

## CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

### GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

of meeting held on **22 JUNE 2004** at

Lawrence House from 4.30 pm to 6.12 pm

C Baron	)	
T Butler	)	
M Cox	)	Nottinghamshire County Council
A Freeman	)	
T Pettengell	)	
T Spencer	)	
M Ibrahim	)	
G Klein	)	Nottingham City Council
R Lee	)	
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

Mr P Armstrong	)	
Mr C Deas	)	
Mr S Hunt	)	Nottingham City Council
Mr M Leavesley	)	
Mr K Sargeant	-	Arrow Light Rail
Mr C Lea	-	Nottingham Tram Consortium

#### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED that Councillor Lee be appointed Chair for the municipal year 2004/05.**

## **2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

**RESOLVED that Councillor Baron be appointed Vice-Chair.**

## **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butler and Freeman, Councillor Spencer (on other Council business) and from Ms King, Mr McClintock and Mr Morgan.

## **4 MINUTES**

### **(a) Confirmation**

**RESOLVED that, subject to the amendment of paragraph 3 of minute 12 to read 'Shipstone Street' instead of 'Shipton Street', the minutes of the last meeting held on 23 March 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

### **(b) Matters arising**

#### **Web site**

Further to minute 11, Mr Deas reported that the website was currently under review and would be amended to include greater reference to GNLRT, with an explanation of what they did, and a public 'problems and concerns page' and email address.

#### **Trent Bus Services**

Further to minute 16, it was reported that discussions were ongoing with Trent Barton Bus Company regarding the provision of extra services. Should it not be possible to reach agreement, the County Council was to be asked whether there was an opportunity for subsidised services to be provided.

#### **Noel Street**

Further to minute 12, it was reported that Arrow had agreed to reduce tram speeds over the Noel Street diamond in an effort to reduce noise and vibration in the short term and that the occupiers of 8 and 12 Noel Street had agreed to the installation of secondary glazing to allow other residents the opportunity to assess the benefits of the system.

## **5 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Transport Major Projects, copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED that the terms of reference and the actions taken to date, as outlined in the report, be noted.**

## **6 NET LINE ONE - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to reports of the Head of Transport Major Projects, copies of which had been circulated.

**(a) Outstanding works/Snagging**

It was reported that of the 555 retention items, parts 1 and 2, outstanding at Operating Commencement Date, only 154 were still outstanding at 11 June 2004, a significant number of which were awaiting either a submission from BCC or a response from the Planning Authority.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**(b) Issues of concern**

Further to issues of concern raised at the March 2004 meeting, the following was reported:-

- the lack of traffic enforcement at tram stops and general safety concerns would be discussed at a meeting, date to be agreed, between the Police, Mr Street, Councillor Baron, Mr Roy and Councillor Lee;
- the signage on Mount Hooton Road conformed to the Traffic Regulation Order and the level of street lighting was higher than the surrounding area;
- to prevent skateboarders hanging on to the rear of trams around Old Market Square, modifications had been introduced to the trams;
- the amount of signage through the Oakley Estate at Highbury Vale was currently under review and a meeting was held on 18 June to look into problem sites;
- the temporary lighting at Lauriston Drive footbridge had been repaired. Permanent lighting was to be installed soon and then needed to be commissioned by East Midlands Electricity;
- safety education was being actively pursued and copies of the Road Safety Quiz had been distributed to all City school children in Key Stage 2 (age 7 - 11). The 'My First Highway Code' book for parents had been reprinted to include information about the tram.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**(c) Operational Performance**

During discussion the following points were raised:-

- recorded total patronage was 366,000 in March, 498,000 in April and 541,200 in May, with daily patronage rising from 16,770 during the first week of operation to 20,872 during the last week of May;
- 5,000 one-way Park and Ride journeys were being made on a typical weekday but the Wilkinson Street Park and Ride was still under used. In an attempt to counteract this, 12 new signs were being erected in the next 3 weeks and the site would be heavily promoted.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted**

**7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(a) Highbury Vale tramstop - grass cutting**

Mr Sargeant agreed to remind the contractor that they had a responsibility to maintain the landscaping around this, and all other, tramstops.

**(b) Tram overcrowding**

It was reported that although there were occasions when overcrowding was a problem, the demand remained below safety limit levels.

**8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee meet at 4.30 pm on the following Tuesdays:-**

**2004**

**14 September  
14 December**

**2005**

**15 March**