

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 27th April 1920

Present

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

In Attendance

Asst. Secretary, Managers and Officers 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 Limited, the Minutes have been divided into two portions, one dealing with matters for report to the Board and the other dealing with matters under authority of the Executive Officers.

168 Bills in Parliament - Session 1920

It was reported that the Companies' Works Bill would be read a third time on the 28th April The names of the Committee who would deal with the Companies Fares Bill would be announced on the 28th April and their first meeting had been adjourned to May 11th.

In connection with the decision of the House of Commons to decline to dispense with the Standing Orders the London County Council Tramways Bill would come before the Standing Orders Committee on the 28th April. The Middlesex County Council had decided to await for the decision of the London County Council Improvements Bill and for the moment the Hertfordshire County Council were not taking any steps in connection with their Bill.

Financial Statements.

169 Traffic Statements

Traffic Statements for the week ending 17th April 1920 and for the period from the 1st January to the 17th April were submitted.

170 Operating Statement.

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

171 Cash Statement

Cash statement as at 20th April 1920 was submitted.

172 Capital Statement

Capital statement was submitted.

Staff Matters

173 London School of Economics

The Treasurer referred to letter which had been addressed to Chairmen of Railway Companies by the London School of Economics and submitted particulars of the number of Underground Employees attending the School as Students pointing out that the Underground Companies contributed £100 to the Funds of the School in respect of 148 students

The Chairman stated that collective action should be taken by all Railway Companies to increase the amount of subscriptions to the School and that our Companies would be willing to fall in line with any arrangements made by other Railway Companies.

Services and Fares

174 Whitechapel & Bow Railway management

The Operating Manager submitted letter which had been addressed to the Accountant of the Midland Railway on this matter, which was approved.

Improvements

175 Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton's appointment The Chairman stated that he had considered it desirable that an eminent firm of Consulting Engineers should consider the schemes for Central Overhaul Depots which had been prepared by the Maintenance Managers of the Railways and Bus Companies, and had given instructions that the plans should be handed to Messrs. Rendel Palmer & Tritton for consideration and report.

It was resolved to recommend that the arrangements be approved.

176 Land for Central Overhaul Depot.

It was resolved to recommend that should the report of Messrs Rendel Palmer & Tritton on the scheme of the Maintenance Manager (L.G.O.) for a Central Overhaul Depot be approved, authority be given for the land which had been

inspected at Chiswick to be purchased, subject to satisfactory terms being arranged.

177 "K" Type Bus

The Manager for Maintenance (L.G.O.) reported that 15 "K" Type chassis had been delivered to the Coach Factory, 9 of which were being mounted and two would be set aside for training purposes at Milmans Street depot.

The Chairman added that he considered the output from Walthamstow would shortly be increased and the L.G.O. Company might expect to receive deliveries of 25 chassis per week.

Improvements

178 Single Deck Omnibuses

Referring to Minute No. 2940 of the Executive Officers' Meeting held on 20 April 1920.

Drawings were submitted with suggested reseating arrangements shown thereon. After discussion, authority was given for one body providing seats for 33 passengers to be constructed for experimental purposes.

179 Moveable platform to reduce gaps between Station platforms and cars.

The Maintenance Manager (Railways) submitted drawings for moveable platforms to reduce gaps between station platforms and cars. After discussion

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for an experimental platform to be installed at Paddington Station (L.E.R.)

180 Turnham Green Station Additional exit accommodation.

The Maintenance Manager (Rlys) submitted plan of proposed additional exit at Turnham Green Station and stated that the estimated cost would amount to £1,000.

The scheme was approved.

Improved Booking arrangements

181 The Maintenance Manager (Rlys) submitted drawings showing improved arrangements at two Stations. After Discussion.

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for the scheme to be proceeded with at one station.

182 New Office Building.

The Manager for Maintenance (Rlys) reported that the fee of the Consulting Architects for the new Office Building had been fixed at 3,000 guineas. They had received an amount of £1,000 on account. In view of the decision not to

continue with the original scheme it was suggested that Messrs Richardson & Gill be paid a further sum of 500 guineas to cancel the contract.

The suggestion was approved

In regard to the new proposal for erecting an Office Building over St. James' Park Station, it was suggested that Messrs Richardson & Gill should take over the design and erection of this building which including girdering was estimated would cost £100,000.

The Scheme was approved generally in principle and a further report to be made.

Legal Estates and Parliamentary.

183 Sale of Catford Garage

The Commercial Manager submitted his views in regard to the Company's garage requirements in the South East of London and suggested that it was desirable Messrs Tillings should have an opportunity of working from the L.G.O.C. Catford Garage.

After discussion

It was resolved to recommend that authority be given for Messrs Tillings Ltd to be approached with a view to the sale of Catford Garage to them, the L.G.O.C. reserving the right to repurchase under certain conditions.

184 Agreements Contracts and Purchases.

Agreement with National Railway Appliance Co

The Commercial Manager submitted Agreement with the National Railway Appliance Co of New York appointing them Purchasing Agents to the various Companies and also dealing with the establishment of a Research Bureau.

It was resolved to recommend that the agreement be approved, operating as from the 1st March 1920.

Miscellaneous

185 Wimbledon & Sutton Railway – Merton Park Estate Company

The Assistant Secretary submitted proposals from the Merton Park Estate Company in regard to the Landowners agreements and explained same to the meeting.

It was resolved to recommend that approval be given to the suggested exchange of Securities and that Messrs Vigers & Co. be appointed to act as the Company's Agent in regard to the valuation of the properties involved.

At the suggestion of Mr Acworth, instructions were given for the Landowners agreements to be reviewed and a report made

HAV [Initialled]
4/5/20 [dated]

H A Vernet [Signed]
[for] Chairman