

# Minutes of A660 Joint Council meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 7.30pm at HEART

## Attendance

**Present:** DCJ, RR, GR, SS, IS, CT, BM, MM

**Apologies:** SB, PM, GL, NS, CF, TB, MS

**Agreement of minutes** Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2016 meeting.

## Matters arising

1. DCJ's complaint to the BBC about the factual inaccuracy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Look North trolleybus report was escalated and then referred to the BBC Trust. The person at the BBC Trust who decides which complaints the BBC Trust actually looks at, decided there was no need for the Trust to look into the complaint.
2. GL has received via an FOI request the most up-to-date NGT Project Board minutes. DCJ will circulate to those at this meeting.
3. BM's latest letter to the YEP is currently at the top of Google News searches when "trolleybus" is the search term.
4. Tramways and Urban Transit have said they will publish an article BM wrote but they will alter it to make it fit their house style.
5. CR has now met Rachel Reeves who was not receptive to getting involved with the financial issues to do with the proposed trolleybus scheme even though she is on the Treasury Committee.

## Treasurer's Report and Collection

Treasurer's Report deferred 'til next meeting. Collection of £40 taken.

## Campaign Matters

1. BM has 19 non-Xmas and 4 Xmas cartoons to exhibit in the city centre, possibly alongside some Hyde Park Neighbourhood Plan paintings.
2. Between 1980 and 1990, Metro made repeated attempts to get government funding for Electrobus (a trolleybus scheme). Eventually Metro decided to fund the scheme itself. But when a diesel-bus operator said it was going to run services along the same route as the proposed Electrobus, Metro dropped the Electrobus scheme. Metro say their Electrobus records have been destroyed but we wondered whether this was legal as they are public records.
3. The December 2015 NGT Project Board minutes make it clear that the board has had a cost related shock to do with work needed to be carried out on a bridge on Balm Road and that the board thought that whatever reason they came up with for the increased cost would cause an outcry.
4. BM is going to submit a FOI request for the amount of the two bids made to run Supertram.
5. Letter writing is the main campaigning tool at the moment. There is a new editor at the YEP who seems receptive to anti-trolleybus letters. The A660JC will write letters relating to the proposed expansion of Spring Bank School into Rose Court and an article in the previous edition of Leeds Civic Trust's newsletter.
6. BM will send a picture of the new wireless tram to the YEP.
7. BM will load A660JC web pages onto the internet archive.
8. At her 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb talk at the Grove Centre in Horsforth, Liz Hunter, Transport Strategy Manager for LCC skimmed over the trolleybus, hardly mentioning it at all.
9. There may be a group being set up to campaign for an underground system.

## Any Other Business

We still do not know what is happening behind the Arndale Centre but the car park has been closed and there are two portacabins on it.

**Date of Next Meetings** 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May

Actions	
DCJ	Circulate latest NGT Project Board Minutes
BM	Submit FOI request re Supertram bids
A660JC	Write letter to YEP relating to Spring Bank School expansion
A660JC	Write letter to YEP relating to Leeds Civic Trust's newsletter article on future of transport in Leeds
BM	Send photo of wireless tram to YEP
BM	Load A660JC web pages on to internet archive