

FOSBR Committee Meeting

Monday 3 December 2018, 7.15pm STEAM pub Clifton Down



DRAFT MINUTES

1. Present: Graham Ellis, Reuben Paget, Martin Garrett, Carol Durrant, Julie Boston, Rennie Dickens, Andy McGillivray, Rob Dixon, Terry Miller, Tina Biggs, Keith Walton.
2. Ongoing issues:
 - a) Severn Beach Line: WECA are now in charge of MetroWest Phase 1B which means that funding is now available. **Keith Walton** is hoping to bring forward the half-hour service now that Filton Bank has reopened. Note that extra signalling is no longer required at Avonmouth. Observation that latest timetable for this involves a train waiting at Avonmouth for half an hour – could this train be sent round the Henbury Loop? Initial delays and cancellations not satisfactory but could be teething problems – watching brief. Suggestion from Avonmouth residents to close gap between 20:03 and 21:39 departures towards Temple Meads – viewed as lower priority as this will happen with half-hour service. Keith would like to carry out a full count of the Severn Beach Line in March 2019. Results of travel to work survey show low confidence in train service by Severnside employers even pre-2017. Possibility of WECA buying rolling stock welcomed – **Action Tina** to ask David Carter about progress of this.
 - b) Portishead Line light rail proposal - WoE Joint Committee are in charge of MetroWest Phase 1B (Portishead Line) which means that Portishead continues to need £48 million funding, but JLTP4 paper indicates that were this money to be found, the rail fares would mean the investment would have a payback time of one year only (**Action Tina to check with WECA**) – WECA are carrying out a study into Grayling's light rail proposal, due March 2019 - **TfGB** would like a separate meeting to prepare a joint balanced briefing document with FOSBR **Action All** Street campaigning in Portishead - liaise with Portishead Back on Track/Portishead Rail Group – worth talking to Portishead Marina management and boat owners? **Action Carol and Julie**
 - c) Henbury Loop – this is now included in the consultation draft of the JLTP4 (out Weds 28 November) albeit as “longer term option” – Rob has now written to both Darren Jones and Mark Weston to request meeting – Mark can meet Monday 17 December 11am-1pm at City Hall and Darren can meet Saturday 19 January 9am-10am at Grupo Café in Westbury on Trym. **Action Rob & Tina to attend** Need to continue to make technical case for a much higher expected footfall, using UWE travel to work data. **Action Tina** to get in touch with Cllr Jo Sergeant to talk to Port about access issues – level crossing timings, Holesmouth Bridge.
 - d) Pilning – the “SEWWEB” proposal from Graham Ellis and Lee Fletcher does not include estimates of footfall so we have continued need for Christopher Orlik to supply this from UWE travel survey data. Preferred location B4055 (middle of three possible sites) – need to reassure locals that this will improve the case. Advised as not relevant to Thornbury new housing (JSP) so should be more a focus for JLTP4 which has no mention of Pilning. **Action Tina** to pull out SEWWEB info to bolster case for Pilning to WECA JLTP4
 - e) Thornbury – JSP inspectors dismissed case for Tytherington line without seeming to be aware of FOSBR briefing – eg no awareness of our proposed station location at Grovesend Roundabout or proposal to use Westerleigh Freight Depot line with Ram Hill loop to bypass Westerleigh Depot line. Data of local support available as part of FOSBR Rail Map Survey 2016. Need to submit case to WECA by Monday 7 January – **action Tina**
3. AGM – date fixed as Friday 18 January, 7pm for 7.15pm (we have the hall from 6.45pm-9.45pm); Graham Ellis to be keynote speaker. Other speakers – regional rail friends such as Bernard Kennedy, Friends of Parson St, Olga Taylor of Pilning station group to provide updates. Need to have separate small planning meeting? **Action Rob** to suggest date/time?
4. Filton Bank Party on the Platform celebration – suggested date Friday 11 January 11am at Filton Abbey Wood station - **Action Rob to frame invitation/invitee list** Note: date changed subsequent to meeting
5. Wessex Wanderer (Julie) – **Action Julie** to forward article for FOSBR newsletter

6. Coverage in RAIL magazine of Bristol aspirations – Daniel Puddicombe – issue December 2018. **Action Rob** to summarise for committee
7. Items for newsletter – deadline Monday 7 January 2019 – **Action Carol and Tina** to supply, eg, SBL reliability update, tram-train/Portishead update, quick summary of Aztec West/B4055 Pilning proposals as a reminder pre-AGM, JSP/JLTP response, what else? Also, chair would like to see committee meeting minutes on website, so that members can see what is discussed **Action Tina and Carol**
8. Bus strategy – TfGB has circulated a new draft and will connect with James Freeman – **Action Tina** to meet with Martin Garrett 2pm on Weds 12 December at Tina's home.
9. Upcoming campaigns
 - a) Consultation for JSP Inspectors documents, closing date Monday 7 January: **Tina and Rob**.
 - b) Updated draft of FOSBR Rail Plan 2018 campaign postcard new print run – 3000 have been printed – Rob & Barbara have approached Coalpit Heath residents – need to connect with neighbourhood groups for official support? **Action Carol to make Rob FB admin, Rob to use FB to connect with Coalpit Heath residents**
 - c) UWE's MSc student Christopher Orlik – this week will be working on M32 postcode data and pulling out 2011 and 2018 travel to work data accessible to UWE. **Action Tina** to chase.
 - d) Future BCC meetings – Next BCC Cabinet provisionally Tuesday 8 January.
 - e) Next WECA meetings – Friday 18 January 2019 Mayoral Budget meeting 12 noon Guildhall Bath; Weds 23 January 2019, 10.30am WECA Scrutiny City Hall Bristol; Friday 1 February 2019 10.30am WECA Committee and WoE Joint Committee City Hall Bristol; **Action Tina**
10. Next FOSBR cttee meeting date: Thursday 10 January 7.15pm STEAM Clifton Down.