

# **Minutes of A660 Joint Council meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 7.30pm at HEART**

## **Attendance**

**Present:** BM, RW, JW, BT, HP, CT, MB, SB, PB, TS, CF, DK, AB, JG, MK, DCJ, DK, JK, NS, SS

**Apologies:** TB, MM, MO, MS, CR, EP, DF, JF, LB, JB, MS, PI, IL, IH, RH, CH, LB, JB, GR, RR

**Agreement of minutes** Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 meeting.

## **Matters arising**

BM explained that he had contacted the council and been told it would not be possible for us to take a deputation to the council until July. It was decided to proceed on this basis. SB and CF will write a press release about the deputation to give to Aisha Iqbal. NS has contacted 'Made in Leeds' TV but has not had a response. NS said they've already broadcast a 30 minute programme which featured an interview with Councillor James Lewis. There followed a discussion about how the minutes are presented and whether they contain too much detail. SB said she felt it's important to see how decisions are arrived at. JW from the Campaign for Better Transport said it's essential for them to say who said what or else people forget what they've said. CF said if people would rather something not be recorded, they can say they'd prefer it not to be minuted. JG said he's spoken to James Lewis who said there is no Plan B and that they're confident the trolleybus will go ahead. CF said that they had said during the inquiry that the trolleybus is their only plan.

## **North West Leeds Transport Forum Alternative Proposal**

PB said that simple improvements around the university and around the Blackman Lane junction southbound could save about 6 minutes. PB said that the pedestrian crossing at the Clarendon Road junction needs to be moved to the south of the junction and that other improvements at this junction would greatly improve traffic flow. The central reservation between Clarendon Road and Hyde Park Corner could be done away with. By doing this, and taking away about a metre from the grass verge southbound, you could fit in a bus lane both north and southbound. There would be a new one way road from Woodhouse Lane to Hyde Park Corner, across the corner of Woodhouse Moor between the skatepark and the shops. This would improve traffic flow. Together with banning certain turns, this would make demolitions at Hyde Park Corner unnecessary. PB said he didn't think it would be necessary to widen the road going up Headingley Hill. PB said that if there could be a bus lane from the Elinor Lupton Centre to Spring Bank, this could save 6 or 7 minutes. PB said there could be a service lane behind the Arndale Centre and an extra lane in front of the Arndale centre by joining the bus bays together. At the junction with Shaw Lane, the entrance to St Anne's Road could be closed with the pavement extended across the opening thus joining the shops around Salvos to the rest of the shopping centre. The newly created stub end of St Anne's Road could be used for additional parking. PB said it would be worth signalling the Lawnswood roundabout. There would be a park and ride at Bodington, but not as big as the one proposed under the trolleybus scheme.

## **Discussion**

HP asked if there could be a vote on the alternative. DCJ said that a lot of people had been unable to attend the meeting who would like to express their view. TS said that PB had given us a lot to think about and that we needed to go away and digest it, and that there was no urgency. PB said there is urgency, and that without the support of the A660 Joint Council, the alternative proposal is dead in the water, as the council won't want a repeat of their trolleybus experience. PB said if we don't support something which we think is the right answer, then they'll give us something like the trolleybus. PB said that if nothing gets done, congestion will get worse. CF said we can vote on the alternative at our next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** This was deferred until our next meeting.

**Collection** This came to £60.00.

**Date of Next Meeting** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March if room available.