

**INSTITUTION OF LIGHTING ENGINEERS
LONDON & SOUTH EASTERN REGION
LIAISON GROUP**

Unconfirmed minutes of the 60th meeting held on the 13th January 2006 at the Highway House, Welwyn Garden City at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

**Tim Edwards - Chairman
S Hobbs - Secretary
B. Willmott
W. Marques
T Rhodes
A Howard
T Felstead
T Rawson
T Tighe
P Jones
D Aspley
Tony Edwards**

The Chairman welcomed Trevor Rhodes from Mouchel Parkman who will be representing the East Anglian area on the Committee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

G Pritchard

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 3.2 Clarification: The distance increase for service connections is throughout the EDF area

Item 4.1 Medway **haven't**

Item 12.0 No matters arising

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COSTS

UMSUG: Hampshire CC energy costs have increased by 60% for green energy. Essex CC approached the market for energy however the procurement department are still waiting to sign up to a contract as the gas prices are currently at a peak.

The lighting board is writing to OFGEM to ask questions of unmetered supply increases versus metered supplies.

3.2 ELECTRICITY SERVICE COSTS

Kent CC are waiting for official cost notification WEF 1/4/6.

EDF may be introducing a stepped price increase over a number of years. EDF should be advising Local Authorities early of new costs so that future budgets can be planned in a proactive way.

3.3 REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY – GENERAL MATTERS

EDF performance – The Westminster balance scorecard is being used by Mouchel Parkman on a monthly and a 3 monthly rolling programme. The scorecard includes financial information, budgets, credit control and customer care.

Both Westminster & EDF input data & targets are all agreed by both parties and the scorecard could be seen as a replacement for the Charter. Terry Felstead to forward an example of a balance scorecard.

EDF are currently training jointers to account for foreseeable workload.

- 3.3.2 **Electricity company microfiche diagrams** – Tim Edwards and John Bowdry had a meeting regarding obtaining drawings larger than A3. EDF will provide these maps as they cannot be obtained off NETMAP.
- 3.3 **G39** - Suffolk CC currently carrying out a survey of units that are pole mounted to determine those that are within the 'G39 clearance' distances to introduce safe working practices etc for their contractors.
- 3.3.4 **New EDF cutouts** - Tom Tighe to provide letter re Cutouts.
- 3.3.5 **Rent a Joints** - No matters arising.
- 3.3.6 **Category 1 defects** - EDF have created a document to be circulated to the group before issue on the subject of 'all' category 1 defects in public lighting and how EDF will respond. Tom Tighe to do 'final sign off' then circulate to the group.
- 3.3.7 **PME document update** - The new update of this document will be posted to the ILE website.
- 3.3.8 **Installation certificates** - Tom Tighe to provide/finish completing a set of Terms & Conditions for connections.

3.3.9 **De-energisation Certificates** – These are being used in North London, Tom Tighe to circulate a letter regarding their correct use etc.

3.3.10 **Third party excavations/trenching** - No matters arising.

3.3.11 **Prices** - No matters arising

3.3.12 **5th Core** - No matters arising.

Operational alerts - Safety alerts issued by EDF regarding cable shrinkage have been issued. S Hobbs (SAH) to circulate.

4.0 EQUIPMENT ON LIGHTING COLUMNS

4.1 **Advertising signs** – Thanet & Stevenage have a small trial being rolled out.

Aerials on lighting columns – Corporation of London are rolling out a WiFi network in the City.

5.0 PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)

The Surrey ITN has been returned. Norfolk invites will be issued shortly and there is £600M announced for next round of PFI's.

Under LTP2 an indicative amount will be 'detailed' for Lighting. This value will be based on the submission of the Appendix A & B 'structural' information.

6.0 ILLUMINATED SIGNS

Electro luminescence signs have proven to be a very popular; many LA's are requesting trials.

7.0 GLA/TfL

Tim Edwards will write to TfL to confirm their nominated person for the group.

8.0 LED LIGHTING

No Matters Arising

9.0 PHOTO CELLS

Tony Edwards reported that there had been a lot of interest in photocells with a lux level of 55 rather than 70.

10.0 ILE WEBSITE

No Matters Arising

11.0 LIGHTING COLUMN TECHNICAL FORUM – LCTF

CE marking is still an issue and this relates to how, for example, the column and the bracket are marked separately and need to be installed together to comply.

12.0 TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON LIGHTING COLUMNS

No matters arising

13.0 PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR TAKING ROAD LIGHTING MEASUREMENTS

The panel met on the 12/1/6. The final document will go for printing by 1/7/6 and is only for the measurement of Highway Lighting.

The purpose of the document is primarily for contract compliance for monitoring schemes.

All measurements are taken under the light source and will be in illuminance due to variances in reflection of road surfaces.

14.0 LIGHT POLLUTION

Environmental Protection Act is now statute and Guidance Note on light pollution is out for comment and mainly details light from a premise.

15.0 ASLEC

No matters arising

16.0 ILE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Nothing to report, new RTLO role to be clarified at meeting on 26/1/6 at Rugby.

17.0 LIGHTING BOARD

The minutes of the most recent meeting will be circulated shortly.

18.0 LOTAG/TAG

LOTAG: London Benchmarking Club.

General discussion was had on format and purpose of this group and it was agreed that TfL are looking for a London Engineers Group to report to LOTAG.

London is in 5 stewardships and the Chair of those groups goes to the Highway Steering Group and because of this lighting doesn't have a high profile.

Agreed that a London Engineering Group would be a good step forward, next meeting on 4/4/6.

19.0 CSS LONDON & SOUTH EASTERN REGION LIGHTING GROUPS

Both a National and Regional meeting were held recently and Bob Wilmot will forward the minutes for circulation.

20.0 REVIEW OF ILE TECHNICAL REPORTS TR12 & TR13

- a) **TR12 Pedestrian crossings** – Ready in March 06, there will be technical comment on lighting levels, crossing mats etc.
- b) **TR13 Pedestrian Subways** - This report will follow after TR12
- c) **TR27 Variable Lighting Levels** – The outputs of this document were discussed in detail and it was demonstrated by Allan Howard that lighting levels can be reduced by one or two lighting levels. This would mainly apply to high power lamps as this is where savings would be made.

21.0 WEEE DIRECTIVE

Potentially delayed to 2007.

22.0 LIAISON GROUP MEMBERSHIP

There has been an expression of interest for the Croydon, Kingston area from a lighting engineer.

23.0 EDF CONTACT INFORMATION

No Matters Arising

24.0 PASSIVE SAFETY

24.1 **Underground boxes** – No matters arising

25.0 BENCHMARKING

No Matters Arising

26.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

26a) The TRL column indicator document was discussed.

26b) UMSUG are keen that manufacturers get their equipment tested so that a correct BSCP520 charging code can be allocated to it. UMSUG may put up a list of equipment that has no code allocated.

27.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is on Friday 5th May 2006 @ 10.00 am at Highway House, Welwyn Garden City.