



COBRA MEETING WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2009

Present

Neil Gaunt	Chairman
Caroline Moore (Vice Chair	
Ann Gaunt	Treasurer
Jennifer Gordon	Secretary
Richard Beith	John Law
Alan Moore	Sarah Shankland

Apologies

Joan Moore

1. Chair's welcome	ACTION
2. APOLOGIES - noted above	
3. MINUTES of MEETING on 20 th October 2008 These were approved.	
4. Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign at level crossing - Ann to liaise with Chris Livingstone/Highland Spring re siting, of this prior to applying for planning permission. • EPetitions Committee follow-up - It was thought that consultants had been appointed by Tactran? Davis and Cleeve. Ann had spoken to Alex Deans of P&KC who will advise the consultants to contact COBRA. Therefore, the EPetitions hearing may well be re-scheduled from the March date. • Invitation to Stewart Stevenson, Transport Minister - John confirmed that Mr Stevenson would attend the AGM on Monday 19th January. He will have firstly spoken to Highland Spring about their rail freight plans. Appreciation was expressed to John for arranging this. • Membership of SAPT - Neil had requested from SAPT, and Jennifer reminded them, to send application form. Once this was received Ann and Neil would join on behalf of COBRA. • Feedback from Landward BBC programme - Jennifer had sent the producer of this programme recent press coverage. She had received a response that he had not forgotten about COBRA. • John Yellowlees to AGM - Neil had asked him to the AGM but this invitation had been declined. Neil would advise Mr Yellowlees of the attendance of the Transport Minister at the meeting. 	ANN
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil reported that he would be attending two Tactran Rail Forum meetings at Discovery Point in Dundee - a) on 23rd January and b) 12th March. • The Chairman's Report for the AGM was discussed and it was agreed that Neil, Alan and Caroline would prepare a brief (10 minute) presentation to update everyone attending, especially the Transport Minister. • Neil said that he and Phil Goodlad of BBC Radio Scotland had spoken as this programme wanted to do a piece on COBRA. Neil would now tell Mr Goodlad of 	NEIL NEIL, ALAN, CAROLINE



the Transport Minister's attendance at the AGM.	
<p>6. TREASURER'S REPORT Ann reported that, thanks to the donation from Roll on Inn, two years of website hosting had been paid. The current balance was £393.76 but when the planning permission for the sign at the level crossing had been paid this would reduce to £243.76.</p>	
<p>7. SECRETARY'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer circulated responses to date for the AGM. It was suggested that she re-emailed all the contacts telling them of the attendance of the Transport Minister. She would inform the Perthshire Advertiser, The Courier and the Strathearn Herald about his attendance. Agenda for the AGM was discussed - Jennifer to send draft round to members for speedy feedback She had already printed off fliers for village circulation but would re-do posters for the notice-boards etc. 	<p>JENNIFER</p> <p>JENNIFER</p> <p>JENNIFER</p>
<p>8 IT REPORT Alan carries on ongoing updating of the News and Supporters' pages. It was agreed that the website was an excellent PR tool and one which was being well used - eg recent article in The Courier was information gleaned for the website.</p> <p>No donations had has yet been received via the website system. Ala was working on links with other relevant organisations.</p>	
<p>9. SURVEY The possibility of using funds from the Climate Change fund was discussed and approved. Caroline to pursue this by finding out estimate of cost for a survey and the feasibility of doing this. Other funding may be possible from Natural Scotland.</p>	CAROLINE
<p>10. PROMOTIONS/MARKETING The suggestion of sharing a table with the Blackford Historical Society at the Highland Games was discussed. Alan to ask Marjory Sloan re cost of this.</p> <p>Jennifer raised the possibility of having a Blackford Station Quick Vote in the Stirling Observer at some point in the future. This was thought to be a good idea as it would raise awareness in, for example Dunblane and Bridge of Allan. When information from Item 9 - Survey - was to hand this could be progressed.</p>	ALAN
<p>11. AOB Joan had suggested that COBRA buy a bottle of Malt whisky with a personalised label to thank Norman gee for all he did for COBRA. This was agreed. Joan to find out cost. The wording for the label should be "With grateful thanks from the members of COBRA". Discussion followed as to payment of this and it was agreed it should come out of COBRA funds. Jennifer to advise Joan.</p> <p>Ann had asked Alex Deans about Ryder Cup sponsors and he was trying to find out information for COBRA.</p>	<p>JOAN</p> <p>JENNIFER</p>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGM MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2009, 7.30 pm HIGHLAND SPRING