
TIMETABLING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No.29

held at Kings Cross on 12th January 2000

Present: Bryan Driver, (Chairman)
Geoff Appleby
Mark Beck
Tony Crabtree
Robin Nelson
Ian Smith

Apologies: Graham Aitken

In attendance: Chris Blackman
Martin Shrubsole

29/1 Introduction

The Chairman welcomed Ian Smith who was attending his first meeting as a Member of the Committee.

29/2 Minutes of meeting no.27

The minutes of meeting no.27 held on 5th January 2000 were approved. The Chairman signed a set of the approved minutes which will be retained on file. A copy will be circulated to all Industry Parties.

29/3 Matters arising from the minutes of meeting no.27

There were no matters arising.

29/4 Record of Hearing of reference no.91

The Committee formally heard joint reference no.91 from Great Western Trains and Railtrack. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

29/5 Record of Hearing of reference no.89

The Committee formally heard joint reference no.89 from Thames Trains and Railtrack. The Determination of the Committee is attached.

29/6 Other references submitted to the Committee

Reference no.86

In response to a request from the parties Northern Spirit and Railtrack, the Committee had agreed to a postponement of the hearing of their reference arranged for 22nd December 1999 so that the parties could engage in further dialogue. They were specifically instructed that, if unable to successfully resolve all the issues by Monday 10th January 2000, they should submit a joint reference in respect of the outstanding issues. The Committee was pleased to receive a note from the parties on Tuesday 11th January, advising that their discussions had been successfully concluded and Northern Spirit had formally withdrawn reference no.86.

The Committee briefly reviewed the other references received on the subject of Railtrack's offer for the Summer 2000 Timetable.

Reference no.87

It was noted that the parties had met on Friday 7th January; a memorandum would be issued and circulated to Members of the Committee. This would be considered when meeting no.25 of the Committee, adjourned on 22nd December 1999, reconvened on Monday 17th January 2000.

Reference no.92

Freightliner had withdrawn reference no.92 following fruitful discussions with Railtrack.

Reference no.95 from Northern Spirit

Hearing scheduled for Monday 17th January.

Reference no.94 from English Welsh & Scottish Railway

Hearing to be scheduled during week commencing 17th January.

Reference from Heathrow Express

The company had been unable to produce contractual evidence derived from its Access Agreement, or any other relevant document, of a right to seek resolution of a dispute before the Committee. The Secretary had therefore advised the company that it had no locus to hear the reference it had submitted.

29/7 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

29/8 Date of next meeting

Meeting no.30 on Monday 17th January 2000 to hear reference no.95 from Northern Spirit. This will follow meeting no.25 which will reconvene on this date.