

**TRAMCAR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE No 69,
Saturday 9th July 2016 in the Education Centre, Crich**

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

Apologies: D.J.Heeley.

Not in attendance: D.Beardsell (corresponding Member).

Minute 69/1: Previous Minutes: The Minutes of Meeting No. 68 were approved

Minute 69/2: Matters arising from the Minutes:

There were no specific items arising from the previous Minutes as all were dealt with in subsequent Agenda items below.

Minute 69/3: Attitude Statements for Tramcars:

Minute 69/3:(i) The draft Attitude Statement for Sheffield 46 was discussed at length and more comments will follow. An area of discussion was the understood reason for the acquisition of that type of car, of which there twelve in the order but others in the fleet, that the car would be capable of dealing with the hills in Sheffield with other types of car possibly debarred by Board of Trade order. Sources varied on this point but it was known that these cars were not restricted to operation on hilly routes and could be seen on other parts of the system. More research might shed some light on this but, for the present, the AT might show both theories. The main question for the Museum was in which role should the car be portrayed, whether as originally built, requiring removal and loss of much of the present car, or a later role as a works car or even later as a restored passenger car as operated in the final procession in Sheffield and subsequently at the Museum. A Condition Survey of the car will be required. The present draft favours restoration to original operational condition. All TCC members were asked to make any comments on the draft and also on the general subject of hilly route operations.

Action: All.

Mr. Heeley and Mr. Bailey would be asked to jointly review Sheffield 46 to assess its condition and to measure how much original material has been retained or not.

Action Mr. Bailey, Mr. Heeley.

Minute 69/3:(ii) An Attitude Statement for New York 674 will be required and also Blackpool 5 as potential second Access Tram. Miss Waters was asked to contact Paul Abell re Blackpool 5.

Action Mr. Sykes, Miss Waters.

Mr. Senior urged early action if any Continental source for a second Access Tram were to be considered in view of the recent political change. An Attitude Statement was also required for Sheffield 189.

Thanks were offered to Brent Higham for his help in preparing the Sheffield 46 Attitude Statement.

Minute 69/4: Condition Surveys:

Surveys of LPTB 1622, New York 674 and Blackpool 249 were to be started soon.

Action Mr Bailey, Mr Heeley.

The recently prepared Condition Survey of Newcastle 102 was considered to be in a developed state to be able to be passed to the TMS Board for approval and then to the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation who are known to be interested in possible financial support for the restoration of the car.

The proposed Condition Survey of Hull 132 would be dealt with at the next TCC by which time Mr. Bailey said he would be in a position to progress it.

Action Mr. Bailey.

Minute 69/5: Workshop Programme:

Completion of Glasgow 22 is being delayed by problems with the springs. LCC1 has returned from metalwork treatment off-site and the rebuild process can now start. The repaint of Chesterfield 7 can start after completion of Blackpool 40.

Minute 69/6: Report on Blackpool liaison visit by Curator:

Miss Waters introduced her Report following a recent visit to Blackpool when she met representatives of Blackpool Transport Services. BTS wished to build up a collection of tramcars to represent all stages of their development in Blackpool. The Museum required a detailed comprehensive Agreement for any cars loaned and a means by which current events concerning the cars could be recorded and provided. This refers currently to the long-term loan of Box 40 but would apply to any other cars loaned later. It was known that there was not any support at present for the loan of Museum cars such as Rack 2, Blackpool 4 or Blackpool 166. Views varied on the need prior to any loan for the car to be fully Condition surveyed on the basis that it would be different for a non-operational car than for one in current use. There are safety considerations to take into account and it would be necessary to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages in each case. Issues concerning possible operation in Blackpool would open up a whole new range of issues to be addressed. There was support for the principle of making more of our Museum collection accessible by this means provided the conditions were right.

The possible loan of Halle 902, to meet the stated wish of BTS to have a foreign car, was mentioned. The possibility of the loan of Glasgow 1100 was mentioned for static display.

Minute 69/7: Trams Report:

Miss Waters plans to review the Trams Report later this year and will be tabling a paper at the next TCC Meeting for discussion showing the outline revisions. **Action Miss Waters.**

Minute 69/8: Any Other Business:

Minute 69/8: (i) Regarding Bournemouth 85, it was now known that the Science Museum wishes to dispose of Bournemouth 85, Chesterfield 8 and the South Staffs. truck. The Curator has prepared a paper for the TMS Board requesting acquisition of all three items.

Minute 69/8 (ii) A request had been received for equipment and guidance for the restoration of Colchester 10. It was decided that equipment could be offered for sale but that the Museum has no "Restoration Guide" to offer and pointed to available publications.

Action Miss Waters to respond.

Minute 69/8: (iii) Regarding additional Depots for Crich, whilst the big scheme will have to wait funds, the Museum has appointed a structural engineer to advise on the possibilities of improving the existing buildings. This will be the subject of the TMS AGM Morning Meeting.

Minute 69/8: (iv) Mr. Senior emphasised the need for operational safety if any Museum vehicle is loaned and might operate on a public street; then the loan agreement must cover this eventuality.

Minute 69/8: (v) Mr. Smith stated that he was involved with a group which might be able to project manage and progress the restoration of the Museum's steam tram No. 84. This was separate from the Museum but there might need to be some liaison body in the Museum to deal with this possibility. Mr. Smith was asked to respond positively. **Action Mr. Smith.**

Minute 69/9: Date of Next Meeting:

Saturday 1st October 2016 10.00

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