

# **FOHS**—Friends of Hindley Station

## **Minutes of Public Open Meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2008, St John's Church Hall, Hindley, 7 p.m.

### **ATTENDEES:**

Paul Dutton, Brian Openshaw, John Gough, Doris Alker, Peter Garvey, Preva Crossley, Mr & Mrs Unsworth, Sheila Davidson, Elaine Briscoe, Wendy Etchells, Carl McGuffie.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Anthony Bradshaw, Elaine Derbyshire, Jim Ellis, Bill Robison (*Northern Rail*), Barry Fagan (*Wigan MBC*), Steve Magner (*GMPTE*).

### **MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June** were read and approved

### **MATTERS ARISING — None**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Preva had attended the Northern Rail Stakeholders' Meeting re December 2008 timetable. Between 0930 and 1700 additional Airport services are to call at Hindley. Awaiting confirmation as to whether early morning TP service from Blackpool will still call at Hindley.

Doris concerned over loss of morning peak services to Airport as workpeople need to get to Deansgate, Oxford Road and Piccadilly.

CCTV and electronic departure boards to be installed at Hindley in Autumn.

Sunday services needed on Atherton line.

2 trains per hour to Southport from 12/08 timetable (one via Bolton, one via Atherton).

Negotiations still proceeding in background with Network Rail and PTA/E for improvements to station.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Anthony was unable to attend due to work commitments but reported a balance at bank of £170 and current membership 38.

He had received a donation from Northern Rail of 4 day return tickets for use on any Northern services as a raffle prize.

### **FOOTPATH**

Matter is still with WMBC legal services. Preva received e-mail from M.Coe saying matter would not go before Planning Committee at its June meeting.

### **CLEAN-UP DAY**

Arranged for Sunday, 29th June, 10.30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Several members promised to help.

### **NORTHERN INVITES**

Brass Band Concert at Newton Heath Works. Preva had received 6 invites.

Special Charter Train, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July calling at Hindley and going to Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Preva had only 3 or 4 tickets left. Train would leave 10.30 approx., back around 8 p.m. Free trip but collection would be made on board to named railway charity. The remaining tickets were quickly claimed by members present.

### **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE**

Have expressed willingness to speak at the next Open Meeting, provisionally fixed for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Doris suggested the Church be contacted to see if a notice could be placed outside the building to advertise the meeting. She said that many people don't get up to the station and therefore are unaware of when FOHS meetings are to be held in the Church hall.

**A/P: Preva to contact BTP to see if this date is convenient for them.**

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Brian Openshaw asked if any progress on extension to car park and was told that plans do exist for this to be done. He said there is currently no chance of parking there off-peak as it is absolutely full. Preva said we would like to clean up the area by the unused Wigan-bound platform which might be used for extra parking space except that it may be required for disabled access. An officer from Wigan MBC had said at a previous meeting that funding might be available for extending the car park.

Peter Garvey had brought with him the membership cards to give to Anthony Bradshaw. One was passed round and met with members' approval.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Provisionally fixed for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October to start at 7 p.m. depending on availability of Church hall.

### **RAFFLE**

Tickets sold raised £31.

First Prize — Sheila Davidson

Second — Paul Dutton

Third — Brian Openshaw