

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 29th meeting held on Sunday 26th November 1989, 2.00pm.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** None, all present.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (01.10.89):** Approved.

3. **Stone Workshop:** A planning application had been made, but it was agreed that work would not start until September 1990. It was suggested that an extra floor be laid in the Exhibition Hall Substation to house the Electrical stores. (Post-meeting note: this area was intended as a store to safely keep spare items, such as photo panels not actually being used, as exhibition material in the past has become lost through lack of proper storage).

Mr.Bond had still to review the financial justification in the light of the recalculated area for sales. (Action : AWB to ask CRGS)

Drawing required of the relationship between track, kerb line and doors.

(Action: JS)

4. **Ice Cream Parlour:** The excavations had been completed. However, the original building plan was no longer feasible as the previous information regarding planning requirements was in error. Several new schemes had been prepared using timber panels from the Birmingham fruit market to produce square and oval buildings in similar style to the Wakebridge Octagon. The designs incorporated multiple cash points and internal layouts developed with the Catering Manageress. It was agreed that a 'copper' roof be incorporated, and the design dated 16/11/89 by Mr.Brooke be adopted. Planning permission for the temporary building would be sought at once, and contractors found.

(Action: JS/DL/JBB)

Screened space would be needed at the side/rear for refuse.

(Action: IM)

Board Members would be brought up to date on the new plans at the next Board meeting.

(Action: AWB->Board)

The arc-lamp standard had been removed as planned. It was suggested that it be relocated at the western end of the traverser, once it had been refurbished. (Post-meeting note: Mr.Hall had intended, in the absence of any other guidance, to put it back in the area from whence it came, possibly on the new path down.) (Action: DL->RCH)

5. **Red Lion:** Revised ground and first floor plans were reviewed. More toilets, including a baby-change had been incorporated, with the ground floor as a bar. (It was agreed that consideration of the sale of alcohol was a separate issue outside the remit of the Committee.) The new restaurant would be waitress service, and a dumb waiter would be needed for the movement of materials to cover the difference in levels between kitchen and new restaurant. The increased throughput would generate even more refuse, and better handling facilities were essential. A compactor would be included in the estimates. (Action: JS)

The consequential loss of the members hut was partially covered by the proposed portacabin messroom, and it was agreed that both eating and washing facilities were essential to cater for 'day' members. *No sleeping accommodation was planned there, insufficient room.* It was felt that there was enough demand

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to retain 'hut' type sleeping. The Board to be asked to consider alternative locations for members sleeping. (Action: AWB→Board)

It was agreed that the planning application should continue on the basis of the revised drawings. (Action : DL/JS)

Timing: Foundations, services, relocation of railings, reinstatement of pavement and construction of ginnel would all have to be completed with the minimum disruption to visitors and the Museum Street. It was agreed, after a site inspection, that almost all of the major work could be serviced from the top road, down a temporary ramp, and therefore be done when the Museum was open. Tenders to be sought in time for the summer budget. (Action: DL/JS)

It was suggested that the cast iron urinal could be located at the eastern end of the ginnel, now that the requirement to have a track behind the Exhibition Hall prevented it from being fitted by the traverser. (Action: JS)

The Red Lion would have to be supplied electrically from the new Exhibition Hall substation. Will the supply be ready in time? (Action: AWB→J.D.Markham)

6. **Horse/Battery Line over Bridge:** To be proceeded with after the Red Lion application was finished. (Action JS/DL)

7. **Mr.Forster's plans:** Mr.Bond had met Mr.Forster, and a reply was awaited.

8. **Any other Business:** Street Period. At its last meeting, the Board had referred the question of authenticity of the street, especially advertisements, to the Committee (minute 9438). The original 1967 report required that no permanent building should be of a style later than 1910, and that any later street furniture should be temporary (see paragraph 39 of the 1967 Report). The idea of different periods was suggested in the 1985 Development Report (Paragraphs 119 & 120) and subsequently adopted.

It was agreed that there were three relatively separate areas: North of the Bridge; between the Bridge and the Eagle Press; and Town End (which, due to the phone kiosk and particularly the police box, was currently 1930's). Three separate periods could be portrayed without causing serious discontinuities. It was agreed to seek the views of our Curatorial Advisor and review this further at the next meeting. (Action: All)

Next meeting: Sunday 4th February 1990, 2pm.

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