

# BEDFORD COMMUTERS ASSOCIATION

## BCA COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Present: Arthur Taylor Steve Floyd Martin James  
Alison Crompton Howard Pile John Henderson

Apologies: Mark Spurgeon

### 1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 24th January 2019 were agreed.

### 2. Actions

AT has raised the issue of Thameslink Expresses using Platform 1 in the evening peak. He is awaiting an answer – **Ongoing**

Membership Cards – meeting agreed to switch to an electronic version - **Ongoing**

Membership Renewal Form - wording to be amended - **Ongoing**

### 3. Correspondence

Railwatch March 2019

### 4. Treasurers Report

SF reported that an Independent Auditor had reviewed the accounts and identified the need for minor adjustments which the Treasurer will make. **Action SF**

AT will speak to Jim Allwood and ask whether it would be prepared to be the Independent Auditor. – **Action AT**

The overall financial position of the Association remains unchanged.

SF to renew Railfuture Membership.

### 5. Communications

Newsletter sent out during March. The next newsletter will be in June..

### 6. Performance

Performance/Reliability of the timetable continues to improve.

From April Right Time arrivals will be measured instead of PPM.

### 7. Timetable

#### Thameslink

AT explained that he attended the Thameslink North Demand Review meeting held at the Houses of Parliament where he explained the BCA position on the three options that had been. Option 3 would significantly affect Bedford so the BCA would not agree or support it. There will be only minor changes to the May timetable. The main change would be retiming the 08.52 departure from Bedford to 08.46 and additional stops made at Flitwick and Harpenden.

## EMT

AT reported that no changes were anticipated that affect Bedford.

### **8. GTR**

Nothing to report.

### **9. East Midlands Trains**

AT met EMT on 29<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the timetable. They were given a request from BCA/APTU to consider stopping some services at Bedford/Luton in the peaks. They would look at our proposals and report back.

The successful Bid for the new Franchise is still due to be announced in April 2019.

A further meeting has been arranged for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **10. Thameslink Programme**

AT reported back on the meeting held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Issues discussed were Driver Route Knowledge, Performance, May 2019 timetable and Skip Stopping. Further discussions on Skip Stopping will be made at the next meeting in March which was subsequently cancelled due to illness and a new date is now awaited.

### **11. Website**

Nothing to Report.

### **12. EWRL**

JH reported on the western route consultation which the BCA responded to and is on the website.

### **13. Bedford Matters**

AT/SF reported back on the meeting with Joe held on 25<sup>th</sup> March.. Issues discussed were the deep clean of the toilets, performance of the refurbished lifts, TVMs, Bromham Road bridge works, Thameslink Express platforming PM peak and Platform 4 extension latest.

### **14. Flitwick Matters**

Platform 1 waiting room, AFA latest and road marking on the Approach road.

New planters and flowers are to be put in at the end of April.

### **15. MML CRP**

AT reported that the BCA is on the Steering Group and that he attended the inaugural meeting of the group.

### **16. AOB**

JH put forward some suggestions for the way forward for the association such as revised website, new logo, more open meetings. The meeting agreed that JH/AC/HP would look at this and report back to the next meeting. – **Action JH/AC/HP**

Notice boards need updating.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Alison's house commencing at 19.30