

BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH RAIL USER PARTNERSHIP (BARRUP)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Committee Room, Bromsgrove District Council, Parkside, Bromsgrove on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 14.30

Present

Members: Robert Cholmondeley (Chairman & Secretary), Margaret Evans, Paul Evans, Nick Taylor, Graham Vickery

Non-members: Adrian Kriss, Chris Miall and Stephanie Miall

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Peter Hughes and Clem Huzzey.
- The resignation of Tony Woodward was noted. The contents of his resignation letter were conveyed to the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM 16 April 2024

- The minutes of the previous AGM on 16 April 2024 were approved.

3. Chairman's Report

- The early restoration of 6 trains per hour on the Cross City Line has become a main aim for BARRUP. A relationship for BARRUP, as a rail user group, has been established with West Midlands Trains, though there has not been any progress with Cross Country Trains. Contact has been made with selected politicians culminating in a joint meeting with our MPs, Chris Bloore (Redditch) and Bradley Thomas (Bromsgrove). Both have been active on rail related issues.

4. Treasurer's Report

- A loss of £25 was incurred during the year. Membership income was £45, yet expenditure was £70, of which £60 was the maintenance of the website.
- At the year end, there was a credit balance of £213.94.

5. Membership Report

- The membership currently stands at 10.
- Nick Taylor will shortly write to members asking for their annual £5 subscription.

6. Election of Officers

- Officers were elected to the following positions:
 - Chairman - Robert Cholmondeley
 - Vice Chairman – vacant
 - Secretary – Robert Cholmondeley
 - Treasurer – Nick Taylor
 - Membership Secretary – Nick Taylor
 - Webmaster – Paul Evans
 - Stakeholder Engagement – Nick Taylor
 - Station Representative: Bromsgrove – Nick Taylor
 - Stations Representative: Redditch – Graham Vickery
 - Station Representative: Alvechurch – vacant
 - Station Representative: Barnt Green – Robert Cholmondeley
- These officers will form BARRUP's committee.

7. Increase in Membership Subscription

- It was agreed not to increase the membership subscription but to retain it at £5 for 2025.

8. Rules & Constitution Amendment – quorum decrease

- It was agreed to amend the Rules and Constitution, Paragraph 17, to reduce the meeting quorum from 5 to 4, of which two must be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or a Station Representative.

9. Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 15.05

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