

**PRESENT:** Donna Adams (DA), Jody Ball (JB), Tim Bellenger (TB), Ian Clark (IC), Clare Horton (CH) Emma McIntosh (EM), Rowley Osborn (RO), Mark Osborne (MO), Claire Sandys (CS), Luke Tinning (LT), Paul Webster (PW), Michael Willmot (MW) (Chair)

1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Dave Dowbenko, Brian Edwards, Neil Roberts, Katie Ellison, Alexa Stott, Marika Latham</p>	Action				
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting (15/07//21)</b></p> <p>Delay in work on Kidsgrove footbridge over electricity supply. Details uncertain. Donna will enquire. Confirmed after meeting: issue is with insufficient earthing, which is being dealt with.</p> <p>After consideration Longport station building shutters may be best dealt with by taking accurate measurements of window openings and having marine ply cut to fit which can be pre-painted off site. Neil may be able to help with fitting. If ever there were an objection, boarding could be unscrewed and removed.</p> <p>Leaflets are now on display at Stoke Station.</p> <p>Longton Arches Art Project re-submitted to CRN awards and has been shortlisted.</p> <p>Peartree community poster cases now sorted out</p> <p>Venues offering hybrid meetings are very limited.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>MW CS</p>				
3.	<p><b>CRPOs report</b></p> <p>Rails to Trails booklet has been successful and the associated guided walks popular; 6 walks so far with 60 participants. Two walks still to be undertaken:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="229 1189 1104 1261"> <tr> <td>Uttoxeter</td> <td>6<sup>th</sup> November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Longport</td> <td>12<sup>th</sup> November (interactive walk with BArts)</td> </tr> </table> <p>No space for the Peartree walk in the booklet but this will be published on the NSCRP website</p> <p>Line guide delayed – due to unsettled timetable information. Agreed to publish next edition with links to best current timetable information for both EMR &amp; LNR</p> <p>Issues at Stone in getting heavy and bulky bee friendly garden components across the track now that NR has deferred its work on platform 1. Emma is discussing options with NR. Various suggestions. Project may have to be scaled back. Emma to keep under review.</p> <p>Stoke volunteers have not yet restarted due to risk assessment not yet having been signed off. RAMS (Risk Assessment Method Statement also required. Emma will pursue.</p> <p>Family Days Out competition to win a Family and Friends Railcard launched on the NSCRP facebook page. Information about local days out by train available on the NSCRP website. Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Claire raised issues with delay to responses about outstanding works from EMR and LNR. Claire to send a list of outstanding tasks to Donna and Tim.</p>	Uttoxeter	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Longport	12 <sup>th</sup> November (interactive walk with BArts)	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>EM</p> <p>EM</p> <p>CS</p>
Uttoxeter	6 <sup>th</sup> November					
Longport	12 <sup>th</sup> November (interactive walk with BArts)					
4.	<p><b>Community Rail Network (CRN) items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Days Out by Rail campaign continues, encouraging people to take advantage of railcards and advance offers.</li> <li>• 18-24 October Community Rail Week</li> <li>• Webinar programme continues</li> </ul>					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8 Nov Effective meetings</li> <li>○ 23 Nov Creating surveys with confidence</li> <li>● 9 Dec Community Rail Awards</li> <li>● NSCRP annual accreditation due, expect this next month</li> </ul>	<b>PW</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>East Midlands Railway items</b></p> <p>Passenger growth continuing but still 18% down on Crewe-Derby service compared to 2019/20 – but only around half of services are running. Grant funding remains available.</p> <p>Samaritans have escalated Longport &amp; Kidsgrove to Tier 2 due to 3 incidents in the last 12 months.</p> <p>EMR head office is moving to Locomotive House, nearer to Derby Station.</p> <p>There is a CRP get together planned for January.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Update on full Crewe – Newark Castle Service restoration</b></p> <p>One diagram (half the services should be reinstated in December and the full service restored in May 2022).</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>London Northwestern Railway</b></p> <p>Some services will stop at Longport at least until December – services which run in the hours in which EMR services have been cancelled.</p> <p>55% of pre-Covid passenger levels. Travel to work journeys much reduced but leisure travel has been busy.</p> <p>Three year direct award has been agreed with DfT , starting 19 Dec 2021, with possible two year extension.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>CrossCountry</b></p> <p>Passenger levels 60% of pre-Covid levels.</p> <p>Train naming took place at Stafford in memory of Hixon disaster victims. The stained glass window will be put up next year.</p> <p>Community Engagement Fund is still open.</p>	
<b>9,</b>	<p><b>Avanti West Coast</b></p> <p>Current 6 tph timetable to run until 11th Dec, 75% of pre-pandemic levels</p> <p>Growth continues to be leisure driven (&gt;70% base recovery), business growth 34% of the base recovered to date</p> <p>Crewe Alexandra are giving away Season Tickets to year 7 children: Working with them with opportunity to tie into Sherborne Garden Project.</p> <p><b>Jo Buckley is in discussions with the DfT regarding a possible trial Streetlink project at Stoke Station to address homelessness.</b></p>	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Review of Volunteers and Equality policies</b></p> <p>Both policies were considered and adopted. The volunteer policy should be reviewed again in 2022; the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy in 2023.</p> <p>Donna pointed out that the Volunteer policy should have a link to the EMR Community Rail Conduct Pledge (<a href="https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk/sites/default/files/assets/download_ct/20210429/mtp6FB_0NbOdrFPb67Q2_-fDZm2rB1rbyV0KtsVx211/emr_community_rail_conduct_pledge.pdf">https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk/sites/default/files/assets/download_ct/20210429/mtp6FB_0NbOdrFPb67Q2_-fDZm2rB1rbyV0KtsVx211/emr_community_rail_conduct_pledge.pdf</a> )</p>	

11.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Spotter Tea at Kildgrove not yet restarted. Could perhaps include their official re-opening with footbridge opening when that come about (if it is fairly soon!).</p> <p>Accreditation renewal is due. A meeting will need to be arranged in November.</p>	<p><b>PW/ CS/ MW</b></p>
	<p><b>Dates &amp; Times of Next Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 09.45 by Teams</li> <li>• Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 09.45 face-to-face: Management Group and Stakeholders meetings</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">○</p>	

MFW/CS/EM  
29/10/21