

.Minutes of the Transport and Traffic Sub Committee
Held at the Civic Hall Lee Street, Uppermill
On Monday 3rd November 2008

There were present Cllr. Mr. R. Franklin – Chairman

 Cllrs. Mrs. P. Lord
 Mrs. A. Parry

 Kath Airey - Uppermill Parking Action Group
 Richard Darlington – Grotton Residents Association
 Jenny Daubney - Lees Residents Association
 Graham Griffiths – Delph Community Association
 Councillor Richard Knowles – Oldham M.B.C.

20. Apologies for Absence: Mr. P. Bagley, Mr A. Hodgkiss, Mrs. A. McInnes,
Mrs. D. Shaw, Alicia Marland, Tony Noblet & Sue Eachus

**21. The Role of The Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (G.M.P.T.E.)
and the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (G.M.P.T.A)**

Councillor Knowles, who had been invited to the meeting because of his knowledge of transport issues, was welcomed by the Chair. Richard explained G.M.P.T.A. makes policy for Greater Manchester. The group comprises 33 Councillors, 3 from Oldham. Richard is the longest serving with 20 years experience. G.M.P.T.A. don't run bus tram or train services they are run by private companies e.g. rails services by Northern Rail. The Authority also funds a network of subsidised bus services on routes not commercially viable and secure schools' contracts. The G.M.P.T.E. is responsible for implementing the Authority's policies. It ensures, efficiency and value for money on these services which include ring and ride and the local link service. Councillor Knowles went on to talk about the Transport Innovation Fund and emphasised that if the proposal were rejected there would be no money. The phase 3 of the Metrolink, which includes the Oldham/Rochdale link would still be completed but the tram would not come through Oldham town centre and other extensions to Ashton for example would not materialise. A no vote by more than 3 boroughs in December would scupper the project. He said it is estimated that only 5% of the residents of Saddleworth would be paying the congestion charge and with longer trains and more buses promised probably more would see the benefit. He felt it was not correct to see it solely from a Saddleworth viewpoint but to consider how much the whole of Greater Manchester would benefit with the vast investment promised. A no vote will mean no extra investment for the whole area. The moneys would go elsewhere. Richard was thanked for his attendance. He offered to come to any meeting to up date us on any issues or to be contacted by e mail if more appropriate.

- 22. Issues raised by Grotton residents Association**
Slow Pelican crossing in Grotton is causing problems. Cars are being parked incorrectly need the chicane in Lydgate and the road markings at the Lydgate cross roads need repainting. It was agreed that the Clerk would pass the information onto Tony Noblet.
- 23. Parking Wool Road Canal Society Car Park** – this has been raised with the Canal Society twice. British Waterways are responsible. Royce to raise again at the Society AGM in November.
- 24. Disabled car parking spaces Smithy Lane** – the spaces have been re-painted but are still not very clear and may need further painting.
- 25. Footpath adjacent to Greenfield Station leading to Oldham Road** – Richard Knowles has raised the matter with Network Rail.
- 26. Brownhill Bridge** – Bridge work to be completed in early Spring. Concerns were raised that the cones etc. near the Navigation were not removed from the site when the bridge re-opened.
- 27. Uppermill Parking** – the work at the Baths Car park has now been completed, Tony Noblet is liaising with OCL to determine the way forward and what finance is available. Decisions will now be made on parking restrictions in Uppermill, including hours of operation and parking time allowed.
- 28. Springhead Parking** – there are problems near Springhead Post Office with vehicles parking on both sides of Oldham Road. The Clerk will pass the information to Tony Noblet.
- 29. Cooper Street Parking** – deferred to next meeting
- 30. “A” boards** – deferred to next meeting
- 31. Date of next meeting** – Monday 5th January, 2009 at 6 p.m. and then every two months before the Planning Committee