cllr. Mark Platt ECC asked when window frames at Frinton station and the picket fence adjoining Frinton level crossing would be repaired – Noted thar this had been reported.
- Norwich in 90 services would be starting on the following Monday.
- Need to attract back weekend traffic after main line engineering work.
- Greater Anglia is country leader in smart ticketing.
- DELAY REPAY SCHEME extension – the 15 minute delay repay to go ahead.
- New "Red Hare" marketing campaign.
- New Stadler trains: 14 units arrived with 1 Stansted set. (Norwich in 90 services will use old stock). Stored at Wensum curve near Crown Point, Victoria sidings near Trowse Lower Junction, and on the Mid Norfolk Railway.

- New Bombardier trains: First at Old Dalby test track, will be at Ilford in the next few months. The class 720s would have 544 seats (264 more than a 360, 236 more than a 321).
- Driver training using simulators at present.
- New timetable consultation due to take place in summer/autumn of 2019.

4.4 **Matt Brennan NETWORK RAIL PRSENTATION**- Went through the points on the presentation slides now on ONTRACK WEBSITE

4.5 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - Matters raised from the floor:

Cllr Mark Platt – connections at Thorpe-le-Soken. Alan Neville commented that Colchester signal box is aware of problems and connection policy; there should be communication between box and station.

Bill Marshall (CAUSE): Spoke about the rapid transport consultation re light rail and described the Wuppertaal Floating Rail system.

David Payne: Problems with seeing the information screens – better screens are being installed.

Audience Question - A Disabled User: Poor access on the line from Colchester, has to drive to Manningtree, and uses Stratford where access is very poor. Funding is Government controlled and there are campaigns all over the country. Stowmarket is the only station to get approval in the east of East Anglia.

Audience Question re retaining Frinton Ticket Office and Ticket Offices: There were no plans to close Frinton ticket office.

Cllr Nick Turner: Poor standard of Central Avenue road surface. Matt Brennan to liaise with Chair.

5. Chair closed the meeting at 12.00.

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CAMPAIGNING FOR TRANSPORT USERS AND BETTER TRANSPORT FOR THE TENDRING DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR Y/E DECEMBER 31st 2019

1. THE ONTRACK TEAM'S BLOG FOR 2019- A REPORT FOR THE 2020 AGM

- **ONTRACK has continued to campaign, persistently, consistently and vigorously for infrastructure improvements, better rail connections and connectivity, and also better rail and bus and transport services overall.**

- **ONTRACK continues** as a stakeholder member of the **Tendring District's Transport Liaison Board (TLB).** The TDC Transport Liaison Group was reformed a Board after the dust settled following the May Local Authority Elections. One crisis dealt with was the news of FIRST BUS withdrawal from running local buses and making sure there was a smooth transition over to HEDINGHAM buses

- **Our Hon Chair is Acting TLB Committee Secretary/ Clerk** and continues to attend official **GT. EASTERN MAINLINE TASKFORCE** and Joint local Government Rail conferences wearing both ONTRACK/ TDC TLB hat. This has enabled close working and engagement with the local District Council, District Councillors, County Councillors and our MPs. The taskforce wants infrastructure improvements that can allow more trains to be run on a main line already running at maximum capacity and also get more freight out of Felixstowe onto the railway instead of the A12 or A14, which help to reduce congestion and road accidents on those trunk roads.



- **ONTRACK** has altogether been working together with **Essex County Council, Train Operating Companies (viz., Greater Anglia Railways), Dept. for Transport (DfT), Network Rail, Transport Focus), Essex Rail Users Federation, Rail Future (***Ex Railway Development Society***)** and liaise also other stakeholder organisations **e.g. Tendring Community Transport, Community Rail Partnership, and British Transport Police.**

- **ONTRACK officers attended RAIL FUTURE (Ex Railway Development Society) meetings, and provided input on transport regeneration such East-West Rail Link**

- Our 2019 saw the launch of the TLB/ TLG Sponsored Tendring Rail Report on the Clacton and Walton railway lines **<Colchester to Clacton & Walton – A Very under Achieving Railway > now on our website**

2. FYI- ITEMS OF NOTE

- **GREATER ANGLIA RAILWAYS** have inaugurated a RAIL PASTOR SCHEME for the Gt Eastern Mainline in collaboration with and led by volunteer teams operating under the auspices of London Borough of Havering Churches STREET PASTORS. Their aim is to deal with vulnerable persons and reduce suicides, and they have received special training for the rail based pastoral work over and above that of the ordinary STREET PASTORS one may see in the our town centres, which includes e.g. mental health training . Some of the RAIL PASTORS are pictured here in uniform late night at Shenfield Station together with Transport Focus officer. It is hoped to extend their coverage.



- **The FRINTON STATION windows have now been repaired. After our raising the issue with the TOC and the booking office still remains very busy**
- **The JANUARY 2019 LUNCHEON was a success and we hope to be able to repeat it again**
- **We are pleased that Greater Anglia Railways dropped plans last summer to put certain off-peak cheap fares on-line only.** The **Office of National Statistics (ONS)** and **AGE UK** have both produced studies reporting analysis that up to 45% of the population. especially many of those who are over the age of 60, have i). no regular access to the internet, and/ or ii). do not understand how to use ***smart***

technology, including a SMART PHONE,. **This area, the TENDRING DISTRICT,** according to the **Office of National Statistics has also one of the highest populations of SENIORS.**

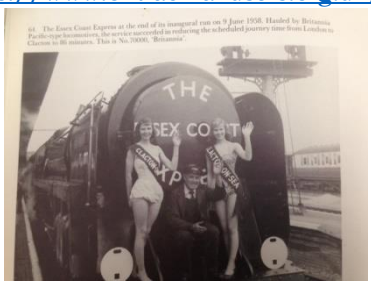
- **Pleased with support of TLB that Tendring Community transport (TCT) and their Dial A Ride services announced plans to extend service coverage in the December of last year**
- We dealt with queries about the operation of the Pork Lane Half Barrier Level Crossing and the remote controlled CCTV monitored Frinton Full Barrier Level Crossing. Confirmation *complies with all current safety regulations and were invited to see how its done at the revamped NETWORK RAIL Signal Control Centre Colchester in early 2020.*



3. See our website and download for our posters and news (See Pictures from 2019 AGM)

ONTRACK WEBSITE **https://www.ontrackrailusers.org.uk/** .







1st. **Picture**: **Our MP GILES WATLING** launches **THE TENDRING RAIL REPORT** (With rear view Cllr Mark Platt, ECC in Blue Suit on front seat) at the 2019 QUESTIONTIME & AGM;
2nd. Picture: Copy of newspaper report from over 60 years ago - of British Rail launching a **Clacton in 85 Minutes** for the **Essex Coast Express** using the Britannia Class steam locomotive (average journey times now currently between 90-100 minutes);
3RD. Picture GILES WATLING MP CENTRE- flanked by ALAN NEVILLE Greater Anglia Railways, (LHS) and MATT BRENNAN Network Rail Anglia (RHS),

The still pending Consultation on a complete re-write of the current timetable is due to start Spring/ Summer 2020, and was the "raison d etre" for Tendring District's TLB launch of the report in May that sets out its agenda https://www.ontrackrailusers.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Tendring-rail-report-2019-FINAL.pdf

We reproduce a SUMMARY OF OUR GDPR POLICY. Much effort was spent last year in getting compliance including membership records . We are registered with the Information Commissioner.

SUMMARY MEMBERSHIP & DATA PROTECTION POLICY (SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)

1. **We welcome new members (Application Form is on our website, or collect from Harwood's of Essex). But the new European General Data Protection Regulations come into force in May 2018.**
2. **So we need to ask you the following and advise you how we use membership data**

2.1 **Do you want us to keep in contact and keep you briefed, keeping you informed of developments where your views can make a difference? Yes/ No (Or handwrite a circle around preference on Membership renewal Slip)**

2.2 **Or do you want us to "forget you"? YES……./ NO……(N.B. Data will be updated/ deleted in 30 days)**
But this means we cannot contact you or advise you of upcoming events or issues that affect you in future even if you are lapsed member

2.3 **We do not divulge membership details for third party use. Please let us know if you have any concerns:**

2.4 **Except**

- **Where request for help in sorting out complaints in respect of customer service may require sharing / verifying customer details and we will let you know if we do so**
- **Otherwise in respect of surveys and/ or petitions where signatory's identities need to be retained for verification purposes**

3. ***What Data do we keep? Your contact details so we that can keep in touch and keep you updated.***
4. ***Any surveys you participate in we collate the results data as a statistical profile (personal identities not revealed)***
5. **You can request update of your details and preferences at any time via the ONTRACK website or by contacting the Membership Secretary by post or e-mail**

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(The Walton on Naze, Frinton On Sea, Kirby Cross & Thorpe Le Soken RUA - Serving the Tendring District for over 20 years)



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TREASURERS / MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR Y/E 31 DEC 2019

FINANCE

The net reserves (BALANCE AT BANK) were **£152.69.** Significant outgoings included the CIO DATA REGISTRATION which fortunately did not increase and continue to enjoy the reduced rate enjoyed by voluntary not for profit organisations and a donation to the Gospel Chapel who have kindly hosted us.

The financial statements are produced on an accounting accruals basis, which should include all known anticipated accrued liabilities and prepayments, rather than on a purely cash based receipts and payments basis which ignores outstanding liabilities and outstanding deferred income.

A notional figure for expenses borne by association officers, but not claimed is shown as an offset to the equivalent value to these, as a donation in kind, which effectively becomes a memorandum adjustment in the accounts. Officers of the Association have not claimed re-imbursement for their travelling, printing costs (colour toner cartridges are expensive), stationery and postage, or phone, or rail journals purchased. Although this memorandum adjustment gives an indication of the extra costs, these are still understated, but are relevant to the true cost of running the campaign group.

MEMBERSHIP

This has remained stable but we encourage every member to recruit another friend. We are endeavour to provide regular newsletters and also after these also issue news items in the various local journals. Once SHANTIS RESTAURANT reopens in her new prime location, and the CORONA VIRUS CRISIS has subdued we hope to host another luncheon meeting, where there can be informal Q&A around a piping hot meal. We have support for a widened remit to cover all transport. The message out that must be that we are campaigning in your corner. Our officers attend high level meetings with the local authorities and rail and bus companies in this area. Can you help the TEAM in any way? TOGETHER EVERYBODY ACHIEVES MORE = TEAM. What are your vocational gifts, qualifications and skills? Let's make a Difference

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