

# Minutes of A660 Joint Council Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 7.30pm at HEART

*[This meeting was audio recorded and can be provided on CD if anyone wants to hear it. Minutes taken by DCJ]*

## **1. Attendance**

**Present:** Mike Adcock, Lucy Barker, Peter Boocock, Dawn Carey Jones, Michael Bruce, Julian Creasey, John Dickinson, Nicola Ford, Chris Foren, Sue Buckle, John Griffiths, Beth Hillyard, Andrew Hudson, Jamie, Sarah Johal, Doug Kemp, Janet Kemp, Katherine Johnson, Bill McKinnon, Helen Pickering, Claire Randall, Martin Rowntree, Trevor Sargison, Julia Smith, Mike Smith, Tony Paley-Smith, Mercia Southon, John Elsworth, Trevor Bavage, Margaret and Richard Thompson, Sam Turner, Kathryn Wiggen, Mark Wilson, David Winters. **Apologies:** Nigel and Sue Sleeman, Brenda Sargison, Lorraine Nelis.

## **2. Agreement of minutes**

Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept meeting.

## **3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**

**Circulation of minutes:** Agreed it's OK to circulate them on request.

**Contact with other groups:** **St. Columba's** are objecting strongly because NGT might put them out of business. NGT want to use their car park for works and maintenance crew during construction. **Headingley Medical Practice** is concerned. **Leeds College of Art** is strongly against it. **St. Chad's** will not formally protest but a lot of people who attend the church are strongly against NGT. There is an organization called "**Churches Together in Headingley**" that should be approached and churches ought to be communicating with each other. **The Arndale Centre** is owned by Dubai Ports.

## **4. Nominations for officer vacancies**

**Fundraising Officer:** No-one felt able to take on this responsibility.

**Social Media Officers:** CR & LB have been looking after this. Decided not a burning need for extra officers at the moment.

## **5. Finances**

£449.69 in the bank.

## **6. News Round-Up**

**Human Placard Protest 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** The protest worked v. well at drawing media attention. About 30 people took part morning, another 30 evening. Coverage in YEP, on Calendar and Radio Leeds. Radio Leeds lunchtime debate and phone-in went v. well, with DJ repeatedly saying "Is there anyone at all out there in favour of this scheme?". Radio Leeds reporter told the Arndale Centre group he hadn't known anything about the scheme until that morning. Thumbs up from one Labour Councillor driving past. Thanks to everyone who took part.

**NGT Helpline:** Told hair salon owner that they were going to remove tree from outside her salon, take it away for a bit, and then put it back. Clarification was eventually asked for as phone operator not making sense (he eventually admitted he didn't really know anything about the scheme.) Salon owner then told, actually, tree will be replaced by a sapling.

**Federation of Small Businesses:** HP contacted them and found out they'd already been contacted by BM. Claim that businesses support trolleybus is based on big business, not small business. There will be an FSB meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, chaired by the national vice-chair. Letters to press from small businesses needed.

## **7. Campaign Matters**

**Facebook:** Need more people to like, share and comment. fb promotion agreed at last meeting has happened at cost of just over £30. fb name has been changed to "Stop the trolleybus - **Leeds**". Need to get some teenagers involved.

**Awareness Raising: Another Human Placard protest?** On the 17<sup>th</sup> (date of next special NGT Plans Panel Meeting)? Rush Hour, or round Civic Hall? **A big advert in the YEP** as an advert and as a publicity stunt? Too expensive? **Billboards at Hyde Park Corner?** Too expensive? **Greg Mulholland:** Lots of people unimpressed by GM – should stage a protest outside his surgery. **Display at HEART:** TB has managed to get this re-instated. **A big white elephant** outside the Civic Hall on 17<sup>th</sup>? JAM hair salon has a piece of land that a white elephant could go on for everyone to see. LB has a friend with a large inflatable elephant. Should aim to do something on 17<sup>th</sup>. **Further discussion about this deferred until a meeting at JAM on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Objections: Questionnaires:** Some people think that because they've filled in a questionnaire they've objected. It needs to be made clear to them that this is not the case. **Pro-forma letters:** It was suggested these are worth producing because inertia and good intentions get in the way of people actually writing. **Meeting:** It was suggested we put together a meeting to make people focus on objecting. **Residents Associations:** It was suggested we contact all Leeds Residents Associations.

**Trees:** Drummond & Churchwood organization have contacted a professional tree consultant. He suggested we could attach a price-tag to each tree that would be lost. This would be a good media draw. A lot of our trees would be worth £50k - £100k. Trees are priceless but have been assigned £NIL by planning. There's an online toolkit for assessing the value of trees. It's on our fb page.

### **17<sup>th</sup> October Special NGT Plans Panel Meeting**

CF to coordinate speakers.

## **8. Contact with other groups**

Covered in Matters Arising.

## **9. Publicity including leaflets and leaflet distribution**

5,000 "how to object to the TWA0" flyers were distributed with the last edition of NLL. 2,000 more flyers were available for people at the meeting to take, as well as A4 and A3 posters.

## **10. A660JC practicalities**

Membership form and letter to Cllrs Lewis were both deferred as officers haven't put together either yet.

## **11. Any Other Business**

None

## **12. Collection**

Taken at the end of the meeting - came to £213.49.

**13. Date of Next Meetings:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 at HEART.