
TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.35
held at Kings Cross on 8 February 2002

Present: Bryan Driver, (Chairman)
Geoff Appleby
Jason Bird
Nick Gibbons
Colin Morris
Graham Owen
Paul Richardson

Apologies: Adrian Caltieri
Tony Crabtree

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

35/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Graham Owen to his first meeting as a member of the Committee.

35/2 Minutes of meeting no.34

The minutes of meeting no.34 held on 30 November 2001 were approved without modification. The Chairman signed a set of the approved minutes, which will be retained on file. A copy will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

35/3 Record of Hearing of reference no.132

The Committee approved without modification the Record of the Hearing of reference ttc132 on 30 November 2001 and the Chairman signed a set as a correct record. Circulation of the approved record will be in accordance with the laid down procedures, i.e. to Committee members/alternates and to those parties concerned in the case.

35/4 Matters arising from the minutes of meeting no.34

There were no matters arising other than those placed on the agenda.

35/5 Reference no.129

The Committee noted that papers had been submitted, albeit belatedly, in respect of item (i) of the reference ttc129 covering Railtrack's Anglo-Scottish Strategy. Members agreed that they would hear item (i).

A paper in respect of item (ii) of the reference, covering residual items, had been received from EWS a short time previously, but no response had been received from Railtrack. The Committee formally admonished both parties for their failure to produce quality papers in sufficient time before the meeting, particularly as the reference had first been registered in August 2001, and the Committee Secretary had been active in pressing the parties to meet deadlines. In the circumstances where the parties assured the Committee that most of the items in this category (ii) were near to resolution, and the only substantial issue that was proving difficult to resolve concerned the proposals for the Hope Valley Route between Sheffield and Hazel Grove, the Committee instructed the parties to enter into productive dialogue to resolve outstanding issues. Furthermore it demanded that, in early March, the parties should prepare a joint paper on any unresolved issue for the Committee to consider at a meeting scheduled for mid-March; this meeting will also deal with reference ttc136 from Arriva Trains Northern, which also contains issues relating to the Hope Valley proposals.

The Committee then formally heard item (i) of reference ttc129 from English Welsh & Scottish Railway. Determination no.129 of the Committee is attached.

35/6 Other references submitted to the Committee

The Secretary advised Members that the current position on other references submitted to the Committee was as follows:

Rules of the Route/Plan 2002/03

- ttc124 Thames Trains has resolved with Railtrack all elements in dispute relating to the Rules of the Route/Plan 2002/03, and has withdrawn its reference;
- ttc130 Freightliner has resolved with Railtrack all elements in dispute relating to the Rules of the Route/Plan 2002/03, and has withdrawn its reference;
- ttc131 Arriva Trains Northern, having been given leave to defer those items relating to the Winter 2002 period until the deadline for appeals on the Winter Rules Revisions in December 2001, listed the outstanding items in its reference ttc136 concerning the Winter Rules Revisions; reference ttc131 is therefore deemed to be closed;

Spot Bid: Winter 2001

- ttc133 English Welsh & Scottish Railway has withdrawn a dispute concerning a Spot Bid following productive discussions with Railtrack;

Draft Timetable Summer 2002

- ttc134 Thames Trains has now resolved with Railtrack all elements relating to the draft Timetable for Summer 2002, and has withdrawn its reference;
- ttc135 South Central has now resolved with Railtrack all elements relating to the draft Timetable for Summer 2002, and has withdrawn its reference.

Rules of the Route/Plan 2002/03

ttc136 Arriva Trains Northern has been holding further discussions with Railtrack; a hearing by the Committee is scheduled for 14 February;

Railtrack Offer in respect of the Summer 2002 Timetable

ttc137 Connex South Eastern has resolved its dispute with Railtrack and has withdrawn its reference;

ttc138 Thameslink Rail, having resolved with Railtrack the elements in dispute relating to the Summer 2002 Timetable Offer, has withdrawn its reference;

ttc139 ScotRail Railways has resolved with Railtrack all elements that were in dispute, and has now withdrawn its reference;

ttc140 Great Western Trains has resolved with Railtrack all elements that were in dispute, and has now withdrawn its reference;

ttc141 Wessex Trains has indicated that it has resolved with Railtrack the issue in dispute concerning platform 0 at Cardiff; confirmation is awaited;

ttc142 Freightliner has been holding further discussions with Railtrack; a hearing by the Committee is scheduled for mid-February.

35/7 Date of next meeting

Thursday 14 February 2002 to hear reference ttc136 and/or ttc142.