



# Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority

Minutes of the 163rd meeting of the PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY  
18TH NOVEMBER 1998  
(10.30 a.m. - 11.05 a.m.)

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**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

M. Buckingham and S. Wilson.

**Representing Nexus**

T. McCrady, B.G. Garner and J. Meagher.

**73. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Flynn, Keating and Wood.

**74. MINUTES**

**Submitted:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October 1998.

It was recalled that during discussion on Min.No.71 regarding increases to MetroSaver and Cheap Day Returns reference had been made to the current charges for transfares and it was queried when these were to be reviewed. In response it was explained that this would take place as part of the annual fares review and any proposals would be reported to the Authority at its meeting in March 1999.

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October 1998, amended where appropriate to reflect the above remarks, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**75. PASSENGER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Submitted:** Minutes of the meeting of the Passenger Services Committee held on 3rd November 1998.

Having been noted that the implications of competition for the Sunderland Community Bus were to be discussed with the Operators' Panel later in the day and also that consultations had now commenced with interested parties on the possible introduction of similar schemes in other Districts, it was:

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes be received.

**76. TYNE TUNNEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Tyne Tunnel Operations Committee held on 10th November 1998 be noted.

**77. SCHEDULE OF PROPER OFFICERS**

**RESOLVED** - That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Clerk, Doug Johnson be appointed Deputy Clerk and Treasurer, Val Dodds be appointed Legal Adviser and that approval be given to such consequential amendments as may be required to the Authority's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Bylaws and any other appropriate documentation.

**78. THREE-YEAR PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN 1999-2001: GUIDANCE ON PREPARATION**

Following consideration of a Report of the Clerk submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Transport Act 1983 and having noted the Government's proposals to introduce five-year Local Transport Plans from 2000/1 onwards, it was:

**RESOLVED** – That Nexus be advised that the draft Plan should continue to afford priority specifically to:

- (i) expenditure on any essential Metro safety works;
- (ii) the extension of Metro to Sunderland;
- (iii) the maintenance of low-cost concessionary travel; and
- (iv) the continued implementation of budget economies where these do not adversely affect service delivery.

**79. HEBBURN METRO STATION: IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

**RESOLVED** - That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Director General, the Capital Programme be amended to provide for expenditure of £50,000 in 1998/99 in respect of improvement works at Hebburn Metro Station with £25,000 thereof being met from SRB funding made available by South Tyneside Council and with the remaining £25,000 being financed from Loan or Reserves as appropriate.

**80. BEDE METRO STATION: CCTV COVERAGE**

Arising from the previous item attention was drawn to incidents of anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Bede Station and it was queried when CCTV cameras were to be installed as the necessary mountings now appeared to be in place. The Director of Finance undertook to check on this and advise the South Tyneside representatives accordingly.

**81. LONGBENTON METRO STATION: REFURBISHMENT**

Having noted that the proposals put forward had been formulated following consultation and were designed to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act, it was:

**RESOLVED** - That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Director General, approval be given to capital expenditure of £550,000 in respect of the refurbishment of Longbenton Metro Station subject to a contribution of £250,000 from the Longbenton SRB Board in 1998/99 and with the remaining £300,000 being funded from Loan or Reserves as appropriate.

**82. SUNDERLAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE**

Following consideration of a Report of the Director General during which it was confirmed that signage for the project as well as passenger facilities overall were being developed to take full account of the needs of those users with visual and auditory impairments in accordance with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act, it was:

**RESOLVED** - That, subject to the finalisation of agreements between Sunderland City Council and Nexus regarding:

- (i) the management of the interchange;
- (ii) the leasing of operational areas; and
- (iii) the incorporation of signage and branding programmes to reflect the relevant corporate identities of the two bodies;

approval be given to a capital contribution of £250,000 towards the cost of the project in 1998/99 together with up to £130,000 in 1999/00 and that such expenditure be met through Loan or from Reserves as appropriate.

**83. NEWCASTLE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**RESOLVED** - That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Director General, the planning application submitted by Nexus in respect of the above be supported subject to the comments listed in para.4 thereof being incorporated into an appropriate planning agreement between the developers and Newcastle City Council.

**84. TRAIN IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT**

**RESOLVED** - That, as recommended in the circulated Report of the Director General, the 1998/99 Capital Programme provisions for PTI Replacement, PC Control of Communications System and Passenger Announcements Improvements at Stations be combined as Train Identification and Control System Replacement and that approval be given to the release of up to £120,000 for consultancy services and equipment purchase in connection therewith.

**85. GREAT NORTH RUN: PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS**

**RESOLVED** - That the circulated Report of the Director General on proposed measures to deal with transport problems experienced in connection with the Great North Run be noted and that progress thereon, including the possibility of providing additional bus services to link with the Tyne Pedestrian Tunnel, be considered in due course.

**86. 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.

**87. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PASSENGER TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE**

**RESOLVED** - That the changes to executive directorships of Nexus as proposed in the circulated joint Report of the Clerk and the Director General be approved.