



Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority

Minutes of the 89th meeting of the TYNE TUNNEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
14TH MAY 1998
(11.30 a.m. – 11.55 a.m.)

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PRESENT:

Councillor C.E. Bate in the Chair
Councillors Hanson, Holt, Marshall, Nugent, Ord, Wood and Young.

IN ATTENDANCE

J.F. Miller, P. Hedley and S. Wilson.

64. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Murray, Russell and Spring.

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th March 1998 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

66. NEW TYNE CROSSING

Arising from the Minutes, the Engineer reported that a considerable number of responses had been received following advertisement of the proposals in the European Communities Official Journal. These were currently being assessed with the view to inviting tenders in the autumn in line with the timetable previously circulated to Members.

67. PORTAL EMBLEMS

Arising from Min.No.59 of the previous Minutes it was agreed at the suggestion of the Chairman that the costs of illuminating the new entrance signs to the Tunnel be brought to a future meeting for consideration by the Committee.

68. TOLLS INCOME 1997/98

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer and the Treasurer advising of tolls income for the year ended 31st March 1998 of £7,552,310 be noted.

69. TOLLS INCOME 1998/99

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer profiling income against anticipated receipts be noted.

70. MOSAIC REPAIRS PHASE II

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer be noted.

71. SOUTH PORTAL: STONE THROWING INCIDENTS

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer outlining the action taken in regard to incidents during April of stone throwing at the South Portal be noted, the Committee having expressed its appreciation of the speedy response to the matter by Tunnel Management.

72. PERMIT PRE-PAID TOLLING SYSTEM

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer advising of usage of the system to date be noted.

73. REFURBISHMENT OF PORTAL EMBLEMS

RESOLVED – That the circulated Report of the Engineer advising of the completion of the refurbishment of the Tunnel emblems be noted, the occasion serving to mark the retirement from local government of Councillor Conaty, Chairman of the Committee since 1992 and a Member of the Authority since October 1985.

74. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining business on the agenda.

75. MOSAIC REPAIRS

RESOLVED – That, as recommended in the tabled Report of the Engineer, approval be given to:

- (i) the funding of additional works to Phase I in the sum of £50,000;
- (ii) the award of Phase II of the works to Pitchmastic PLC in the sum of £285,097.25 in accordance with Financial Regulation No.25 regarding Negotiated Contracts;
- (iii) the funding of £104,116.50 for the completion of the additional works to the ventilation windows and walkway panels as detailed in the Report; and
- (iv) the inclusion of the revised proposals in the next Capital Programme Review for consideration by the Authority.