



LNER (GC) Heritage Trust

Registered Charity No: 1077725

Nottingham Transport Heritage Centre, Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham. NG11 6NX

LNER (GC) Heritage Trust General Meeting Meeting held on Saturday 25th June 2022

Present: See attached list

Trustees Present: Lloyd Varley (LV), Martin Roe (MR)
Karen Sharpe (KS), Andy Fillingham (AF) Elected during this meeting

Chair: Lloyd Varley

Secretary:

1. LV welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the Trustees. Lead with acknowledging that the last few years have been difficult, thank you to Karen Sharpe and Karen Law for organising meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from; Peter Morley, Richard Drew and Arthur Barber
3. **Director's Report and accounts for the year ended 31st January 2022**

LV presented the Director's Report and copies were available for members at the meeting. The main items were brought to the attention of members were; (copy attached)

1. Explained main purpose of the Trust. Membership is key source of funds.
2. Membership income £6,182
3. £645 in additional donations from members.
4. Cost of membership administration including printing and distribution of Driving Wheels £3990
5. Regular donation to established funds continue but are down on previous years.
6. New fund launched for Rushcliffe Halt station. Some progress made but no cash available.
7. Platform 2 project has had another £400 added
8. Hotchley Hill signal box. Steady progress being made.
9. Tearoom stands at £100,000. A similar amount will be needed to complete the project. EMRT is contributing.
10. Easy Fundraising £86.
11. A donation of £10K has been made to The David Clarke Railway Trust towards the replacement of the A60 bridge,
12. Accounts signed off by chartered accountants.

Proposed by LV to be accepted. Accepted.

4. Appointment of new accountants.
Rogers Spencer Chartered Accountants approved to continue use.

Submitted to Companies House

5. Trust Board Members (Trustees)

Karen Sharpe and Andy Fillingham were proposed and accepted by LV and MR.

LV, MR & AB should retire but are willing to stand again.

MR proposed by Martin Cramp seconded by Tony Alvey
AB is honorary trustee. LV proposed, seconded by MR
LV proposed by Richard Hourd and seconded by Paul Collett.

Ratification of two new trustees.

Tom Ingall proposed individual voting.

KS proposal carried by vote

Mark Hallebaut asked about conflict of interest for AF being on GCRN board. Matter was discussed and logic behind the decision. LV stated it is to aid improved communication between boards.

AF proposal carried by vote

MR carried

AB carried 1 against 1 abstention.

LV carried 1 against 1 abstention.

6. Presentations

GCRN – Andy Fillingham

An AGM will be held shortly. Trying to get accounts up to date for presentation. With the accountants. VAT returns are now up to date. Refund has been received from HMRC. Working continuing to getting trains running again. Rail break to be put back in to facilitate weedkilling and maintenance to Rushcliffe Halt. Site tidying to continue and progress is being made. Tom Ingall stated that it has taken 6 months to get accounts sorted.

Tom Ingall reported reunification project progressing at a good rate. Over £1.1m towards the factory flyover. Challenging times due to economic situation.

Access to A60 bridge has been confirmed with October target start date.

NTHC Group – Paul Chambers

Full events calendar for the year. All making money. Introduced voluntary parking charge for visitors to site. Rushcliffe Halt Open Day being organised for Sunday 31st July. The NTHC Group has been set up as an assistance to the site, to raise money and rise profile. Always looking for ways to improve.

Phil Sharpe added re Rushcliffe Halt. The focus is no trains which have made it difficult. Current working towards when trains start re-running to provide facilities both operational and visitor.

EMRT – David Rae

There are concerns about the future. The last 12 months has been eventful with progress and setbacks. A year ago, EMRT launched the Forward Fund. Very pleased with programme of events with Christmas, Easter and Bonfire night events proving popular. Publicity being improved and the image of the project is improving. Financial situation no immediate chance of Gypsum trains being reinstated. No timescale of resumption and is out of EMRT control. Looking at which part of the line will be feasible to run trains. It costs between £50 & 70K simply to pay essential bills and keep site open. Keeping open will be a challenge. 2023 there is a question mark over whether it will still be feasible to run.

7. No other business

8. Meeting closed at 12.07pm

Date, time and venue of next meeting TBC. Will be advertised in Driving Wheels.