

**RADMEC 2022 AGM MINUTES**  
**Held at the Café in Ellington Park**  
**On the 4th November 2022**

**Meeting Opened:** 19:30

**Members Present:**

Alan Gibbs, Jane Clements, Duncan Edwards, Peter Wilson, Darren Argyle,  
Bob Barwick, Rosemary Barwick, Gerry Kirkland, Martyn Cook, Roger Holebrook

**Non-Member:** Phil Sherwin

**Opening of the Meeting:**

Alan welcomed everyone to our AGM and thanked us for attending.

**Apologies for Absence:**

Bob Pryor, Nigel Pryor, John Wickham, Jaxon Holton, Dave Leahy, Nick Curtis – left club.

**Unknown Status:** John Denne, Robert Roake, Robert Stannard.

**Acceptance of Minutes of the Spring Meeting (2022):**

The minutes of the 2019 Spring Meeting were read out and accepted.

Proposed by: Darren Argyle

Seconded by: Rosemary Barwick

**Treasurers Report:**

Jane explained the accounts, showing that we had a very good season.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by: Darren Argyle

Seconded by: Peter Wilson

**Chairpersons Report:**

Alan thanked the members that helped run trains in the park this year. We had good support from those members who attended.

**Park and Locomotives:**

Alan noted that we now have the Class 33 Club locomotive, which has performed well.

Alan has worked on Ajax and it now has a new hydraulic and steam ticket. Ajax runs, but still requires a little more work to get it running optimally.

President is still out of ticket and requires looking at before being subject to both hydraulic and steam tests – Alan will undertake the work when time allows.

Peter has worked on the bogies from Dragonfly, replacing worn bearings with new sealed bearings, so no lubrication is required. Peter has also reworked a spare rear bogie, again replacing the bearings. The aim is to progressively overhaul all the riding wagon's bogies, so they all use the same sealed bearings.

The station now displays its name 'Ellington Halt' – several members of the public have commented how much they like the name and the signage.

The concrete track supports are looking a little tired in places, with the rebar visible. Peter is investigating the use of an epoxy-based repair solution to strengthen those concrete elements that require rectification.

### **The Club House**

The flint panels have still not been finished, due to a lack of members on our running days. The flint has to be set in cement, then we need to remain in the park until the cement has cured sufficiently to prevent the flints being dislodged by 'little fingers', hence it is a job for a running day....

The window frames and shields need a coat of paint, and the door needs remedial work and a coat of paint.

The track requires a coat of paint, as do the steaming bays. Some of this has been done, but there is a lot more waiting to be repainted!

The sink has been fitted into the work surface, but its drain has not yet been connected. There is a soak away and a pipe running back to near the wall of the club house. The ground has to be dug up away from the wall and a hole punched through so that the pipe can enter the club house. Then it needs to be plumbed to the sink outlet...

### **Correspondence:**

None.

### **Election of Committee:**

All the current Committee members are happy to stand again:

Chairman: Alan Gibbs.

Treasurer and co-Secretary: Jane Clements.

Safety Officer and co-Secretary: Duncan Edwards.

This was unanimously agreed.

Proposed by: Rosemary Barwick

Seconded by: Darren Argyle

### **Any Other Business:**

It was suggested that we get a bench in the station for people to sit on whilst waiting for a ride, but it was felt that homeless people would sleep on it and leave a mess in the station. Also, yobs could possibly use it as a step up to climb onto the roof, so the idea was not approved.

A question was asked if we could get the council to put a fence around the track – the council has been asked and are not willing to provide this. We have plastic fencing that we can erect, when there is an event in the park...

We have received several questions as to whether we have a card reader for people to pay for their rides. We have resisted this so far, as there is a cost involved and it will slow down the throughput of people getting a ride. However fewer people carry cash these days, so we are investigating getting a reader.

### **Meeting Closed: 20:04**

Followed by Tea and Cup Cakes.