



Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority

Minutes of the 162nd meeting of the PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
22ND OCTOBER 1998
(10.30 a.m. - 11.04 a.m.)

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PRESENT:

Councillor T.D. Marshall in the Chair
Councillors Bohill, Green, Hanson, Hodgson, Holt, Keating, McElroy, Mulgrove, Ord, Spring and Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE

M. Buckingham, P. Fenwick, B. Middleton and S. Wilson.

Representing Nexus

M.J. Parker, T. McCrady, B.G. Garner, J.W.R. Graham and M.J. Fearnley.

62. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bate, Flynn and Young.

63. COUNCILLOR M.T. MULGROVE

The Chairman welcomed Councillor M.T. Mulgrove who was attending her first meeting of the Authority since being appointed as a representative of North Tyneside Council.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 1998 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

65. PASSENGER SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Passenger Services Committee held on 6th October 1998 be received.

66. NORTH TYNESIDE HEALTH PARTNERSHIP BOARD

RESOLVED - That Councillor Mrs. M.A. Green be appointed the Authority's representative on the North Tyneside Health Partnership Board for the remainder of the ensuing Municipal Year.

67. CONSTRUCTING LOCAL TRANSPORT PLANS

RESOLVED - That Councillor Hodgson be authorised to attend the above Conference to be held in London on 12th November 1998.

68. DURHAM ROAD SUPER ROUTE, SUNDERLAND: PRELIMINARY MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED - That the circulated Report of the Director General advising of the monitoring arrangements put in place to evaluate the impact of the project, the initial indications being of an increase in the order of 5% in the patronage of Easy Access services, be noted.

69. SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET ROUND 5

RESOLVED - That the circulated Report of the Director General on the latest bidding round for funds from the Single Regeneration Budget be noted and that Nexus be authorised to liaise with the District Councils in order to ensure that public transport enhancement plays its full part in the regeneration of Tyne and Wear.

70. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1998/99: QUARTERLY REVIEW

RESOLVED - That, as recommended in the circulated joint Report of the Treasurer and the Director General, the latest position on the Capital Programme for 1998/99 be noted and that approval be given to the revised programme of £8.785m for the year to be funded in accordance with para 3.1.

71. REVIEW OF FARES

Submitted: Report of the Director General proposing that MetroSaver and Cheap Day Return fares be increased as set out in the attached Appendix with effect from 1st November 1998.

The Chairman having ruled in response to a request by the Opposition that public disclosure of detailed information regarding patronage and revenue in respect of the fare bands under discussion could prejudice the commercial integrity of the Metro and that the data as presented by Nexus was sufficient on which an objective decision could reasonably be made, it was, by 10 votes to 2:

RESOLVED - That the recommended increases be approved.

72. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED - That the next meeting of the Authority be held on Wednesday, 18th November 1998 at 10.30 a.m. in Newcastle Civic Centre.