

Minutes of A660 Joint Council Monday 7th April 2014 7.00pm at HEART

Attendance

Present: IL, PL, EP, GG, MB, MK, DCJ, TS, CF, JD, HP, JS, TB, FK, CR, BM, MS, PM, GL, SS, NS, MA, JG, MW, PB, SB, JC, JR, GR, RR, NF **Apologies:** SJ, LB, MT

Agreement of minutes

Minutes accepted as an accurate record of 3rd March meeting.

Matters arising

Consultation Feedback Disclosure: Discussion about whether Metro ought to disclose the consultation results regardless of whether they say the separate FOI requests for them was a strategy initiated by the A660 Joint Council. CF has sent out a press release about non-disclosure of consultation feedback. Look North would like to report on it but would like pictures. CF suggested a small protest outside Metro's Office. NGT originally said they'd analyse the feedback and let people know the results, then that it was too expensive to do this, then that it wasn't a formal consultation. CF has written to the Inspector asking for disclosure. NWLTF has made FOI requests relating to modelling information. They have been acknowledged but a response is already ten days overdue. Further discussion about availability of people for a protest. Decided to hold protest Friday 11th April, 8am til 10am. **Cross-examination:** Discussion about substations, costs of trolleybuses, number of trolleybuses and bus passes. **Meeting with Hilary Benn:** DCJ gave a report of her meeting with Hilary Benn. It was noted that Hilary Benn was giving almost the same comments that Greg Mulholland and also Keith Wakefield gave when asked similar questions last year. It was suggested people write to Hilary Benn to let them know how they feel about the scheme if they haven't already done so.

DCJ	Get old placards from TB and also make new ones
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Chair's Report

Most of what CF wanted to say was about non-disclosure of feedback and was said during Matters Arising. **First Bus:** CF and Cllr Blackburn attended a meeting with First Bus who are fighting very strongly. We may be able to get help from them in carrying out another JG traffic census. **Traffic Census:** JG's figures rebut NGT's claims and need to be firmed up as much as possible.

Theodolites: People with theodolites and or cameras have been seen at: Headingley Hill, Lupton Flats, St. Chad's and Belle Isle Circus over recent days. It looks like action may be taking place in advance of events and that the Promoters are proceeding with the expectation of winning. Greg Mulholland has written to the Secretary of State for Transport to find out about this. **Whitfields:** The space between the garden walls in this residential pedestrianized area is only 12m. The width of two trolleybuses need to fit, along with pedestrians. **Heritage and Supertram:** NGT are saying that there are lots of heritage issues they don't need to go through because of Supertram initially getting approval. **First Bus and Infrastructure Changes:** First Bus's documents are a bit ambivalent about the extent of the infrastructure changes they would make with their alternative. City probably would not have the power to make massive infrastructure changes based on First Bus's proposed scheme. They say their scheme would be a fraction of the cost. This must be because of not having the road changes. We could tell First Bus we would feel better about them if they were not doing to do the roadworks.

CF	To find out if First Bus have already carried out a traffic census
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Treasurer's Report

£951.03 in the bank. TB suggested there may be solicitors costs if the Promoters take legal action against any of us. CF said we would robustly defend any such threats. A collection was taken.

Preparation for Public Inquiry

CF, JG, SJ, DCJ met and made some inroads into trying to collate all the points that had been made by various people. CF has been working on a matrix. We need to make sure that every point that needs to be made is made. CF is tying everything together. IL's main concern is Belle Isle and Hunslet. The Promoters changed the south route at the last minute. CF said that we will try to make sure we don't drop any facts but if anyone else is better qualified to make the points better they should. Local people are experts on their areas. Lots of documents are appearing on the Persona web site but there is nothing as yet from the A660 Joint Council. NWLTF are breaking their cross-examination into four large aspects. There are any number of approaches. NWLTF would like to go their own way but still liaise. JD and CF will liaise so that we don't say conflicting things.

CF	To find out if First Bus QC would like to cross-examine any of us
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Dates of Next Meetings

Tuesday 6th May
Monday 2nd June