

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

M. Ingle
10042

Minutes of the 35th meeting held on Sunday 27th January, 2.45pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (07.10.90): Approved.
3. Red Lion: It was unlikely to proceed in the immediate future, due to the current financial position, and the Board had asked the Committee to reconsider the short term catering strategy. The Refreshment Pavilion had not generated the expected return, and new options, such as a facility in the Exhibition Hall had been suggested, although its potential profitability was unknown.

The Catering Manageress, Miss A.Isaacs then joined the meeting. A short report had been commissioned from the High Peak College, Buxton, which identified some possibilities. The College had offered further in depth consultancy and indicated its scale of fees. After discussion it was agreed that some specialised help would be valuable, particularly as new legislation was imminent regarding the employment and training of all (including unpaid volunteers) who handled and prepared food. It was agreed that a consultancy proposal would be generated for the next Board meeting. (Action: AWB/DL) Miss Isaacs was thanked for her contribution to the discussion.

4. Stone Workshop: Regular measurement of the building's movement was continuing. Whilst the Board's preferred option (Minute 9742, July 1990) was to carefully dismantle and rebuild parallel to the track at the current ground level, it was agreed to seek curatorial advice from an expert on old buildings on the issue of reconstructing an original Stephenson artefact to comply with current building regulations. (Action: JDS)

5. Any Other Business: Mr.Davis had noticed some local house reconstruction was using new cast iron columns and proposed a columned roofed area around the Refreshment Pavilion in order to increase the covered area for visitors. This would be included in the Catering Review above. (Action: ALL)

Keeping trams serviceable for Winter Operation. Following experience with four Santa Special trams staying in the Exhibition Hall, Mr.Davis had provided proposals to complete the insulation and heat Depot V, now the new doors had been fitted. Four or five trams could then be kept throughout the winter period with dry motors. This would have knock-on advantages in that the drying-out of cars in the Workshop could begin later, releasing capacity for restoration. It was agreed to put the insulation and related work into the Summer budget, and the heater in the 91/2 Winter Budget. (Action: DL/AWB)

Winter Work Programme 90/1 (item 5 last meeting): It was noted that only the setting of the Depot Yard had actually been budgetted for. The York slabs in front of the hoarding, erection of railings (to prevent theft), and the resolution of the surface water drainage problems at the top of the street were not proceeding. It was agreed to include the replacement of the Members' Hut in the Summer Budget. (Action: DL/AWB)

Next meeting: To be arranged, after the review of the Summer Budget at the March Board meeting. (Action: AWB)

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