

# THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 36th meeting held on Sunday 13th October, 10.30am.

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

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (21.01.91): Approved.
3. Potential Items for the Winter Budget:

a) Forge Shop Floor: Raising to track level by filling with stone, a concrete crust and vinyl tiles. £3,000 to provide disabled access. Would have to be done in January/February. A site inspection indicated an alternative would be to provide a standard commercial chair lift. An access ramp of the right slope would be 24 feet long. All options would reduce the shelf, display, and storage space. Needs further thought.

(Action: AWB to discuss with M.Hartwell, B.M for Sales)

b) Completion of Depot V insulation: £4,000. Should go ahead. Leave the heater to summer budget.

(Action: AWB)

c) Wakebridge: No development feasible until mains water provided. Pipe clipped under tram rail head proposed. Sample to be constructed to demonstrate its unobtrusiveness. Budget to include general tidy up, some tree pruning, Octagon refurbishment.

(Action: DL)

d) Camera obscura: Locations to be sought for review at the next meeting.

(Action: JBB)

e) Enclosure around pavilion to increase facilities for inclement weather: It was agreed to follow up Mr.Davis' suggestions from the last meeting.

(Action: JBB & DL with JMD to produce costed plan for next meeting)

f) Street furniture. Mr.Wright suggested that specific areas should be properly named, with cast iron plates in the 'right' places, and a brass nameplate at the Depot Gates entitled "Chaceley Grove Depot". Plan to be produced for the next meeting.

(Action: MCW)

g) North of Bridge: The Board had stopped the work in this area a couple of years ago. It was time it was resumed. It was agreed to include the railings (in stock) down from the bridge on the east side slope. Cost not stated.

(Action: DL/AWB)

An updated general sketch was needed to show the Victoria Park boundaries, location of a statue of Queen Victoria, kerb lines, and the layout to the east side of the track. The slope down from the entrance kiosk was greater than recommended and could be a safety hazard.

(Action: MCW/DL/JS to produce plan)

h) The Tramcar Storage Committee had asked the Development Committee to consider where the next depot (for nine cars) should be placed. After a lengthy discussion, locations beyond the double track, or south of the bridge or off site were eliminated on access, security or environmental grounds. The northern end of the car park extension was inspected and preferred. There was doubt about levels and gradients. Sketch required.

(Action: DL/JS)

j) Budget to include painting of the Depot gable ends and replacement of the track numbers by the enamel set that has been in stock for several years.

(Action:DL)

3. Red Lion: Unless work began before April 1992, all the Permissions and Regulation consents would expire (which was wasted time, money and effort). It was agreed to include the first three phases in the winter budget:

Phase 1: New members' facilities south of the Tea Rooms, behind the Bookshop, as marked out and agreed last winter.

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INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To : Development Committee (AWB, WGSB, JBB, JS,DL)

Please reply to :

From : M.C.Wright ✓

cc :

Date : 4.10.91

Subject : Meeting at 10.30 on 13th Oct

There are several items which I would like to be considered at the meeting on the 13th, and thought it would be useful to give you time to think about them.

1. Mr.Markham (Tramcar Storage Committee) wishes us to consider where the next depot should go to house NINE cars (we DO need it in the medium/long term. What if the TSO resurrects another body such as Chesterfield 77 Fleetwood 40 arrives next month, 298 has to go somewhere soon, the Nottingham body, Manchester 765, Hull 132 & possibly Portsmouth 84 in a few years, an Oporto car, Blackpool OMO, Dallas PCC). Anything else into the Exhibition Hall and something has to leave.... to Clay Cross!!?

2. Red Lion. Should we begin as we did with the Exhibition Hall. A bit at a time. Phase one being replacement of the Members Tea Shed (before it collapses) and the digging of the hole. Then wait for finance for the next step.

3. Street Furniture/Street Names. We have a few names dotted around (Electric Avenue, Tramway Street, Chaceley Grove). Should we get some more cast and put up properly. "Victoria Park" by the Bandstand, Chaceley Grove for the main part of the Street (How about a brass plate at the entrance gates ("CRICH TRAMWAYS, Chaceley Grove Depot. Head Office: Poplar House, Electric Avenue") Street furniture all adds to the atmosphere.

We need some changes in the next two years which visitors will notice and tell their friends 'its changed, go and see'. The novelty of the Exhibition Hall building will wear off quite soon.

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4. Catering Strategy

- cover accommodation for wet weather ✓

- Picnics

- cater for diverse catering needs