

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on 23 SEPTEMBER 2003 at

Lawrence House from 4.30 pm to 6.20 pm

C Baron)
T Butler)
M Cox) Nottinghamshire County Council
A Freeman)
T Pettengell)

B Clarke-Smith)
M Ibrahim)
G Klein) Nottingham City Council
R Lee)
Z Mir)
B Smith)

B King - Nottingham Transport Partnership
I Morgan - Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
C Roy - Nottingham Trent University
E Simpson - Nottinghamshire Transport 2000
A Street - Midlands Rail Passenger Committee
H McClintock - PEDALS

Also in attendance

Ms A Marshall - Substitute for Mr E Simpson

Mr P Armstrong)
Mr N Bates)
Mr K Ford) Nottingham City Council
Mr S Hunt)

Mr K Sargeant - Arrow Light Rail

Mr C Leas)
Mr A Wood) Nottingham Tram Consortium

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mir be appointed Chair of this Advisory Committee for the year 2003/04.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting on 23 March 2004.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Butler (on other Council business), Mr McLintlock, Mr Simpson and Mr Street.

4 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 April 2003, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters arising

David Lane Crossing

Further to minute 23, safety concerns about this crossing were raised.

RESOLVED that the Executive Director, NET, arrange a review of safety at David Lane Crossing.

5 PROJECT UPDATE - NET LINE ONE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated.

An amendment to paragraph 4 of the report was noted, whereby test running in the City Centre had begun on Wednesday 10 September 2003, rather than 11 September.

During discussions, the following issues were raised:-

- train infrastructure was almost complete, with the civil engineering work expected to be completed by October / November 2003;
- gauging runs had commenced, which should enable the completion of coping on tram stops by the end of October 2003;
- agreements had been made between Network Rail and Nottingham Tram Consortium about the maintenance of adjacent infrastructure and level crossing equipment;
- there would be a lift at the tram terminus next to Midland Station but only a footbridge to link the tram stop to the station. The introduction of a lift in Midland

Station was the responsibility of the rail companies and was being addressed as part of future redevelopment plans;

- there would be no service on Christmas Day, with a Sunday service operating on all other public holidays;
- concerns about the noise of trams passing through the cross-over at Noel Street / Terrace Street were being investigated;
- the operating date was now likely to be early in 2004, although an actual date remained difficult to confirm whilst the testing programme was still in progress.

6 TRAM TICKETING STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a presentation by Mr Wood of Nottingham Tram Consortium.

A report was circulated at the meeting which highlighted the problems faced in attempts to simplify the ticketing and pass arrangements, and possible solutions to these.

The following issues were highlighted during discussions:-

- a letter circulated by Trent Barton bus company to residents in the Wellbeck Estate in Hucknall area could result in the public's perception of the tram as a threat to bus services such as the number 45, and that further attempts to encourage co-operation from Trent Barton would be advantageous;
- agreements made with any bus companies would have implications for Lines 2 and 3 with the inclusion of further parts of the County;
- a universal ticketing policy to include all areas on the tramway, including Hucknall and Butler's Hill would prevent resentment arising;
- season tickets of various lengths could be purchased in person or by telephone;
- the possibility of tram tickets as add-ons to train tickets had been considered, although this would need active promotion by rail staff;

RESOLVED that Nottingham Tram Consortium progress the possibility of holding a meeting with Trent Barton to encourage co-operation.

7 NET BYE-LAWS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated.

The Executive Director underlined that the bye-laws gave powers to address anti-social behaviour rather than set rules which the public must obey. The bye-laws would be opened to public consultation following Home Office approval. It was clarified that folding bicycles, when folded, would be classed as luggage.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.