

## **TRAMCAR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE No 65, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Lecture Room, Crich**

**PRESENT:** R.A.Sykes (Chairman), D.J. Redmond (Secretary), A. Bailey, D.J. Heeley, D.J.H.Senior, L. Waters.

**Apologies:** Nil. **Not in attendance:** D.Beardsell (corresponding Member).

### **Introduction.**

Mr. Sykes welcomed Mr. Bailey to his first meeting of the Tramcar Conservation Committee.

Two documents were circulated, one was a second updated version of the TCC Work Programme from 2015 to 2018 from Mr. Sykes and the other was a copy of the Minutes of a recent meeting between the Trustees of the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation and the TMS held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015. This was an advance copy for the use of the TCC members as these Minutes had not yet been received by the TMS Board. These formed the basis of later discussions.

**Minute 65/1: Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of Meeting No. 64 were approved without any alteration.

### **Minute 65/2: Matters arising from the Minutes:**

**(i) Minute 62/3 and 63/2 and 64/2.** The Road Transport History publication copy has still not yet reached the Library. Mr Senior offered his review copy for the Crich Library. Miss Waters had contacted the TMS Journal Editor and it was reported that he had not received a review copy. Miss Waters would now arrange for a copy to be purchased. **Action: Miss Waters**

### **Minute 65/3: Attitude Statements for Tramcars:**

Again, there was much discussion on the proposed Work Programme for 2015 to 2018 circulated by Mr. Sykes (updated programme copy circulated separately by forwarded e mail). Comments in brief for each car discussed were:- the order of progress on cars is unchanged at 59,102,298 and a start has been made on 59. The TMS Board are aware of the latest position and have stated that they will await the completion of the Attitude Statements for these cars before any decisions are taken. There was much discussion about the options for the restoration of Sheffield 46 and, again, any decisions will await research into the history of the car and the options that present themselves. It was hoped that Mr. Beardsell would be able to help with provision of a detailed Timeline for Sheffield 46. These and other changes are reflected in the attached revised Work Programme.

### **Minute 65/4: Condition Surveys:**

The order of work on Condition Surveys remained as 712, Derby 1, Chesterfield 8. Reference was made to the Notes of the TSO/TMS meeting which listed 1282 as a candidate but this seemed to have slipped into the consideration and has been added to Q2, 2016. Again, these and other proposals involving several other tramcars are reflected in the accompanying updated version of the TCC work programme.

### **Minute 65/5: Workshop Programme:**

Mr Heeley advised the TCC of the current Workshop activity involving 869 and 106 and LCC 1. Some cosmetic work on 59 is proposed to enable it to be put on display to aid its funding possibilities. Glasgow 22 is added into Q2, 2015.

Mention was made of the possibility of the acquisition/loan of the single HR2 truck from Acton Works as an exhibit in connection with the LCC1 project..

**Minute 65/6: Tramcar Storage:**

Mr Sykes stated that the Board had agreed that the Project Working Group should press ahead with the detailed specification. The Group would be Miss Waters, Mr Heeley, Mr Sykes, and Mr Soper, a joint venture with the Development Committee. Mr Sykes will consult the Board about the possible appointment of a Consultant and Miss Waters would be in touch with Beamish to see how they had approached their 1950s Project.

**Action Miss Waters, Mr Sykes**

Winter weather had delayed a start on changes at Clay Cross but another session is planned for July in connection with the extraction of 59. There had been some reported contact with Network Rail concerning the future of access to Clay Cross but no details were shared. The future of Oporto Coal Car C65 was discussed and the option of a disposal would be put to the Board. A loan was not considered appropriate by the Curator. The Museum Authorities in Oporto would be consulted.

**Action Miss Waters, Mr Sykes**

Temperature and humidity measurements have been taken in the Exhibition Hall and Clay Cross Conservation Store. Miss Waters presented details. Miss Waters advocates sharing this information more widely with the TMS membership and it was suggested that this subject might be one for the Morning Meeting prior to the 2015 TMS AGM.

**Action Miss Waters**

**Minute 65/7: Trams Report:**

Mr Sykes is still working on the Timeline. An intermediate review in September 2015 (deadline for any inputs by June 2015) is still favoured by Miss Waters, followed by a full review in 2018. Miss Waters is considering a full revision of the Trams Report but needs time to work up her proposals.

**Action: Miss Waters**

Mr Senior stated that, in his view, the TCC ought to formulate its view on the role of the first batches of Dockland Light Rail cars before the question is asked of the Committee. It was suggested that London Transport Museum might be interested.

**Minute 65/8: Any Other Business:**

- (i) Nothing further had been heard from the Solicitors about Leeds 107. Ownership is still with the Leeds Transport Historical Society.
- (ii) The Board had agreed to the acquisition of the "Welsh horse car".
- (iii) Mr Senior mentioned that a Danish Museum had in its possession a car which could be similar to a George Train car though he had no details and a photograph was difficult to obtain in view of the storage location. It was suggested that the car might be ex-London.

**Minute 65/9: Dates of Next Meetings:**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 1000 at Crich (venue to be determined)  
Saturday 31st October 2015, 1000 at Crich (venue to be determined)

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