

Minutes of A660 Joint Council meeting Monday 11th May 2015 7.30pm at HEART

Attendance Present: TS, CP, SB, SS, BM **Apologies:** DCJ, IL, PL, GL, MS, HP, NS, TB, CF, IH, PM

Agreement of Minutes Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 20th April 2015 meeting.

Matters Arising

BM said that transport consultant Alan Beswick is working in a personal capacity on a report which will comment on the NWLTF proposal where it relates to the Headingley Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Beswick's interest in the NWLTF proposal is that of a long term Headingley resident with a professional interest in transport matters. SB gave an account of a meeting which took place at Heart on the 28th April at which Professor Bonsall presented his proposed alternative to the trolleybus scheme. SB said that concern was expressed at the meeting about the negative effects of the proposal on Headingley. There was no support for the proposal. Following SB's account of the 28th April meeting, there was another discussion of the NWLTF alternative.

BM said that the presentation by Elizabeth Hunter at Horsforth was cancelled.

BM said he doesn't know if CF has been interviewed by Peg Alexander of Made in Leeds and we'll need to wait until the next meeting attended by CF to find out.

Campaign Matters

BM thanked everyone who had helped with the picnics on Belle Isle Circus and Monument Moor and said they'd been a big success. CP said that the lady from Belle Isle had said that people there don't seem to be interested. SS said she felt it's not so much that they're not interested, it's that they don't know. SS said that at the well-attended meeting last year at St Joseph's Club in Hunslet, almost everyone there had said they'd known nothing about the scheme until told by DF. SB said it's often difficult to get people to feel they can do something,

News

SS handed out copies of a recent YEP article about the cost of congestion in Leeds, which included unsupported claims relating to supposed benefits of the trolleybus. BM read out the views of an A660 Joint Council member on what the recent political changes might mean for the trolleybus scheme. TS said he thought Patrick McLoughlin should be interested in creating a link to the airport. TS said that Highways and Metro have always been obsessed with Headingley. There followed a discussion of underground systems. TS said that Lisbon has a new one. TS said that Greg Jones had made clear to the inspector that of all the European trolleybus systems that Dave Haskins had told the inspector about, the only one that was really a trolleybus system was the one in Rome. This was originally to have had three lines, but two were cancelled. And it has a diesel engine so it can run off-wire through the historic heart of Rome. CP said that Naples has a trolleybus system and that it makes the city look awful. SS said that Metro hadn't thought there'd be the level of cross-examination that there was. TS said that if it goes to appeal, that we need to get over to the judge that the inquiry went on for six months during which not a single elected member had spoken in favour of it, and several spoke against. TS said that the inspector may have had his reasons for giving Neil Cameron everything he wanted.

Treasurer's Report This was deferred to the next meeting

Collection No collection was taken. However, £20 was collected at the picnic on Monument Moor.

Any Other Business

BM said he'd been told that the soonest we can have a deputation would be the 8th July. It was agreed that we should proceed with plans for this. SB suggested placing an article on the same issue in North Leeds Life. BM agreed to write and submit an article. BM said he'd also send North Leeds Life an article about the Monument Moor picnic.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 8th June if room available.