

Milton Keynes Rail User Group Minutes of meeting 3/7/07

Present: Alan, Peter, Andrew, Stewart, Chris, Allan

Apologies: Louise, Robert, Andrew C

Minutes were unavailable

Virgin Trains Report:

- * Steve reported good performance and reliability at present
- * Key work at present on 2009 timetable and station upgrades. Timetable principles are agreed as outlined at presentation and draft due in early 2008 for consultations but limited opportunity to amend.
- * No news on extra stock but can cope to 2012 and re-franchising.

Silverlink Report:

- * Paul reported punctuality was at 94'6% in last period which was very pleasing
- * Increased security in place at present
- * Govia won the new franchise and are meeting RUGs if invited.
- * Network Rail were to be at MK station explaining upgrade on Friday.
- * Bridge 165a closure has been advertised. AF had lodged objection with MK Council but had no response and could last for several months and will raise at MK Stations Working Group.
- * Several recent train delays were noted.

GOVIA

- * Concerns were expressed about fare increases planned and if Silverlink only fare would be retained. *
- * New Desiro trains have less seats. Performance aspirations are met already! Transfer of HQ to Birmingham may have an impact?

Agreed to invite Govia (Samantha Hodder?) to next meeting and AGM AF

MK Station Upgrade:

AF reported that Bridge 165a had been noted and temporary car park is ready. There seems to have been a delay to leaflets. Paul said are imminent. Update to MK Council Committee on 24/7.

No news on Station Square developments.

The need for a live departure bus timetable at the station was noted.

AGM

It was agreed to hold AGM on 2/10 at 19.30 at Chamber of Commerce.

Govia are to be invited to speak with. MPs and Tony Francis also invited.

Publicity will be important. Silverlink offered to produce and put up poster and place leaflets at ticket office. MK Transport Partnership will fund room. It was hoped to attract some new committee members

AF will book rooms and seek speakers.

AOB

* EWRL –new study underway to GRIP3 and was included in Thames Valley Regional Planning Assessment.

* DfT High Level Output Spec and 30 Year Plan are due in mid July and may include EWRL and new North South Links?

* **Treasurer is seeking to retrieve our funds held by Chamber of Commerce on our behalf and will report back to next meeting.**

Date of Next Meeting:

It was agreed not to meet in August and meet again on 4/9/07 at Chamber of Commerce at 1930