

TO: A.W.BOND, J.B.BROOKE, M.C.WRIGHT

Please reply to:

First meeting

FROM: W.G.S.HYDE

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
(AMENDED)

DATE: 30 JULY 1984

Mr. Bond introduced his review of the 1967 Development Report. Mr. Wright suggested that the first step was to establish when the existing large schemes would be completed. Mr. Brooke pointed out that there were difficulties when employing MSC labour on several small schemes, difficulties which would not occur should a large scale project be envisaged. He envisaged the following timetable for work with MSC involvement:

- December 1984 - Work would be completed on the promotional area; the access steps to the picnic area would be completed as would sett laying on the track fan.
- Mid 1985 - Completion of work on the bridge and on the footpath on the west side of the track (depot gate to bridge), improvements to the viewing platform at Wakebridge would be completed.
- Late 1985 - Setting of the track under the bridge would be finished and also new work in the area of Bandstand Crossing would be completed which would involve building a low retaining wall topped with cast iron railings along the west side of the track north of the crossing - this to improve visual aspect to visitors entering the Museum. Consideration to be given that a start will be made on the re-erection of Derby station by this time.
- Finance (amended paragraph) - Consideration must also be given to a possible large financial outlay being required to effect repairs to the roof of the Assembly Rooms and also to the purchase of Clay Cross store. A forecast of the finance likely to be available for development would be required

Winstan Bond to progressSUGGESTED THREE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Depot spaces - On the basis that at present there are spaces available for two tramcars in the existing depots it was assumed that no extra accommodation will be required when cars return from Blackpool after 1985 if No's 59 and 66 remain in Blackpool. The only two 'new' trams coming to Crich which would require unallocated space would be No's 10 and 167.

If a suitable new depot building should become available within the three year period that this report covers it was proposed that only the steel frame and roof should be erected until such time that proper side walls could be constructed. Estimated cost of steel framing and roof is £10,000 at 1984.

Malcolm Wright to follow up

Workshop availability - The scope of development will depend on workshop facilities being made available, and it will be necessary to fit in development plans with the workshop's tramcar programme.

Malcolm Wright to investigate

Future of the quarry - It was suggested that an approach be made to Tarmac, with the possibility of future co-operation.

Geoff Hyde to follow up

Visitor amenities - It was suggested that Elizabeth Wright be asked to investigate and report on the possibilities of constructing an adventure playground on the picnic area which would incorporate a maze.

Malcolm Wright to progress

Visitor circulation - Malcolm Wright to discuss with Colin Scothern

Developments - It was proposed that the main developments to be undertaken within the three year plan be generally confined to the west side of the line between Stephenson Place and the bridge, the triangular area in front of the workshop building to receive attention. Consideration was given to constructing false walls and facades using 'STAFF' methods of construction incorporating plaster, cement and jute fibre facings on a timber and iron frame, the development to follow basically the building line outlined on the J. Soper drawing dated April 1983.

John Brooke to investigate
Winstan Bond to discuss with
Roderick Gradidge.

The above mentioned techniques to be used for constructing a screening facade between the engine shed and the side wall of the Assembly Rooms, and possibly between the Assembly Rooms and the steps leading to Poplar House.

The kerb line outside the stone workshop to be extended and completed.

A wooden facade to be fixed to the ice cream kiosk and the building to be repainted.

Suggested development on the east side of main line to be confined to re-grading the path between oil store and Stephenson place, kerbs to be laid and setts laid between east side tracks and the new kerb.

J. Brooke to progress above

Other proposed improvements to include the provision of an arcade or shelter over the east side footpath east of the main line.

Winstan Bond to investigate

Suggested improvements that might be possible within the three year period are fencing Glory Mine area, surfacing and constructing a small shelter and seats. At Wakebridge it is suggested that we investigate the possibility of leasing the small viewing area just north of the sub-station.

A further meeting to be held on Saturday, 4 August at 2.00 p.m. to monitor progress.

TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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TO: Development Committee

FROM: M.C. Wright

SUBJECT: 'Shopping List' of projects.

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As requested here is a list of all the non-tramcar projects that have emerged in the past ten years or so for site development, for which I have found a reference in Board minutes, Journals or papers circulated at meetings. The information before about 1974 is rather sketchy.

1. Small items, mostly with material on site somewhere, including under grass in Field House Field. Some items have already been started.

- a Shop awning
- b Pole bases round poles in street
- c Camera obscura
- d Cast iron 'Gents'
- e Fencing at Glory Mine
- f Tram shelter at Glory Mine
- g Birmingham shelter at Wakebridge
- 1086-8 -h Seats & railings Quarry Approach - east side
- 1087-6 -i Wall & paths, Quarry Approach, west side, including lighting and Police Pedestal
- 1089-4 -j Paths/roads over Bridge
- 1095 -k Double track & interlacing, completion of road surface
- Done by Spring 1985 -l Setting of Depot Fan
- m Additional street furniture - fire alarm, bollards & traffic island
- Done by 6/5/85 -n Refurbishment of petrol pump.

2. Bigger items, almost all at the 'uncosted sketch' stage.

Town End Area

- a 'Enclosure' of Town End with high stone wall from Poplar House steps to end of Assy. Rooms, with archway to first aid hut. Remove steam engine to 'power station'
- b The Porte Cochère. failing that - regrade the grassy slope, add railings and an obelisk.
- c Track realignment, then paving/setting of whole area.
- d Conversion of engine shed into motor garage
- e Replacement of railings by building front? tramway office Burnley? to hide the library staircase and disguise the dreadful back of the Assy Rooms.

Street - Eagle Press to Oil Store

Replacement of cafe & members Hut with ---
Cottages/shops/Red Lion/Bank
... or Porte cochère.
Cinema

Street - Oil Store to Bridge Once the track, road, & pavements are done it is finished isn't it..?

Street - North of Bridge

Curve road up to carpark, make it the normal vehicle entry point for all motor vehicles.

Complete the bandstand, with benches and railings round the edge of the area. Complete the paths from bridge to bandstand

Picnic Area. Add seats, Childrens playground plant trees

Car park. Mark out properly. THE GRAND UNION ??????

Depots - Cladding of workshop wall. - 1988

Replacement of portacabin by two storey period office, linking with stone workshop.

Finish the railings, add pedestrian gates. - 1988

Erect Depots VII & VIII on vehicle display area DON'T FILL WITH TRAMS

Vintage power station on depot side ?

Remove front bay of depot II to bring it flush with the rest.

Traverser - 1988

Remove the railway (stores) vans

Periodise the Conference Room

Single line QA - Wakebridge.

Tidy up.

Plant lineside hedges - trees planted.

Single line W - GM - ditto

Wakebridge

Bigger mining display

Bridge between rock outcrops over track ? camera obscura ?

Water & sanitation

Remove railway huts

? nature trail

The list is a mixture of items, from improving the site style and atmosphere to providing visitors with more amenities. The setting of each of the items into the global Museum Concept developed from the 1967 Report has yet to be considered.

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