

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

GREATER NOTTINGHAM LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 DECEMBER 2010** at

Loxley House, Station Street, from 2.05 pm to 2.27 pm

Nottingham City Council

Councillor G Davie
Councillor H James
Councillor I Malcolm (Vice-Chair)

Councillor T Sutton

Nottinghamshire County Council

Councillor R Adair
Councillor S Heptinstall MBE
Councillor R Jackson (Chair) (minutes 19 to 22 inclusive)
Councillor C Pepper
Councillor S Smedley

Independent Representatives

Mr A Marshall - Campaign for Better Transport
Mr J Dowson - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
Ms N Gasson - Federation of Small Businesses
Mr G Smerdon-White - Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership
Mr C Roy - Nottingham Trent University
Mr H McClintock - PEDALS
Mr S Abbott - Travel Watch East Midlands

Indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Mr G Hall - Chairman, Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch
Association
Mr S Cotter - Arrow Light Rail
Mr A Holdstock) Nottingham City Council
Mr M Parker)
Mr N Wood - Nottingham Tram Consortium
Mr N Hodgson - Nottinghamshire County Council

15 CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Jackson at the commencement of the meeting, the Chair was taken by Councillor Malcolm, the Vice-Chair.

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adair and Pepper and from Councillors Smedley and Sutton (both on other council business).

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2010, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

19 CHAIR

At this point Councillor Jackson took the Chair.

20 NET LINE ONE - OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE AUGUST TO END OF OCTOBER 2010

Consideration was given to a report of the Director, NET, copies of which had been circulated, relating to the performance of NET Line One for the period August to October 2010.

Mr Holdstock summarised the report and highlighted that during the reporting period, while there had been a number of incidents which had disrupted the service, these had not prevented it from running on the unaffected sections of the route, with replacement bus services operating where trams were unable. In spite of this, overall reliability and punctuality remained on average at 98.9% of timetabled trips running and 98.5% of service departures being on time.

In response to a question it was explained that, in order to minimise unpaid fares, there was one conductor on each tram, except sometimes at peak times when a second conductor could be deployed, either on-tram or at the busiest tramstops. However, when the tram was very busy it was not always physically possible to collect all fares, particularly when the distance between tram stops was relatively short. The selling of Paypoint tickets off-tram also helped to minimise unpaid fares.

Under the current Line One contract Arrow collected as much in fares on the trams as it received from Paypoint and Easy Rider ticketing but additional measures were being planned for Line Two.

RESOLVED that the performance of NET Line One during August to October 2010 be noted.

21 NET LINE ONE – FOOTPATH ACCESS AT DAVID LANE TRAMSTOP

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a request from Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association for a fence to be provided across an informal footpath from David Lane tram stop to prevent access by youths to a neighbouring housing estate and the resulting anti-social behaviour.

Concern was expressed that such a fence could lead to people taking greater risks than at present and also that, because it had formed part of a well-used footpath along the River Leen for a considerable period, there may be difficulties in permitting the access to be stopped-up. It was noted that the adjacent site, part of which would need to be acquired if the access was to be formally opened up, was on sale for redevelopment, though its future was not yet known.

RESOLVED that the report be noted but that a decision on how to proceed be deferred pending the outcome of consultation at a meeting with local residents scheduled to take place during January 2011.

22 LETTER FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of NET, copies of which had been circulated, regarding a letter received from a member of the public who, following a cycling accident in the Old Market Square, suggested that increased signage should be provided to alert road users and pedestrians to the potential dangers.

Whilst the Advisory Committee expressed its sympathy for any injuries which may have occurred as a result of the incident, it noted that, since the tramway had been designed and constructed to the required standards and specifications following consultation with statutory bodies, in this instance liability could not be accepted nor compensation paid. It was also pointed out that it would be impractical to erect warning signs throughout the length of the on-street route of the tramway.

RESOLVED that Mr Holdstock be requested to advise the correspondent of the Advisory Committee's sympathies in the matter and offer the benefit of a free training course organised by Ridewise, a locally based cycle training company.