

# RAIL ACTION GROUP, EAST OF SCOTLAND (RAGES)

## RAGES Committee Meeting

31<sup>st</sup>. May 2023 1.30pm, Dunbar Library, Bleachingfield Community Centre .

## Welcome and Apologies.

Barrie opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Attended: Barrie Forrest BEM, Allison Cosgrove, Glenn Moulding, Tom Dickson, Ian Bowman, Stewart Leslie.

Apologies: Tom Thorburn, Tom Flanagan, Harald Vox

## 1. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup>. April 2023

Minutes of previous meeting were approved subject to the following amendments offered by Stewart.

1. Berwick report - fares, not fairs (line 3)
2. Reston report - but, not by (line 1) and (line 3) I think it was Tom T rather than your good self re the cancellation on the platform.

## 2. Matters Arising from Minutes.

None.

## 3. Station Reports

- Berwick

Allison mentioned that the Ladies toilets are in a poor state. Barrie has agreed to speak to the station staff about this.

- Dunbar

Barrie/Allison/Ian reported that the vegetation between the platforms is becoming unsightly again. The station continues to be busy and the car parking on Station Road is always very busy.

- East Linton & Markle

Markle – work is meant to commence in August for the level crossing replacement.

The station platform is now 100% complete. Work on the construction of the walkways platform 1 side continues.

- Haddington

RAGES attended Haddington Farmers Market on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. May. Another successful day with Ian, Tom D, Allison, Stewart in attendance. Good engagement and interest from the public. Douglas Alexander prospective Labour candidate visited our stall.

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- North Berwick & Drem

Allison reported that the Drem is always full with spill over parking on the side roads.

No update for North Berwick.

- Reston

The local primary school children planted a time capsule at the station on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

May 2023. Tom T & Barrie were in attendance. The event was sponsored by Network Rail.

### 4. Membership Report.

No membership update was provided. The reason for this is at this time of year subscriptions are being paid and it is difficult to provide an absolute membership figure.

### 5. Treasurer's Report.

Ian provided the following treasurer's update –

The accounts for year 2022/23 have been audited and approved.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Balance at meeting on 19/4/2023 | 1785.12 |
| Income:-                        |         |
| 55 members @ 4                  | 220.00  |
| 3 members @ 10                  | 30.00   |
| Donations                       | 109.00  |
| Total                           | 2144.12 |

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Expenditure:-                  |         |
| ELC for hall hire (6 meetings) | 91.20   |
| Balance on 31/5/2023           | 2052.92 |

### 6. Haddington Farmers Market

See update under Haddington station report.

### 7. Correspondence and Meetings attended

10/05/2023 Rail decarbonisation - CPG Sustainable Transport evidence session (not sure who attended)

24/05/2023 Reston time capsule

27/05/2023 HFM

#### Future Meetings

15/07/2023 Rail future Awards presentation London.

26/07/2023 Berwick upon Tweed Probus RAGES presentation.

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08/01/2024 Haddington Probus RAGES presentation

## 8. Next RAG

We are now targeting July for the next issue of our RAG. Although Glenn reported that he had received material for the RAG but reminded everyone that he still required material.

Tom D will supply an article about East Linton

Tom T has been asked to write a short summary of the meeting that he and Barrie had with John Lamont MP and also John's reply.

## 9. AOCB.

Allison informed the group that it had been awarded Rail future Campaigner of the Year with an invitation to the awards presentation to be held in London.

It was proposed that we hold this year's AGM at East Linton. Tom D to book community hall. Tom F to progress the invite to the Scottish Transport Minister.

## 10. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesdays 12/07, 23/08, 25/10, 29/11 1.30pm at Dunbar Library, Bleachingfield community centre.