

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

Unconfirmed minutes of the 61st meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at the Highway House, Welwyn Garden City at 10.00 am.

**PRESENT:**

**Tim Edwards - Chairman  
B. Willmott - Minutes  
W. Marques  
T Rhodes  
A Howard  
T Rawson  
P Jones  
Tony Edwards**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

G Pritchard, D Aspley, Simon Hobbs, T Tighe, T Felstead

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Item 3.2 Clarification: This amendment to the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2005 is incorrect as SE area have retained a maximum distance of 3m for a new connection and reduced from 3m to 2m for a service transfer. The London area quotes 5m for both, and Eastern quotes 5m for new services and 2m for transfers.

**3.0 MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COSTS**

**UMSUG:** Local Authorities are still experiencing large increases in the cost of unmetered energy supplies.

The lighting board is still waiting for a reply from OFGEM to complete their investigation into the reasons for the differential in costs between un-metered and metered supplies.

**3.2 ELECTRICITY SERVICE COSTS**

The pricing schedule for the SE area was sent out on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Price rises have been capped at 30% per year but with possible further phased increases over coming years. There are still significant variations in the pricing documents across the three areas of EDF.

### **3.3 REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY – GENERAL MATTERS**

**EDF performance** – The Westminster balance scorecard should be 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.

However, despite chasing by Mouchel, no scorecards have been produced for several months. Does this system try to record too much information?

- 3.3.2 **Electricity company microfiche diagrams** – The system is operating in both London and Eastern areas but is still not available in South East.
- 3.3 **G39** - Representatives of the SE Counties together with EDF are looking at a number of problems relating to O/H lines one of which is the position of pole brackets and lanterns, which are not specifically covered by G39/1. They will be producing a 2-page document that will give the necessary details to ensure compliance.
- 3.3.4 **New EDF cutouts** - Tom Tighe letter not received.
- 3.3.5 **Rent a Jointer** - No new operations. It is generally felt that the conditions relating to its operation are too restrictive and Contractors cannot be sure of future work after training staff.
- 3.3.6 **Category 1 defects** - EDF created a document about a year ago but it is still to be circulated to the group.
- 3.3.7 **PME document update** - The new update of this document is ready and is pending the ILE website update.
- 3.3.8 **Installation certificates** - Still awaited.
- 3.3.9 **De-energisation Certificates** – Nobody on the group had seen any of these certificates. 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** - Previously covered.
- 3.3.12 **5<sup>th</sup> Core** - The SE Counties have frequently raised the issue of 5<sup>th</sup> core replacement at meetings with EDF but despite assurances that it is being looked out there is still no policy.

**Operational alerts** - The suggestion that operational alerts, particularly relating to H & S issues, for the industry could be added to the ILE website was raised.

#### **4.0 EQUIPMENT ON LIGHTING COLUMNS**

4.1 **Advertising signs** – The Stevenage trial does not appear to be very successful with much of the advertising space being unsold. The trial in Thanet appears to be more successful but has caused complaints about clutter in the High Street.

**Aerials on lighting columns** – No further information.

#### **5.0 PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)**

The Surrey ITN was unaffordable so they have now gone out to ITN2 with more delay. Norfolk ongoing and the Leeds project has been signed.

There have been 15 expressions of interest in the current PFI round of £600m but the short-listing meeting has been delayed. It would appear that some manufacturers have suffered a loss of turnover due to some Authorities significantly reducing maintenance spend pending a PFI, although this is contrary to the requirements of the terms of the PFI. This may also be due to the sharp energy price rises over the last year or so. Fabrikat have laid off a number of workers.

#### **6.0 ILLUMINATED SIGNS**

Brian Linus of HA has confirmed that Electro luminescence signs comply with the requirements of the traffic signs regulations and can therefore go on general sale. Allan Howard agreed to e-mail the group with a copy of the letter. There will also be a press release in the journal.

#### **7.0 GLA/TfL**

No progress in TfL confirming their nominated person for the group.

#### **8.0 LED LIGHTING**

No Matters Arising

## 9.0 **PHOTO CELLS**

It was reported that one PFI has specified a switching level of only 35 lux in its contract. Presumably as a result of the large energy price increases.

## 10.0 **ILE WEBSITE**

Should be operational within the next month.

## 11.0 **LIGHTING COLUMN TECHNICAL FORUM – LCTF**

There was a meeting on 4 May 2006 to discuss the issue of CE marking. BSI has allocated only 10 days over a period of 3 years to update **BS ?** which is now out of date.

## 12.0 **TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON LIGHTING COLUMNS**

There has recently been an article in the journal on this issue and PJ reported that LB Southwark are looking at the possibility of combining lighting and signals on some of their roads.

The TfL "Streetscape Document for London" includes the desire to see this type of installation used more commonly.

## 13.0 **PRACTICAL GUIDANCE FOR TAKING ROAD LIGHTING MEASUREMENTS**

The panel will next meet on the 19/5/06. It is intended that the final document will be ready for presentation at the annual conference.

## 14.0 **LIGHT POLLUTION**

A Howard circulated an A4 sheet of notes that he had taken at a recent seminar on "Exterior Lighting, Statutory Nuisance and Light Pollution Conference" (20/4/06). The Act covers "premises" but with various exemptions and street lighting is not considered a premises.

Conversely complaints cannot be upheld by highway users relating to glare from adjacent lighting installations, as the highway is not private property.

## 15.0 **ASLEC**

No matters arising

## 16.0 **ILE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- a) There has been discussion regarding the relevance of the current maintenance factors due to cleaner air and

longer lamp life. Malcolm Richards is to lead a working party on this issue.

- b) There was discussion on the limits of "Conflict Areas" and their application.
- c) *LIF have set up a joint working party to come up with a definition of "Best Practical Means"*
- d) Steve Austin has instructed the portfolio holders of the various technical groups to produce reports on their meetings so the committee has information on progress.

The next meeting will discuss Dimming and CE marking.

## **17.0 LIGHTING BOARD**

The minutes of the most recent lighting board meeting were circulated.

## **18.0 LOTAG/TAG**

*Tim, could you put something here as I failed to appreciate the significance of the various groups discussed?*

## **19.0 CSS LONDON & SOUTH EASTERN REGION LIGHTING GROUPS**

R W did not have the minutes of the latest meeting as they had not been produced but will attach them to these minutes when they are available.

## **20.0 REVIEW OF ILE TECHNICAL REPORTS TR12 & TR13**

- a) **TR12 Pedestrian crossings** – Now programmed to be available July/August as a result of recent feedback.
- b) **TR13 Pedestrian Subways** - This report will follow after TR12
- c) **TR27 Variable Lighting Levels** – Published.

## **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 couple of lighting engineers.

P Jones that he had retired at the end of March but would bring along a colleague as a possible replacement for his area to the next meeting.

### **23.0 EDF CONTACT INFORMATION**

No Matters Arising

### **24.0 PASSIVE SAFETY**

24.1 TA 86/05 covering passive safety lighting columns is now out. However there still appears to be no approved safe method of achieving disconnection of the electrical supply (which would have to be private) unless the disconnection time provided by the fuse is less than 0.4 seconds.

### **25.0 BENCHMARKING**

Next meeting end of June.

### **26.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

P. Jones thanked those present for the opportunity to serve on the Technical Liaison Group, which he had enjoyed and all thanked Peter for his input and wished him well for his well-earned retirement.

### **27.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006 @ 10.00 am at ?