

## FRIENDS OF SUBURBAN BRISTOL RAILWAYS (FOSBR)

### Treasurer's report for year ending 31 December 2018

INCOME (£)			EXPENDITURE (£)		
	2018	Compared to 2017		2018	Compared to 2017
Subscriptions, private	1,226.00	+29	Printing, copying, laminating	1,042.98	+236
Affiliation fees	180.00	+40	Postage	258.84	-103
Donations	426.00	-542	Stationery	105.94	+8
Cheque not cashed	12.50	+13	Travel expenses	27.40	-35
			Website	59.94	+10
			Stalls & Room hire	84.00	-227
			Catering/ Entertainment	46.15	+19
			Affiliation & Donations	36.00	-288
			Childcare	73.50	-234
			Bank charges	72.00	0
			Books/ Research items	0	-18
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,844.50</b>	<b>-465</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,806.75</b>	<b>-632</b>

#### Summary:

Income over Expenditure for 2017: +£37.75 (compared to -£129.80 in 2017)

Balance in bank at 31 December 2017: +£733.08

Balance in bank at 31 December 2018: +£770.83

#### Comments:

- Compared to 2017, income fell by £465 - but expenses fell more, by £632.
- In terms of membership subscriptions and donations received during 2018: subscriptions from individuals stayed about the same as in 2017, affiliations increased by £40 but donations decreased by £542. The reason for the latter is that, in 2017, we received a very large one off donation of £550 from one organisation (ASLEF) - which made the 2017 donation sum much larger than usual.
- Five individuals first joined FOSBR in November or December 2017 - and so (as per our subscription policy) their subscriptions paid at that time (£32) also covered them for 2018. Also 3 subscriptions for both 2018 and 2019 were sent in 2018; these were all banked in 2018 and so the income for 2019 will be less by £36 - although of course more in 2018 (by £36). As before, some groups and individual members included donations as well as their membership subscriptions. We thank all concerned for these welcome boosts to our income.
- Our printing costs increased by £236 compared to the previous year. The main reason for this was the printing of the FOSBR Rail Plan postcards. Our postage costs fell this year by £103 - mainly because we still had a fairly large number of stamps left over from the previous year.
- Our affiliations/donation payments dropped by £288 in 2018. In 2017, besides our usual affiliation to TransWilts and Railfuture, we gave one-off donations (totalling £309) to a couple of groups and to two people who had helped us with real time internet data on train movements. We did not give any such donations this year.
- Childcare costs, to enable our Secretary to attend various key council and stakeholder meetings, decreased (by £234) in 2018.

- Room hire charges have decreased by £227 in 2018. The reason is that in 2017, but not in 2018, we had several meetings in the Engine Shed at Temple Meads where the hire charges were quite high.
- The final end of year balance (2018) is about £38 higher than at the end of 2017. Our account balance now stands at £770.83.

### **Members:**

196 private members and 9 organisations gave money to FOSBR last year (2018) - virtually the same numbers as for the previous year. 12 new members joined us in 2018 (less than the 22 that joined in 2017); this helped sustain our income and number of supporters despite several previous members not renewing in 2018.

The organisations that supported us in 2018 were:

- ASLEF (Bristol Branch)
- Bristol Civic Society
- Bristol Cycling Campaign
- Cotham Labour Party
- Friends of Bridgwater Station
- Henbury & Brentry Community Council
- Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council
- Railfuture (Sevenside Branch)
- RMT (Bristol Branch)

### **Financial situation for 2019:0**

We have come out at the end of 2018 with a balance of +£771, which is a fairly healthy amount to start the year with. Subscriptions for 2019 will soon start to come in - to further build up our reserves.

The major known costs for the coming year will be the cost of printing and posting 3 newsletters (c.£300 per newsletter).

In 2018, we managed to curtail our expenses so that, although our income decreased, our end of year balance remained about the same as for the previous year.

Thus, together with the 2019 subscriptions, there should be sufficient funds to enable us to campaign vigorously for our local rail services during the coming year. At present there is no good reason to consider raising our subscription rates.

**Tony Lloyd, FOSBR Treasurer**

**16 January 2019**

***The above accounts have been audited by Lionel White. He has confirmed that this is a true statement of FOSBR's finances and that the records have been correctly kept.***