

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM**

**GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of meeting held on **14 DECEMBER 2004** at

Lawrence House from 5.00 pm to 5.45 pm

**Nottinghamshire County Council**

Councillor C Baron (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor T Butler  
Councillor M Cox  
Councillor A Freeman  
Councillor T Pettengell

**Nottingham City Council**

Councillor M Ibrahim  
Councillor G Klein  
Councillor R Lee (Chair)  
Councillor B Smith  
Councillor T Spencer

**Independent Representatives**

Mr A Marshall - (substitute for E Simpson)  
Mr H McClintock - PEDALS  
Mrs B Morgan - Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Mr L Newman - Midlands Rail Passenger Committee  
Mr C Roy - Nottingham Trent University  
Mr E Simpson - Nottinghamshire Transport 2000  
Vacancy - Nottingham Transport Partnership

**Also in attendance**

Mr S Hunt ) Nottingham City Council  
Mr M Leavesley )  
Mr S Calvert - Nottinghamshire County Council  
Mr C Lea - Nottingham Tram Consortium

## **16 MEMBERSHIP**

The committee administrator reported the following amendments to the membership:-

- (i) Mr I Morgan, Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI), had resigned;
- (ii) Ms B King, Nottingham Transport Partnership (NTP), had now become Mrs B Morgan, resigned from the NTP, represented the NCCI for this meeting only and had resigned that position, creating a vacancy for an NCCI representative;
- (iii) Mr A Street, Midlands Rail Passengers Committee (MRPC), had resigned and Mr L Newman would be the MRPC representative for the foreseeable future.

The Chair requested that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr Street for his work with the GNLRT Advisory Committee.

## **17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butler, Ibrahim and Spencer, Councillor Lee (on other Council business) and from Mrs Morgan, Mr Sargeant and Mr Simpson.

## **18 MINUTES**

### **(a) Confirmation**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2004, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

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

#### **(i) Trent Barton Bus Services**

Further to minute 10(b)(ii), it was reported that a bus connection to the Hucknall tram link would be launched by Trent Barton in January 2005

#### **(ii) System performance**

Further to minute 11(a), it was reported that no further information was available to the operator regarding the injured cyclist as the information was covered by the Data Protection Act.

With regard to cyclists, consideration was being given to providing extra cycle lockers, but there was evidence that cyclists were 'claiming' lockers on a permanent basis and there would now be consideration given to signage warning users that, should this be the case, padlocks would be removed.

#### **(iii) Patronage**

Further to minute 11(b), it was reported that the results of the customer survey would be submitted to the 15 March 2005 meeting of this Committee.

**(iv) David Lane crossing**

Further to minute 13, it was reported that, under the new Traffic Management Bill, councils would have more power to enforce traffic laws but that, at present, any traffic violations could only be resolved by the Police.

**(v) Noel Street, Forest Fields - Residents parking**

Further to minute 14, it was reported that consideration would be given to utilisation as car parking space of part of the site created as a result of the possible demolition of Braidwood Court.

**19 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the NET promoters' representative, copies of which had been circulated.

**(a) System performance**

It was reported that the performance of the tram system had remained high during August to October, with only 0.4% of trips failing to run and only 1.2% of those that did run, being late. These figures were achieved despite a number of special events being held in the City Centre and at the Forest.

There had been 5 recorded minor traffic accidents during the period August to October, all of which occurred on Radford Road.

**(b) Patronage**

Passenger numbers had increased by 15% during September and a further 12.5% during October. Likely reasons for this would be the implementation of an enhanced timetable since 6 September, seasonal factors and improved fare collection.

Patronage during October was also boosted by the Goose Fair, with over 34,000 journeys on the Friday. Recent patronage surveys indicated 27,000 passengers per day on Monday to Saturday and 11,000 passengers on Sundays.

With over 5 million passengers having been carried since commencement, NET Line One remained on target to meet first full year demand in excess of 8 million passengers. The results of an assessment of NET impact on modal shift would be reported at the February meeting.

**(c) Ticket machines**

Members were advised that the smartcard reading problems with the ticket machines had yet to be solved. The equipment manufacturer was continuing to address the problem and changes were currently due to be assessed.

**(d) CCTV**

As a result of recent physical and verbal abuse, Arrow was trialling on-board CCTV with a view to introduction on all trams by the summer of 2005.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**20 LETTERS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Consideration was given to a report of the NET promoters' representative, copies of which had been circulated, detailing concerns expressed in two letters from members of the public and the response from the Nottingham Tram Consortium.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 15 March 2005.**