

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 43rd meeting held on Sunday 3rd March 1996 (postponed from 25th February).

Present: A.W.Bond (Chairman); M.C.Wright; J.Soper; M.S.Miller (Manager).

1. Apologies for absence: none.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (3.12.95): Approved. No amendments.
3. **Red Lion:** There had been very little progress, because of the bad weather. It was agreed the summer budget would cover only JS's requirements, plus any special tile work from Charles Forster (total £3,000). **Action: MSM**
Quotations were being sought from building contractors, but it was difficult to find suitably competent specialised firms. Sponsorship discussions were continuing, but were not promising. **Action: MSM**
4. **Accommodation for the Hydraulic Platform:**
The lean-to on the west side of the Exhibition Hall had developed into two possibilities. A low cost lean-to for the electric truck and hydraulic platform (essentially a big garage), or a full height lean-to which would take a couple of trams. At £25per sq.ft, this approached £30,000 for a 20ftx60ft concreted area.
It was agreed the (short term) 'garage' would be included at £5,000, comprising completion of the brick wall, garage, gates and concrete base. **Action: MSM**
The larger scheme would be considered within the lottery application. **Action: JS & AWB**
5. **Incomplete Work and the Summer Budget:**
Almost all the remaining items on the Board's Inspection list were included in summer budget. The Bookshop awning would be done in the winter 96/7 budget. **Action: MSM**
6. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. New land acquisition. It was proposed to open it up in three phases.
 1. As far as Cabin Crossing, including tree pruning and screening of amenity areas: during summer 1996.
 2. Path(s) through to Wakebridge: winter 1996/7.
 3. Paths to Glory Mine, and facilities to alight there: summer 1997.Any potential need for a tram stop at Cabin (and its design) would be considered after experience of the area's use.
 - b. Standcliffe House. For sale again. It was confirmed that the only part of the property of interest would be the paddock. It would not be in the Museum's interest to purchase the rest. The position would be reviewed with the owners. **Action: MSM**

Next meeting: not fixed, but after the lottery application is completed.

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