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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Notes of meeting held on 26th. April 1986

Present: Messrs. Bond, Brooke, Hyde.

Richard Hartwell attended the early part of the meeting to outline his proposals for work on the permanent way during the coming twelve months.

He planned to connect the new down line to the existing track after September, trams then making use of the crossover until the extension to the double track had been completed. It was hoped to have this available for use for the start of the 1987 season and it would be possible to have access for road vehicles at this point by Easter 1987. Richard Hartwell said that if it was at all possible he would arrange to have the pointwork outside the Forge Bookshop removed during winter 1987.

In view of the above it was agreed that we should press ahead with plans to operate road vehicles along the street during 1987 although it might be necessary to make a temporary road surface between the foot of the approach ramp and the bridge should there be insufficient setts available for a more permanent roadway. Other work proposed for winter 1987 would be completion of the kerb line in front of the Forge Bookshop after removal of the point and the work on the east side of the main line south of the oil store.

It was confirmed that the workshop should be asked to construct the hoarding for the west side of the main line in modular sections and have it available for erection by Easter 1987.

Michael Davis was investigating the costs of applying a rendering to the north end of the Workshop wall, this work to be included in the winter 1987 budget.

It was noted that the proposed screening between the members' hut and the Tea Rooms and the conversion of part of the members' hut to an eating area was under way. In the Tea Rooms a FIRE EXIT notice was required as was a plant stand and bentwood hat and coat rack.

Preparatory work on the proposed adventure playground was under way.

The letter from Jim Soper suggesting that he started work on the stonework from the Red Lion was noted and JS was to be asked to complete the work on the depot wall as previously agreed. It was proposed that JS also be asked to prepare drawings for the proposed archway and screening at the west end of the Assembly Rooms frontage.

It was noted that Malcolm Wright was collecting views and evidence on introducing road traffic in the street in order that the Dev. Committee can present the Board with a policy. It was however considered that, as a matter of principle, committee members should not submit reports to the Board on this subject without first giving the Dev. Committee the opportunity to discuss the report and approve it.

Rubbish !!

WGS
6th May 1986

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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SUBJECT: Last meeting of the Committee

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I refer to the meeting of March 16th and memo of same date, and the minutes of the meeting on Jan 26th.

1. Hoarding. I fully support its construction followed by immediate erection. Before it can be put up, alternative road vehicle access must be provided via the carpark. This requires :

- a. Completion of setting and west kerb as far as the bridge - this will take the rest of the season.
- b. Diversion of the quarry road, relocation of the rail stack, and final excavation of the road vehicle access ramp.
- c. Realignment and resleepering of the double track north of the bridge and grading to join b above.
- d. Surfacing of ramp and track down to bridge to meet setted street.

Items b,c & d will not be completed until the start of next season at the earliest.

The Committee's credibility - now at a high point as a result of the superb Tea Rooms - will not be enhanced by making the hoarding in Aug/Sep and leaving it lying around for months - we already have kits of parts all over the Museum.

The best time for the hoarding's construction is in the Winter budget, before Christmas because :

- a. The Workshop has complained that the need to keep trams dried out for Santa Specials has constrained their output during this period. By inference there is spare capacity for other things - such as a hoarding.
- b. By September the Board should have a clear view on the timing of the quarry road diversion,
- c. Erection can be phased in with the Bookshop Points removal,
- d. The hoarding will not lie around long enough to be damaged.

2. Bookshop points. I have yet to discuss this with Mr.Hartwell. I doubt he has sufficient resource to do both the double track AND this point removal, which also includes significant track relaying. It must also not clash with the east side path/kerb alterations south of the oil store.

3. I tendered my apologies for being unable to attend the last meeting, this has not been recorded.

I am unable to be at Crich on Saturday April 26th, but I am at the Museum as Duty Inspector the following day.

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