

Meeting of Action Group Tuesday 14 June

Present

Andrew Baden
Richard Burton
Doreen Edgar
Frances MacInnes
Jack Stuart

Discussion took place as to what our objective should be and it was decided that our main aim was to prevent the scheme from being passed by the committee on 21 June.

It must be stopped because :

- a. There is no demand for it
- b. It is a discriminatory scheme i.e. it only affects residents in certain areas of the city
- c. It is in breach of our human rights
- d. There is no benefit to ourselves.

The Council have not addressed the cause of the problem i.e. commuters and poor public transport.

It is supposed to be revenue-neutral yet some of the money raised is to be used for street lighting across the city.

The discrepancies in information indicates that the Council has not communicated well.

Action

Meet with Robert Booth before Tuesday, requesting that he withdraw the scheme from the remaining four areas. Should we not succeed on this, we will try to get him to agree to postpone the committee meeting on 21 June. The justification for this request is that the main grounds for the order are in doubt.

- a. If unsuccessful then we will arrange a demonstration outside the City Chambers on 21 June
- b. Write to Haleema and demand that she asks for this scheme to be withdrawn
- c. Contact the councillors on the committee and make them aware of the strength of feeling in the area. William O'Rourke, Allan Stewart and Margaret Sinclair.