

GLASGOW AIRPORT RAIL LINK BILL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 18 April 2006

Session 2

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CONVENER

*Margaret Jamieson (Kilmarnock and Loudoun) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Marlyn Glen (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mr Andrew Arbuckle (Mid Scotland and Fife) (LD)

*Michael Matheson (Central Scotland) (SNP)

*Mr Brian Monteith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Ind)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Terry Shevlin

LOCATION

Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 12:44*]

Objections

The Convener (Margaret Jamieson): I welcome everyone, including members of the public, to the meeting and apologise for being late—the Audit Committee meeting overran. Brian Monteith will be here as soon as he has wound up that meeting.

I remind members to switch off their mobile phones and pagers.

Agenda item 1 is consideration of objections. Members have a paper on the objections; it is more of a folder than a paper as some 47 admissible objections have been received. They have been placed on the committee's website and I thank all the objectors for their efforts.

At the preliminary stage, we must consider all admissible objections and reject any if we think that the objectors' interests will clearly not be adversely affected. That is the test that we must apply. Paper GARL/S2/06/2/1 asks us to agree that we will be in a position to judge whether the objectors' interests are clearly adversely affected once we have taken sufficient evidence on the bill at the preliminary stage. Once we have decided on each objection, we will inform all the objectors accordingly. Do members agree to that approach?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: All the objections have been forwarded to the bill's promoter. There is an onus on the promoter to talk to objectors at as early a stage as possible, with a view to trying to resolve the objections. Therefore, the promoter will no doubt be in very close contact with objectors throughout the preliminary stage. At our previous meeting, we requested regular updates from the promoter on its negotiations with objectors. The committee fully expects to see progress being made by everyone who is involved in the process.

Items in Private

12:47

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is to decide whether to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private. I think that we should take them in private because members will have to discuss their future diary commitments and agree on who we would like to provide oral evidence at our forthcoming preliminary stage meetings. Do members agree to take items 3 and 4 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Before we move into private session, I thank all those who have submitted written evidence to the committee. All the submissions have been placed on our website and the promoter will no doubt read them closely before we take oral evidence. I also thank the promoter for the detailed responses that it has provided to the questions that we asked after our first meeting. That information will also be placed on our website and will interest those we will invite to give oral evidence. All the written information that has been received will help the committee in its immediate task of deciding who it would like to give oral evidence. More generally, it will inform our consideration of the bill at the preliminary stage and help us in writing our report.

The next meeting of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, which will be the first of our oral evidence-taking meetings, is scheduled to take place on Monday 24 April in Renfrewshire Council's headquarters in Paisley. Details of timings and witnesses will be made available on our website in due course.

We now move into private session.

12:48

Meeting continued in private until 13:05.

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