

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the 25th meeting held on Sunday 9th October 1988.

Present: A.W.Bond (chairman); W.G.S.Hyde (secretary); M.C.Wright; D.Lardge; J.B.Brooke.

1. Apologies for absence: none, all present.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (13.08.88): Approved.

3. The purpose of the meeting was to confirm proposals for a replacement Ice Cream kiosk for inclusion in the Winter Budget, for which general approval had been obtained at the Board meeting the previous day.

Two schemes had been prepared and costed. One as an open-fronted kiosk, serving through a hatch in the side, and the second as a walk-in kiosk, with two doors and 'customer flow' along a counter inside (chip-shop style). The merits of each were carefully discussed. Slightly more earth needed to be removed for the walk-in version, but the visual effect of the doors and window (instead of the serving hatch) was a considerable step towards attaining the 'street effect'. It also enhanced the potential use of the building should the Tea Rooms be unavailable. The longer counter would allow a greater range of merchandise (such as the addition of a hot potato oven) and reduce peak time overcrowding elsewhere. The internal decor would match the 'house style' of the Tea Rooms. There was little difference in the cost of either scheme.

It was agreed to recommend the the walk-in version. (Action : AWB)

The original location was to the south of the steps, slightly behind the Eagle Press, reopening the path to the Police Box. After a review of their usefulness, it was agreed to recommend that these steps be removed, and an alternative path laid out for members' access, to reach track level near the Police Box. The only time the steps had been used by visitors was when the car park was used for something else (August B.H.). The Marylebone Gates could be used instead (as at other Bank Holidays). It was accepted that there could be opposition to removing a twenty year old landmark.

The arc lamp would also be removed (it must be taken down in order to renovate it, the mechanism has siezed), *Suggestions as to its relocation at the next meeting.* The Red Lion and its grassy bank would be untouched.

The kiosk would then be located on the building line some six feet further north than originally planned.

Cost. The estimate was £7,500, complete, including tarmac for the path behind the Eagle Press as far as the Police Box, and clearing up that area.

It was stressed that Mr.Musgrove should be consulted regarding the impact of the proposals on his work over many years in the area, (especially the disposal of the excavated soil) whilst the Telephone Officer (Mr.Markham) and Mr.Anderson (A.C.electrics) should be consulted on the provision of service ducts. (Action : JBB)

Mr.Brooke's offer to take on the role of Project Manager was accepted.

Next meeting: January 1989, date to be fixed.

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