

## **TRAMCAR CONSERVATION COMMITTEE No 71, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Project Office, Crich**

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

**Apologies:** D.J.Heeley.

**In Attendance:** D.Frodsham (Funders' Liaison Officer). Dr. M. Galer (General Manager), Neil White (Engineering Manager).

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

**Minute 71/1: Future Attendance at TCC:** Messrs Frodsham and White were welcomed to the Meeting in their new roles and also Dr. Galer. The function of the TCC was explained by the Chairman and Mr. Frodsham requested sight of the written remit of the Committee and also the latest Trams Report – both of which are available.

**Minute 71/2: Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of Meeting No. 70 were approved with (i) an additional Minute (**Minute 70/9**) being prepared to reflect the valuable work performed at Clay Cross Conservation Store by Mr. Heeley and his working party which was covered in a submission to the previous Meeting though not included on the Agenda nor minuted. This Minute states: **Clay Cross Conservation Store:** Mr. Heeley submitted a paper by e mail which outlined the work recently performed at Clay Cross Conservation Store when rearrangement of the vehicles involving revised storage of Nottingham 166, the removal of Oporto C65 for transfer to Beamish and storage of the London horse car enabled a considerable amount of tidying-up preparatory to the arrival of the Birmingham cable car.

(ii) re **Minute 70/0**, altering “”produced by the Board” to “approved by the Board”.

**Minute 71/3: Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Re **Minute 70/7(ii)**, in view of the TMS Chairman's recent indisposition, there was nothing more to report re Leeds 107.

**Minute 71/4: Attitude Statements for Tramcars:**

**Re New York 674**, Mr. Senior has some minor corrections to the draft Attitude Statement and he will pass the details to Miss Waters. Also, he wished to add more about the origins of the trolley equipment for the car obtained from Hamburg. It was agreed that this detail rightly belonged in the Attitude Statement.

**Action Mr. Senior, Mss Waters**

**Re Blackpool OMO 5:** Miss Waters stated that the Attitude Statement for this car was in early draft stage with input received from Paul Abell and would be circulated for comments.

**Action Miss Waters**

**Re London Transport 1622:** Mr. Ross would be asked to provide details of the history of the car for inclusion in the Attitude Statement. It was stated that despite the small amount of original material in the car, it was important to reflect its historical origins.

**Action Mr. Sykes, Miss Waters**

**Minute 71/5: Condition Surveys:**

There was nothing further to report. Planned work includes the placing of 1622 over the pit for inspection and photography leading to preparation of reports on 1622 and also on 674. It was noted that the timeframe for work on 1622 is geared to the launch date for LT1. Miss Waters would circulate the report prepared on Hull 132. **Action Mr. Bailey and Miss Waters**

**Minute 71/6: Workshop Programme:**

Work is concentrated on LT1. The Workshop Programme would be updated/adjusted to reflect recent changes in priority and circulated. **Action Mr. Sykes, Mr Heeley, Mr. White**

Mr. Frodsham has an interest in the planning for the restoration work on Newcastle 102 as the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation were prepared to fund most of the work and were expecting a start in late 2017. Funding from the PRISM Fund was mentioned in the context of

102 and Dr. Galer mentioned the possibility of applying for a PRISM grant for the Barnsley bus, the acquisition of which will cost £65,000. This is a matter for the TMS Board. Dr. Galer mentioned that the Transition considerations might affect the longer-term programme.

**Minute 71/7: Trams Report:**

Miss Waters reported that no further progress had been made. Mr. Sykes mentioned that Mr. Abell was working on a section covering Controllers and there would also be a new section covering Motors and possibly Trucks later on. Mention was made of the Mike Goodwyn work on tramcar trucks some years ago and it was stated that work covering modern era trucks would be needed. Mr. Frodsham referred to the possible PRISM funding for 102's trucks. Fund.

**Minute 71/8: Tramcar Storage and Clay Cross Store:**

A grant application had been made to DCMS and Wolfson for improvements to the Depots and a response was expected in January 2017. £200,000 was needed for the roof works to Depots 2-5 and Dr. Galer said this would be a project task for the new Fund Raising Officer when appointed. Mr. Frodsham said that the TSO and LCCTT might possibly assist with funding for the protection of cars in which they had invested. Miss Waters was working on an article in the forthcoming TMS Journal seeking donations. Also an approach was suggested to The Matlock Mercury for a story about the Depots and their needs. There should be emphasis on the urgency of the need for improvements in this area. Miss Waters suggested a reward for donors towards these funds such as mention on a supporters' nameboard or other "benefits" from the Museum. This project should also be aired at the groups which Messrs. Crabtree and White attend to seek support for these aims.

**Actions: Miss Waters, Dr. Galer**

Regarding Clay Cross Store, information had been received from Mr. Abell about the possible timescale for the effect of HS2 construction on the Clay Cross site. Mr Sykes thought that it would be wise to prepare to vacate Clay Cross in the medium term as things can change quickly and more and more encroachment on the site is occurring which restricts access. The plan should aim to be out of there by 2027.

**Minute 71/9: Any Other Business:**

- (i) It was reported that the HLF Grant application from the Swindon 13 group had failed. It was concluded that there would now be no request for electrical equipment from Swindon.
- (ii) It was understood that Heaton Park need a truck for Oldham 73, but that the Brighton 53 group had now acquired a truck from Brussels but may need other parts.
- (iii) Miss Waters had been to see Bournemouth 85 and mentioned the problems of extracting the car.
- (iv) Mr. Frodsham referred to the Blackpool Railcoach Fund which held £172,000 for Blackpool 298. He mentioned that Peter Whiteley was the nominated "champion" for this fund and he sought inclusion of the car in the forward plan.
- (v) It was known that the LCCTT would be interested in the restoration of their North Met. horse car.
- (vi) It was thought that a truck was being requested for the Warrington car. Mr. Frodsham was asked to confirm this.

**Action Mr. Frodsham**

**Minute 71/10: Next Meetings:**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 10.00.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 10.00.

Circulation: TCC members/attendees, Hon.Sec TMS., General Manager.