

Underground Electric Railways Company of London Limited.

At a Meeting of. the General Purposes Committee held at the Offices of the
Company Electric Railway House Broadway Westminster S.W. 1

on Tuesday, 17th February 1920

Present

Rt Hon Lord Ashfield, in the Chair

Mr W M. Acworth

Mr C.J. Cater Scott

Mr H A. Vernet

In attendance

Asst Secretary, Managers, Officers and Solicitor of the Company.

Financial Statements

77 Traffic Statements.

Traffic statements for the week ending 7th February and for the period from the 1st January to the 7th February were submitted and approved.

Operating Statement

78 Operating Statement showing provisional figures for the month of January 1920 was submitted and approved. The Accountant was instructed to submit in future supplemental statement on this matter.

79 Cash Statement Cash Statement as at 10th February 1920 was submitted and approved.

80 Capital Statement

Capital statement was submitted and approved.

Staff matters

81 Building Department Staff.

It was reported that the Departments concerned on the Railways and Bus Companies had conferred but the report was not yet ready.

The matter was deferred for a week and it was decided that the Tramway Companies be included in the report.

82 Classification of Clerical Staff Annual increments

It was resolved to recommend that annual increments be paid quarterly, any adjustments necessary owing to the date of the annual increment occurring other than on a quarter day being made at the next quarter day payment.

Other matters arising out of the Classification of the Clerical Staff were deferred.

83 Free passes Superannuated servants

It was resolved to recommend that free passes be not retained by Superannuated Servants but that special cases be submitted to the Managers' Meeting for consideration

Control Staff Wages

84 The Maintenance Manager (Rlys) reported that he was not yet able to deal with this matter as it was having the attention of the Standing Committee of General Managers.

The Operating Manager and Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.) submitted the following recommendations in regard to increases in wages to Control Staff which were approved and the necessary changes in pay roll forms were signed by the Chairman.

Operating Department

6 Divisional Inspectors to receive £10 increase

9 Asst “ “ “ “ £10 “

2 District Operating Foremen “ £20 “

1 “ “ “ £15 “

3 Traffic Controllers (Leicester Sq) 4s/- per week

26 Operating Foreman to receive £10 increase

Maintenance Manager's Dept (L.G.O.C.)

14 Superintendents to receive increases varying from £10 to £25

10 Mechanical Assistants to Superintendents to receive increases varying from 5s/- to 10s/- p. week

28 Night Foremen to receive from 5s/- to 12/6 [p. week]

28 Foremen Washers “ “ “ 5/- p week increase

85 National Transport Workers Federation

The Operating Manager reported that he had received a demand from the National Transport Workers Federation asking for an increase of 10s/- per week for 'Bus Employees.

It was resolved to recommend that formal acknowledgment of this letter be sent.

The Tramways Manager reported that he had received a similar demand from the Federation and would be attending the Whitley Council of Tramway Companies to consider the matter, and stated he proposed to object at the meeting of the Council to the demand being agreed to. The arrangement was approved.

86 Ex Conductor J.J. Samuells (Tramways)

Further report on this matter was submitted by the Tramways Manager.

It was resolved to recommend that a grant of £10 be made in this case and that the Tramways Manager draft a letter to Mr Hume, the Chairman of the Tramways Committee of the London County Council setting forth the whole history of this case.

87 Deferred pay for Motormen

The Operating Manager reported that in consequence of the increase in the rates of pay for Motormen, deferred pay would no longer apply and the men concerned had been seen and they had agreed to allow the amount of their deferred pay to be invested in War Savings Certificates.

It was resolved to recommend that interest at 4% be allowed on the amount of the pay as from 17th August 1919

88 Depot Cashier S Gargrave

The Operating Manager reported that Depot

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Cashier S Gargrave had recently died after 20 years service. He left a Widow and five children, of whom only one was able to earn any wages.

It was resolved to recommend that a grant of £20 be made to the Widow of late Depot Cashier S Gargrave.

Gardens at Stations – District Railway

- 89 It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for £25 to be expended on Awards for the best kept Gardens etc, at District Railway Stations, and a further amount of £30 in respect of vegetable allotments for the year 1920.

Services and Fares

90 Non-collection of Fares – Tramways.

The Tramway Manager submitted a report prepared by the General Traffic Superintendent on the non-collection of fares which disclosed unsatisfactory work by conductors.

The matter would have further attention.

91 Increased Fare Rates – Tramways

The Tramways Manager reported that the general effect on Revenue was to show an upward tendency.

Improvements

92 New Office Building

It was reported that a further meeting of the Building Sub. Committee had been held and that this Sub. Committee were satisfied that the arrangements whereby Mr Heaps prepared drawings which were submitted to the Consulting Architects were quite satisfactory.

It was further reported that the attention to this matter required by Mr Knapp's department was not sufficient to overload the Department.

Messrs Richardson & Gill, the Consulting Architects had agreed with the general scheme of arrangements.

In regard to Contracts, it was recommended that a separate contract be entered into for the necessary excavation work.

93 Rolling Stock

Single deck Omnibuses

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.) reported that a single deck Omnibus designed to carry 40 passengers would be unsuitable for working on the Streets, but that a vehicle to carry 34 passengers could be designed.

The matter was deferred

Lorry buses

94 The Commercial Manager reported that the Board of Trade had offered to pay £10,000 towards the Capital cost of converting the lorries for passenger service.

It was resolved to recommend that the [missing word in original] of £10,000 be accepted.

95 Charabancs

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.) reported that 8 additional charabancs – making a total of 12 were required by the Private Hire Department. Authority was given for the necessary requisition to be prepared.

96 “K” Type Bus Bodies.

The Chairman intimated that the Associated Equipment Company would handle this matter and that he would discuss same with the Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.)

97 Additional Rotary Converter at Wood Lane Power House.

The Maintenance Manager (Rlys) reported that there was only one Rotary Converter at Wood Lane Power House and that it was not in commission at present. It was very essential that there should be an additional converter at this Power House and suggested that a spare converter belonging to the City & South London Railway should be transferred from Stockwell to Wood Lane

The suggestion was approved subject to it being understood that the Central London Railway would be responsible for replacing this Converter as and when the City & South London Railway required them to do so.

98 London Electric Railway Rolling Stock

The Maintenance Manager (Rlys) stated that the Contractors for the new 40 cars, Messrs Cammell Laird & Co had agreed to carry out the proposed re-arrangement of the doors for an additional £200 per car.

It was resolved to recommend that the arrangement be approved.

99 Petrol consumption

A draft scheme for saving petrol was submitted by the Operating and Maintenance Managers (L.G.O.C) which was explained to the Meeting.

It was resolved to recommend that the scheme be tried as an experiment at one Garage only.

Miscellaneous

100 “Bird in Hand” Hampstead

It was reported that the Company had been served with a Schedule of Dilapidations of this property and that one of the tenants had carried out his part of the Schedule but the other tenant had failed to do so.

The Landlord had called in a Builder and executed the work at a total cost of £660,,12,,9.

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for this amount to be paid and for the Guarantor to be proceeded against with a view to recovering the expenditure.

101 Safety First Campaign (L.G.O.Co.)

It was resolved to recommend that a further grant of £1,000 be made, subject to the approval of the Board.

102 Bills in Parliament, Session 1920

The Chairman referred to the nature of the opposition which was being offered to the Companies' Fares Bill in Parliament, Session 1920, and to various measures which might be adopted to overcome this opposition.

The Commercial Manager read a draft of a letter which it was proposed to address to the Ministry of Transport in regard to the Companies' Fares Bill.

The matter was very fully discussed, certain alterations and additions suggested to the draft letter and authority given for same to be forwarded to the Minister of Transport.

H.J. [initialled]

Ashfield [signed]

Chairman