

“ONTRACK” RUA

WALTON ON THE NAZE, FRINTON ON SEA, KIRBY CROSS & THORPE LESOKEN RAILA USERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE SHORT ONLINE AGM 2020

1. Meeting opened 10.30 a.m. by Chair,
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 (Subject to ratification at physical meeting)

3. **A short discussion of current issues took place**
4. **Chair closed the meeting as ZOOM time expired**

MINUTES OF THE AGM/ QUESTIONTIME MAY 2019

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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 that 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 PRESENTATION- 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 Wuppertal 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.