
ACCESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of MEETING No. 30 held at Kings Cross on 8th May 1998

Present:

Bryan Driver, Chairman
Grahame Cooper (Railtrack)
Nigel Fulford (Great Western)
Gordon Hunt (EWS)
Geoff Knight (Railtrack)
Graham Laycock (EWS)
Bob Urie (RRNE)
Tony Deighan (Eurostar (U.K.))

Apologies:

Tim Clarke (Anglia Railways)

In attendance:

Chris Blackman (Secretary)
Martin Shrubsole ((designate) clerk)

30/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Tony Deighan to his first meeting of the Committee since his election on 21st April 1998 as member for the Non-Franchised Passenger Class. Members present wished to place on record their appreciation of the significant contribution made by his predecessor Michael Woods to the work of the Committee since its inception.

30/2 Minutes of meeting No.29

The minutes of meeting no.29 held on 11th and 18th March 1998 were approved, subject to one modification. The Chairman signed a copy of the modified minutes as a true record of the proceedings.

30/3 Matters arising

Minute 29/3 [28/6]: The Committee's Archives

The Secretary reported that he had arranged a meeting with a representative of the BRB to discuss options and costs of imaging the documents; a report will be prepared for the next quarterly meeting of the Committee in June.

Action: Secretary

30/4 Record of the Hearing of Reference [AD]15

The Record of the Hearing of Reference no.15 on 11th and 18th March 1998 was approved subject to some minor modifications. The Chairman signed a copy of the minutes, as modified, as a true record of the proceedings.

30/5 Tenancy agreement with Railtrack Property

The Secretary reported that the tenancy agreement was now ready for signature as soon as the Order, relating to the exclusion of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 is received from the Central London County Court.

30/6 Report from the remuneration sub-committee

Chairman's Contract

The Deputy Chairman was pleased to report that the Chairman's Contract had been extended to 31st March 2000; the appropriate supplemental letter to the contract had been sent to the chairman on 31st March 1998, after a slight delay due to the disruption to postal services at Mount Pleasant.

Clerk to the Committee

The Deputy Chairman reported that agreement in principle had been reached with Martin Shrubsole, and it was anticipated that the contract would come into effect by 31/05/98.

Legal advisors

The contract with the Committee's legal advisors Wragge & Co. had been renewed for a further twelve months.

30/7 Financial Matters

The Secretary reported that accounts for the year 1997/98 were in the course of preparation and a written report would be submitted for consideration by members at the next quarterly meeting. He confirmed that expenditure had been considerably less than the budget provision.

Members were concerned to hear that a number of companies had still not paid the levy for 1997/98, which was now some 6 weeks overdue. The Committee observed that this is a breach of the Access Conditions and they wished the Secretary to report specially on this at the next meeting identifying any individual companies who had failed to heed the reminder that had been sent to them.

30/8 Hearing of reference No.[AD]16

The Committee formally heard joint reference no.16 from Central Trains and Railtrack. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

30/9 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th June 1998 (in Room 230, East Side Offices at Kings Cross)