

PRESENT: Ian Clark (Vice Chair), Jody Ball, Julie Colclough, Luke Tinning, Emma McIntosh, Claire Sandys, Michael Willmot (Chair), Alexa Stott, Mark Osborne, Rod Fletcher, Ruth Shaw Rachel Selby, Vicky Cropper-Clarke

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies for absence Donna Adams, Paul Webster, Barbara Rochelle, Kath Reader, Lyn Sharpe, Jon Honeysett, Darren Powis, David Jones, Donna Adams, Rob Goulding, Neil Roberts, Tom Kelt, Jon Heal</p>	
2.	<p>Open Forum for Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rod Fletcher: Lack of 08.20 service from Alsager to Stoke & Derby. It was accepted that this was one of the EMR services not yet restored, but hope that it would be in the new year. It is an unfortunate gap at a peak travel time but it was pointed out that for passengers travelling to stations to Stoke and beyond to Birmingham there was the 0806 and a 0904 departure by London Northwestern Railway. • RS pointed out that there had been some disruptions at Stoke with trains not going on further to Crewe • Problem of non rail users taking limited parking spaces at Longton and not paying parking fee. There was a request that EMR arrange a visit by a revenue protection officer to issue penalty tickets and hence reduce this problem. 	
3.	<p>Minutes of the last AGM (14th October 2021) The minutes were agreed. There were no matters arising</p>	
4.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>Not everything may be rosy on rail currently, but despite present circumstances passenger numbers are recovering, at least they are for recreational travel</p> <p>Passengers travelling for pleasure will use the trains if travelling on them is itself a pleasure. And that includes pleasant, interesting, colourful stations that feel safe on which to wait for departures and be greeted by on arrival.</p> <p>In support of this, volunteers have been involved in a wide range of activities both in improving the appearance of stations and with schools and partner organisations to promote rail travel</p> <p>Grateful thanks were expressed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All our station volunteers • Train operators: EMR, LNR, Avanti West Coast, CrossCountry and our very supportive contacts there • Our Local Authority Stakeholders: Staffordshire, Cheshire East, Derbyshire, Derby City, and above all Stoke on Trent • Community Rail Network and in particular Paul Webster • Our CRPOs Claire Sandys & Emma McIntosh 	
5.	<p>CRPO Report</p> <p>CS and EM presented a summary of their CRP activities over the last year. These can be found in On Track, the CRP's annual report, available on the Home page of the NSCRP website: The Website of the North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership (northstaffsrail.org.uk)</p> <p>See also the recently published line guide at https://www.northstaffsrail.org.uk/uploads/Line-Guide-Leaflet-WEB.pdf</p>	

6.	<p>Treasurer's Report Julie Colclough presented the treasurer's report for period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.</p> <p>This is shown in the printed annual report</p> <p>The meeting accepted the accounts and the Chair thanked Julie for her work on these along with all the other in-kind help and support Stoke City Council had provided over the year.</p>	
7	<p>Confirmation of membership of the Management Group The current membership of the Management Group was circulated with the AGM papers.</p> <p>Austin Hannaby agreed to stand for a three year term and was proposed and seconded.</p> <p>There is space for additional members from the community/volunteers on the Management Group and Claire agreed to seek further expressions of interest for co-options</p>	CS
8.	<p>Election of Chair and Vice-chair Claire called for nominations for each post. For Chair, Mike Willmot was proposed and seconded; for Vice-chair, Ian Clark was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations for either post and both were duly elected for a further term.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
10.	<p>Date & Time of next AGM Thursday 12th October 2023 at 5.00 pm</p>	

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