

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

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Tuesday, 27th January 1920

Present

Rt. Hon. Lord Ashfield in the Chair
Mr W. M Acworth
Mr H. A Vernet
Mr C. J. Cater Scott

In attendance

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

- 51 The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13th January 1920 were signed.

Erith Improvements Bill

- 52 The Commercial Manager referred to Minute No 37 of the General Purposes Committee held on the 13th instant and stated that conferences had been held with the Companies' legal advisers and it had now been decided that the London General Omnibus Company should alone oppose the Erith Improvements Bill, the other Companies reserving all opposition until the Bill reached the Second House
Also reported that the Hertfordshire County Council had given Notice of their intention to deposit a late Bill.

- 53 London United Tramways Ltd

Mr W. M. Acworth referred to the financial position of the London United

Tramways Limited. Same was discussed but the matter deferred for further consideration.

Financial Statements

54 Traffic Statement

Traffic Statements for the week ending 17th January and for the period from the 1st January to date were submitted and approved.

55 Operating Statement

Operating Statement showing provisional figures for the year ending 31st December 1919 was submitted and discussed in detail.

The Chairman very fully explained his views and asked that the matter might be deferred for further consideration.

56 Cash Statement

Cash Statement as at January 20th 1920 was submitted and approved.

57 Capital Statement

Capital Statement was submitted. Same was discussed and approved.

Staff Matters

58 Station Debits and Credits

The Treasurer reported that in conjunction with the Accountant, meetings had been held to discuss the relationship between Banks and Stationmasters or Clerks-in-Charge regarding “shorts” and “overs” and that since the deputation on the 11th November 1919 considerable improvement had been shown in discrepancies and it was recommended that an amount of £6,,18,,0 standing to the debit of various Stations on the London Electric Railway should now be written off.

It was resolved to recommend that the suggestion be approved.

Services and Fares

59 Beds and Bedding for emergency purposes

The Operating Manager reported that as a result of the Company's experience during the recent Railway Strike it might be advisable to purchase and store a quantity of beds and bedding.
The Commercial Manager pointed out that the Disposals Board were dealing with this matter.

It was resolved to recommend that so far as the Companies were concerned no action be taken.

60 Single deck Omnibuses

The Chairman asked that all Managers concerned would consider the question of a new design of Single Deck Omnibus as he was of opinion that the present style would become obsolete at an early date.

61 "L" Type Omnibuses

The Manager for Maintenance (L.G.U.) suggested that bodies of "L" type chassis should be changed over to "B" type chassis and that all "L" and "Y" types should be sold.

It was resolved that the Maintenance Manager prepare the necessary requisition for approval.

62 Lorry Buses

The Commercial Manager reported that he had approached the Board of Trade in regard to handing back the lorry buses and has submitted the following suggestions:

1 That the Board of Trade should bear any Capital loss they may have incurred.

2 That the London General Omnibus Company should bear the cost of running the lorry buses.

3 That the Board of Trade should bear any Capital cost in converting the lorry buses incurred by the London General Omnibus Company.

The Board of Trade had not intimated their decision but the matter would be taken up again with them.

Improvements

63 New Office Building

It was reported that an interview had been held with the Consulting Architects and various designs were discussed.

After further discussion

It was resolved to recommend the use of stone dressings in the design be approved and that on the suggestion of the Manager for Maintenance and Construction a quantity Surveyor be now engaged.

In regard to the form of contract it was decided to recommend that the Contract be for an agreed sum subject to any rise or fall in prices during the continuance of the contract.

The Solicitor was also instructed to prepare a draft scheme for the lease of the Building as quickly as possible.

64 Shepherds Bush Garage

The Operating Manager reported that the roadway in front of Shepherds Bush Garage was in a very bad condition.

It was resolved to recommend that the Local Authorities be approached with a view to making the roadway up as an omnibus stand.

Battersea Garage

- 65 The Maintenance Manage (L.G.O.) reported that there were two very dilapidated cottages adjacent to Battersea Garage and that their acquisition would improve the working of the Garage. It was estimated the two cottages could be purchased for not exceeding £300.

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for the purchase of the two cottages adjacent to Battersea Garage at a price not exceeding £300.

66 Watford Joint Stock

The Manager for Maintenance (Railways) reported that the first six cars of the Joint Rolling Stock to be used on the Watford Service had been delivered to Lillie Bridge.

Ashfield
Chairman

H.J. [Initialled]