

## FOSBR COMMITTEE MEETING – 5 January 2010, at the Cornubia, Temple Street. MINUTES

Present: Bernard, Julie, Rob, Peter, Eric, Lionel, Joe, Tony.

### 1. Minutes of last meeting (15 November 2009) - matters arising

- a. (Item 1a): Necessity for Doubletracking: Ref. whether quadrupling of the Temple Meads to Abbey Woods line would obviate the need for the Clifton Down to Montpelier re-doubling. The answer is that, even with this quadrupling, the doubletracking from Clifton Down to Montpelier would still be needed.
- b. (Item 1c): West of England Partnership Conference on 27<sup>th</sup> November.  
Bernard and Julie went to this Conference. Professor Boddy (UWE) also spoke at this Conference and used one of the FOSBR rail maps in his presentation (with acknowledgements to FOSBR).
- c. (Item 1d): Pie chart of passenger numbers: Rob used the pie chart in his response to the RUS consultation. It has not yet been put on the website.  
**Action:** Ian/ Peter to arrange for the results from the June 2009 passenger survey to go on the website.
- d. (Item 1f): Aspiration for Bristol Metro: Ref. the idea of FGW hiring a train to show the 'movers and shakers' the potential of rail services in the Region (first mooted by Mark Hopwood). We need to ensure that this does not get forgotten by FGW.  
**Action:** Bernard to write to Julian Crowe saying that we look forward to this train event and to offer help with this venture.
- e. (Item 2) FOSBR Web Site: Following the previous meeting, various agreed changes have been put in place. However, there are still some details to sort out but these could not be discussed without Ian being present. Peter also expressed concern about the problems of 'dual control' of the website.  
**Action:** Tony to arrange a meeting with Ian and Peter (possibly also Eric and Julie) to discuss the website – sometime in early February.
- f. (Item 3) Response to draft RUS: Rob confirmed that the FOSBR response has gone to National Rail. The meeting that he and Pip Sheard (TfGB) had with Network Rail at Swindon on 18<sup>th</sup> November was very useful. It appears that some of the more worrying parts of the draft RUS are in fact not as bad as they appeared to be.
- g. (Item 4) 'Save Our Train Service' campaign: The results of this campaign, when finalised should be put on our website.  
**Action:** Peter/ Ian to arrange.
- h. (Item 9) Lionel's activities: Lionel reported that he and Patrick Holmes attended the Severn Beach Xmas Fair on 28 Nov 2009.

### 2. AGM on 9 January 2010

- a) There was discussion on the make-up of the Committee. It was thought that the number of posts should be reduced – by deleting the posts for ‘Minutes’ and for ‘Representative to Portishead and RUS’. The remaining posts and volunteers for them will be put to the AGM.
- b) Pip Sheard is to be invited to speak at the AGM about Transport for Greater Bristol (TfGB) and their campaign for an Integrated Transport Authority (ITA).
- c) Julie has two resolutions to put to the AGM (in relation to FOSBR’s aims) - however there was no time to discuss in detail.

On the subject of the Committee, it was decided that:

- All committee meetings should be open to any FOSBR member.
- The dates of the Committee meetings should be posted on the website
- The minutes of the meetings should go on the website

**Action:** Tony to arrange with Peter/Ian for this to be done (after the meeting described in Item 1e).

### **3. Peter Mann meeting**

Peter Mann (Bristol CC Transport Supremo) has agreed to meet Julie and others from FOSBR, with two dates suggested.

**Action:** Julie will arrange to meet him on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010, together with Bernard, Rob and possibly Joe.

### **4. Forthcoming Bristol CC meetings of interest to FOSBR**

There are 2 or 3 meetings to be held in January that are of importance to FOSBR. One is a transport scrutiny meeting and another is the budget setting meeting; the former is probably of most relevance. There was some confusion over actual dates.

**Action:** Julie to find out dates from BCC website and liaise with others on the Committee about representation.

### **5. Potential Meeting with MPs/ Prospective MPs**

Following the last meeting, Bernard and Tony have sent round a possible structure for a meeting in March/ April 2010. There was little time to discuss but general agreement for Bernard and Tony to pursue further.

It was also agreed that one possible Keynote Speaker could be somebody associated with the re-opened Ebbw Vale line.

**Action:** Tony to find out a suitable person for Keynote speaker, starting with the Ebbw Vale line website – and also to discuss with Railfuture.

### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

To be decided later
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