

SCPC Dartmoor Line Meeting 26th July 2021 – Notes

Present: - Marion Pratt, Martin Morrissey, Steve Whiteley, Colin Lee, Michele Wilson, James McInnes and Jacqui Bourne.

- General discussion regarding minor amendments to Survey questions. The group thanked Jacqui and Michele for their work in creating the survey. It was suggested that a photo of SC Station could be used if possible, on the survey.
- It was agreed to have 1500 colour surveys printed at price quoted of £170. (1,000 for NT, 350 for SC and 150 for Bondleigh)
- SCPC have already approved £200 to be put in an Ear Marked Reserve for this and other expenditure. Colin & Steve will propose at next NTTC meeting on 3rd Aug that they ear mark £600 in their budget for similar expenses.
- SW – Ask printers to split invoice between NTTC and SCPC so that both councils have their own invoices to reclaim VAT.
- Suggested “Drop-off” points for the Survey – NTTC Offices and New Inn Sampford Courtenay, The Old Post Office, Bondleigh – but encourage participants to fill out online as data is automatically sorted.
- Cllr James McInnes offered £250 from Locality Budget – SCPC to apply on behalf of SCPC, NTTC and Bondleigh.
- SW – said that Oke Rail meeting had confirmed they will announce date for the re-opening of the Okehampton to Exeter line on 20th August, and there will be timetable adjustments in December.
- It was agreed that surveys would be distributed by volunteers house to house. With deadline of 17th Sept for returning completed forms. This would allow councillors to report data to own councils at beginning of October and to Oke Rail at their next meeting on 21st October.
- It was suggested we also get some posters printed reminding people to fill out their survey. Perhaps also some posters/competition for the local schools to encourage children to get involved.
- Publicise the survey in local magazines – eg Roundabout, Bow & Arrow, Winkleigh, Hatherleigh, Zeal Monachorum and Okehampton Times included link to Online survey to encourage people further afield who may use an improved bus and train service.

- JMc – will send details of who deals with DCC News emails so that it can also be publicised via that.
- MW – to chase up Lois Samuels regarding grant funding available for bus and rail connectivity via North Tawton, Hatherleigh and Okehampton. (as suggested at OkeRail for the Bude line)
- MW – will make sure this survey and data is an Agenda item at next Oke Rail meeting.
- The Big Green Week – 18th – 25th September – MW to approach NWR to see if we could combine a “Clean-Up” Sampford Courtenay Station as part of this week, and as good publicity for our campaign.
- Next meeting – Wed 25th Aug – New Inn Garden 4pm – JB to see if someone from MD Coaches can attend.

Action

- MW – Finalise survey with amendments and update photo and submit to printer.
- SW & CL – ask NTTC to earmark £600 for Dartmoor Line Fund.
- SCPC – put in application for Locality Budget of £250
- MP – Posters
- SW – Print and laminate posters for NT area
- MW – get the survey data as an Agenda item for next Oke Rail meeting.
- JB – invite someone from MD Coaches to attend next meeting.
- ALL – organise distribution of surveys and publication of posters.