

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 Friday, 2nd July 1920

Present

RT Hon. Lord Ashfield, in the Chair
Mr W. M. Stewarth
Mr G. J. Carter Scott
Mr H. A. Yernet

In attendance

Asst Secretary, Managers, Officers and
Solicitor of the Company

Note:

As certain matters dealt with at this Meeting
do not require to be recorded in the Minute
Book of the Underground Electric Railways
Company of London Ltd, the Minutes have been
divided into two portions, one dealing with matters
for report to the Board and the other dealing
with those matters under authority of the Executive
Officers.

186 Bills in Parliament - Session 1920

Fares Bill

The Commercial Manager reported that the
Third Reading of this Bill would be taken in the

House of Commons on Monday 5th July.

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Works Bill

The Commercial Manager also reported that this Bill had now been transferred to the House of Lords as an Unopposed Bill.

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L.C.C. Tramways & Improvements Bill

The Commercial Manager reported that the Committee of the House of Commons had granted certain powers to the London County Council but these were subject to a clause being approved at a further meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday July 6th.

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Middlesex & Hertfordshire County Councils Bill

The Commercial Manager reported that the Bills of these two County Councils would be brought before the Committee of the House of Commons on Tuesday, 6th July.

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Erith Improvements Bill

The Commercial Manager reported that this Bill had been deferred pending the result of the Committee's decision on the Middlesex and Hertfordshire Bills.

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Wimbledon & Fulham widening.

The Commercial Manager reported that the London & South Western Railway Company were unwilling to make the necessary application for the extension of time for the Land powers in connection with the Wimbledon and Fulham widening and suggested that the Metropolitan

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District Railway Company should concur in the arrangements provided the London and South Western Railway Company were prepared to give an undertaking to accommodate not less than 12 trains per hour to Wimbledon.

It was resolved that the matter be considered by the Departments concerned.

Financial Statements

192 Traffic Statements
Traffic statements for the week ending 26th June 1920 and for the period from the 1st January to the 26th June 1920 were submitted.

Operating Statement

193 Operating Statement for the month of May 1920
compared with May 1919 was submitted.

Cash Statement

194 Cash statement as at 29th June 1920 was submitted.

Merchants Trust Limited

195 The Treasurer reported that the Merchants Trust Limited were desirous of continuing their loan from the London General Omnibus Company for a period of six months and after negotiations they had offered to pay interest at $6\frac{3}{4}\%$.

It was resolved to recommend that the arrangements be approved by the London General Omnibus Company.

196 Advances to the Associated Equipment Company
by the London General Omnibus Co Ltd

The Treasurer also reported that the overplus of the Associated Equipment Company now amounted to £350,000.

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Payment of 4½% Bond Interest in New York
The Treasurer also reported that arrangements had been made for the deposit of Treasury Bills with the London County Westminster & Parry Bank and for the New York Trust Company to advance against this deposit the amounts of the coupons presented for payment in New York on and after 1st July 1930.

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West Ham Corporation Housing Bonds

The Assistant Secretary submitted letter from the Registrar and Secretary of the West Ham Corporation Housing Committee asking that the London General Insurance Company should subscribe for Housing Bonds

It was resolved to recommend the
no investment in these Bonds be made
but that the Advertising Superintendent
be instructed to arrange for a certain amount
of free advertisement in the matter.

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Capital Statement

Capital Statement was submitted

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Staff Matters

Increase in wages of Railway Staff
The Operating Manager reported that it was estimated the recent award of the National Wages Board would affect the Underground

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Passenger

Railways to the extent of £9,500 per annum.

It was resolved that authority be given for a bonus to be prepared authorising the payment of the additional increased wages.

201 Special Bonus to Coach Making Grades in Coach Factories

The Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.C.) reported as to the great difficulty in maintaining satisfactory output of omnibus bodies from the Coach factories and recommended that a special bonus of -

3^d per hour to adult labour over the age of 21 and 1¹/₂ per hour to Girls & Apprentices under 21 be paid to the Coach Builders in the Factories only - not to the Coach making grades in the Garages, as an inducement to better output, it being understood that this special payment should be merged in any settlement which may be arrived at in connection with the demand now pending.

It was resolved to recommend that arrangements be approved and the Accounts be authorised to make the necessary alterations on the pay rolls as from 3rd July 1920.

Passes for the Blind

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It was resolved to recommend that the National Institute for the Blind be advised that in consequence of the Metropolitan District Railway remaining under Government control it was not feasible to carry out

The proposals respecting the conveyance
of blind persons.

Services and Fares

Private Hire proposals.

The question of developing the Private Hire
business of the London General Omnibus Company
was discussed.

It was resolved to recommend that
it was not desirable to encourage this
feature of the Company's business. If
Tourist Agencies and others desired to
hire vehicles the necessary arrangements
might be made if vehicles were available
but the present arrangements whereby certain
"day trips" can be booked by individuals
were to be discontinued at the end of the
present season.

Improvements

Land for Central Overhaul Depot

The Assistant Secretary reported that special
arrangements had been made in order to obtain
early possession of the land and it was
expected that the Maintenance Manager
would be able to commence operations on the
ground within three weeks from this date.

Watford Garage

The Commercial Manager and Operating Manager
were instructed to confer and report as to the
working from Watford Garage.

206 Catford or Peckham Garage
Purchase by Tilling's Limited

It was resolved to recommend that no arrangements be authorised for the sale or disposal of Peckham Garage but that authority be given for negotiations to be entered into with Messrs. Tilling's Limited regarding the use of part of Catford Garage by that firm.

207 Kingston Garage
The Commercial Manager and Operating Manager
were instructed to confer in regard to the erection of a Garage at Kingston

208 "All night" Omnibuses

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for "All night" Omnibuses to be again put into service it being understood that double fares would be charged.

209 Single deck Omnibuses

It was reported that a requisition had been prepared for 50 single deck Omnibuses.

210 Local Depots

The Assistant Secretary submitted report on the Local Depots proposed to be established at various parts in the Metropolitan District Railway to be worked by the London & North Western and Midland Railway Companies. After discussion

It was resolved to recommend that
a communication be addressed to the
Solicitor of the London & North Western
Railway stating that the Company would
not press for the completion of the
agreements at the moment but asking
that Acton Depot might be excluded
from the Schedule, and further that the
London & North Western Railway Company
should now repay to the Metropolitan
District Railway the cost of the land
which had been acquired for the Northfields
Depot.

Miscellaneous.

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Additional grant for Publicity

The Commercial Manager reported that a further
grant for publicity advertising purposes was required.

In the early part of the year a grant of
£30,000 had been authorised on account of an
estimated expenditure of £45,000, but the balance
of £15,000 would probably require to be increased
by a further £6,000 if the original advertising
proposals were carried out, as advertising
charges had all increased of recent date.

It was resolved to recommend that
the advertising be reduced so that a
further grant of not more than £15,000
would be required by the Companies concerned.

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General Increase in Railway Charges

Report was submitted by the Operating Managers
in regard to the estimated cost which the

general increase in Railway charges would
entail on the Companies After discussion:

It was resolved to recommend that the
Officials of the Ministry of Transport be
seen and the Companies' positions explained
having regard to the fact that the Metropolitan
District Railway Company was the only one
under Government control and that under
the London Electric Railway Companies'
Fares Bill any increases in fares require
to be referred to the Ministry of Transport
for approval.

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Chairman