**BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH RAIL USER PARTNERSHIP (BARRUP)**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Committee Room, Parkside, Bromsgrove on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 19.10

**Present**

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

1. **Apologies**

* Apologies were received from Paul Fuller, Peter Hughes, Pat Tansell and Tony Woodward.
* The meeting has a quorum 5 which was not reached. It was agreed that the meeting minutes would be ratified at the next quorate ordinary meeting.

1. **Minutes of AGM 14 March 2023**

* The minutes of the previous AGM on 14 March 2023 were approved.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

* Progress has been made by engaging with politicians. A list of suggested improvements has been submitted to West Midlands Rail. The publication of the Worcestershire Rail Investment Strategy 2022-2050 was disappointing as it adopted a supportive stance to third party initiatives for improvements to North East Worcestershire rather than a proactive approach.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

* Income is not covering costs which are predominantly fixed. There’s a shortfall of about £30 per annum.
* It was agreed that initiatives would be taken to encourage membership by spreading the word through members and by references to membership in the publications to which BARRUP contributes.
* It was agreed that membership fees would not be increased in 2024.

1. **Membership Report**

* The membership currently stands at 12.
* Nick Taylor will shortly write to members asking for their annual £5 subscription.

1. **Election of Officers**

* The current officers agreed that they would stand again and were duly elected.
* The officers are:

Robert Cholmondeley – Chairman & Secretary

Tony Woodward - Vice Chairman & Joint Stakeholder Engagement

Nick Taylor - Treasurer, Membership Secretary & Joint Stakeholder Engagement

Paul Evans – Webmaster

1. **Any Other Business**

* There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 19.35

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