

## **Minutes of A660 Joint Council Monday 7th July 2014 7.30pm at HEART**

### **Attendance**

**Present :** CR, DCJ, DW, PL, IL, SB, TS, EP, GR, RR, MS, BM, MB, HP, MT, JG, SS, RH, LA, MM, JR, TB (chair)

**Apologies :** NS, LB

### **Agreement of minutes**

Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 2nd June meeting.

### **Matters arising**

EP asked if CF has approached Lizzie Armistead yet. We don't know. TB said Lizzie Reather of Leeds Cycling Campaign has done an excellent submission.

### **Treasurer's Report**

TB said we only have a statement to the 1st June. We owe £200 to Churchwood and Drummond Residents and £45 for IT assistance to make sure we get all inquiry recordings. There was a unanimous vote to give CR £200 to get a new more reliable recording device. HP said she thinks the recordings will have historical significance. Barristers will be interested to hear them. They could form the basis for what future inspectors decide for other cities. MT asked if people can speak into the microphone. IL asked if the recordings can be put onto a single disc at the end of the inquiry. DCJ asked if the recordings can be transcribed. HP said NWLTF is going to transcribe PB's recordings. CR said in due course that she will edit out the gaps.

### **Collection**

The collection was taken at this point.

### **Inquiry reports**

TB said he thinks the inquiry will go on until November. MT said she's attended most of the inquiry and NGT is making a poor showing. First Bus have made some good hits. We've made good hits too, though not all the time. The inspector has cycled the route and seems more familiar with it than Metro's witnesses. We've been well served by the people cross-examining.

SB said lots of people don't know that the inquiry is going on. SB said she'd like a flyer telling people about the inquiry. MT said there are days when the inquiry can be quite tedious. We could do flyers saying what's happened so far. TB said he'll put some in cafes. JG said the flyer should be judiciously worded. HP said the flyer should be informational. DCJ offered to do them in black and white on A5. SB offered to help

**ACTION POINTS :** SB and DCJ to draft and distribute informational flyer about the inquiry.

CR said that the revised Heritage Statement has 379 pages. HP said that the Statement is out for consultation for 30 days. HP can let people have an electronic copy. It includes all the city centre listed buildings. They've re-assessed the conservation areas. The

damage to Headingley and the city centre has been re-assessed as 'significant'. MT said that this must be an expensive document. HP said that Drummond and Churchwood Residents will object on the basis that the previous document isn't fit for purpose, all heritage evidence will now have to be given again, and that the whole inquiry will be delayed. The inspector said he might not accept it. First Bus may object to it being submitted. TB said the A660JC should object on costs and that it would set a precedent. It would mean Metro could re-submit everything. MS said we mustn't let NGT think they can pay their way out of their problems at the inquiry.

**ACTION POINTS :** BM and HP will draft a letter using information TB will send them.

### **Putting our case to inquiry**

HP said that in September we've got to make our own statements and be cross-examined on them. IL said he'll be speaking on 30th September and will not be saying anything technical. TB suggested we rehearse giving our cases at our August meeting. JG said the provisional programme shows a whole host of individuals are to give their cases.

HP pointed out that one of the revised Heritage plans shows Supertram and wonders if the revised Heritage Statement is based on Supertram. TS said that a lot of Metro's case is based on info from the 1990s. MB said he wouldn't have lost any garden under Supertram. DCJ said the original trolleybus plans showed old names e.g. Civic Theatre, Jacob Kramer College.

HP said that Belle Isle Circus is a big issue. EP said that when she questioned Sean Flesher, she pointed out that the signage they propose for Belle Isle Circus should say "Beware of trolleybus" because of its silence. IL said that when the Whitfields were built, the road was made narrower than before. On Belle Isle Circus there are 79 sheltered houses, and 12 houses specifically for the elderly. DF was given a compulsory purchase order some time ago and was told to lump it.

### **Any Other Business**

Vibrations from the trolleybus would affect homes on the Whitfields, and mobility scooters wouldn't be able to get out without going into the path of the trolleybus. NGT staff have been measuring people's gardens without their permission. There's going to a public meeting soon at St Joseph's Primary School which will be addressed by members of the NGT team.

SB. Metro is putting up the rent of the shops they own at HPC by 20%.

DCJ Residents of 6 Wood Lane have been told by Metro that there's another house they could have but Metro would need to know by Friday.

### **Next meeting**

Monday 11th August at 7.30pm

