
TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.20

held at
Kings Cross on 23rd October 1998

Present: Bryan Driver, (Chairman)
Geoff Appleby
Tony Crabtree
Nick Fulcher
Robert Hodgkinson
Martin Idale
Mike Romans

Apologies: Steve Bartlett

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

20/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Robert Hodgkinson who was attending his first meeting of the Committee.

20/2 Minutes of meeting no.19

The minutes of meeting no.19 held on 9th July 1998 were approved subject to two amendments. The Chairman signed a set of the approved minutes which will be retained on file. A copy will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

20/3 Record of Hearing of Reference no.58

The Committee approved the record of the hearing of reference ttc58 held on 9th July 1998. Circulation of the approved record will be in accordance with the laid down procedures, i.e. to Committee members/alternates and to the parties concerned in the case.

20/4 Matters arising from the minutes of meeting no.19

Minute 19/9: Determination no.58

The Committee noted that the parties, EWS and Railtrack, had reached agreement regarding the requirement for detailed timings on Southern and East Anglia Zones. Railtrack did not intend to pursue the issue in relation to the other Zones at the present time, although it may propose changes in future through the normal Rules of the Plan consultation processes. Railtrack confirmed that it would issue a

proposed amendment to the Rules to meet concerns expressed by the Committee in respect of paths for which detailed timings are required for part of the journey only.

20/5 Changes in Committee Membership

The Committee noted that Steve Bartlett had announced that he would resign as a member of the Committee with effect from 31st October 1998. The position would then become vacant pending the election of a new member.

Change of alternate

Steve Bartlett had advised that he had appointed Graham Aitken w.e.f. 9th October 1998 as his alternate in succession to Steve Cornish. It was noted that Graham Aitken would cease to be the alternate on 31st October.

20/6 Election of Deputy Chairman

There was one nomination, and Martin Idale was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

20/7 Settlement of disputes by the parties

The Committee formally noted that the following disputes had been settled without recourse to a formal hearing.

Winter 1998 Rules (see minute 19/8)

ttc48 Northern Spirit (formerly Regional Railways North East) has now formally confirmed that agreement has been reached with Railtrack over compensation arising from a Network Change dispute and consequently the related reference ttc48 to the Timetabling Committee has been withdrawn.

Summer 1999 1st iteration offer

ttc60 a reference from Eurostar (U.K.) concerning paths at Kensington Olympia was withdrawn after Eurostar (U.K.) and Railtrack had agreed a solution;

ttc61 a reference from Great Western Trains (GWT) concerning the offers in respect of a large number of trains was withdrawn after GWT and Railtrack had found mutually acceptable solutions and agreed that there were no outstanding issues of dispute between them;

ttc62 a reference from Wales & West about the pathing of two trains from Penzance had been withdrawn after a mutually acceptable solution had been found by the parties Wales & West and Railtrack; no other party was adversely affected.

ttc64 a reference from English Welsh & Scottish Railway (EWS) about the offers in respect of a large number of trains had been withdrawn; the Committee noted EWS's letter highlighting the continuing problems with the transmission of data relating to the offer, and a response from Railtrack emphasizing that, whilst some of the problems in receiving information lay with EWS, nevertheless measures were being taken by Railtrack to improve the overall process.

Winter 1999 Rules

- ttc65 a reference from North Western Trains concerning proposed weekend blockages of the main line north of Preston had been withdrawn; Railtrack, following a review with its engineering contractors, had found a solution which was acceptable to North Western Trains;
- ttc66 a reference from EWS on the same subject as ttc65 above was withdrawn when Railtrack, following a review with its engineering contractors, had found a solution which was acceptable to EWS;
- ttc68 a reference from Connex South Central had been withdrawn by the referrer;
- ttc69 a reference from Wales & West had been withdrawn following constructive discussion between the Train Operator and Railtrack. At the conclusion of the discussion it had been agreed that there was no outstanding issue that the Parties wished to bring before the Timetabling Committee for resolution; however, a related issue, if not resolved, would be brought before another Committee.
- ttc70 a reference from West Anglia Great Northern concerning station dwell time was withdrawn after WAGN and Railtrack agreed a solution to their dispute and no longer wished to bring the matter to the Committee.

20/8 Hearing of Reference no.63

The Committee formally heard reference ttc63 from Anglia Railways Train Services. It noted the original submissions from Anglia Railways Train Services and Railtrack, and the extra information that had subsequently been obtained from the parties by the Secretariat in order to remedy deficiencies that had become apparent in the initial documents. Members congratulated the Secretariat on the way it had performed this task which had saved the Committee considerable time at the hearing in establishing relevant issues and facts which the parties had omitted from their submissions.

The Committee drew attention to the responsibility of Parties to adhere to the published guidelines for preparation of submissions. However the Committee further declared that, should the need arise in future, the Secretariat was empowered to contact the parties to obtain further information in order to ensure that the Committee was furnished with a set of papers that adequately set out the evidence.

The Determination of the Committee is attached.

20/9 Date of next meeting

Friday 30th October 1998 to hear a reference from Northern Spirit.