

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 50th meeting held on Sunday 10th May 1998.

Present: A.W.Bond (Chairman); M.C.Wright; D.F.Russell; J.Miller.

1. **Apology for absence:** J.Soper.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting (10.3.98):** Approved.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Finial removal completed.

Tea Rooms emergency lighting altered.

Grant application for disabled paths unsuccessful.

4. **Future of Field House & Field Cottage:**

Several scenarios were considered. The field should be kept for peak time car parking. It was likely that the regular parking of cars on more than 28 days a year was contravening the planning regulations. Any property sale should retain ownership and right of way of the lane, and a separate vehicle entrance and exit provided whilst allowing both properties reasonable gardens. Sketches of possible layouts to be generated.

Action: MCW

A specification for a building alongside the Red Lion would be generated, after discussion with accommodation users. The Houses presently provided 23 bed spaces in nine rooms.

Action: MCW

The Dormitory would also have to be relocated. Where?

Action: ALL

The K&WVR and Festinlog had recently built accommodation. Data on cost and capacity to be sought. (*Outstanding from last meeting*)

Action: DFR

5. **Summer budget & ADtranz:**

A offer of short term resource for site projects was reviewed. See appendix one. Would have to be operated flexibly within the site maintenance budget.

Action JM

6. **Red Lion:**

Proceeding on budget.

Action: JM

7. **Play Areas:**

a. Outdoor: Done. Part was not draining well and the area of soft chippings needed extending (site budget).

Action: JM

b. Indoor: The clear out had begun. The sketches for the equipment were being detailed.

Action: JS

Photographs had been taken of the artifacts being moved.

8. **Clay Cross:**

Photographs required to be taken to identify the equipment not required.

Action: JM

9. **Entrance Improvements:**

The fence was completed. Some signs needed raising to clear it. Arch done. Rockery in progress. The sense of coherence needs to be enhanced, possibly by extending the fence on the right hand side.

Action: ALL

10. **Disabled access:**

A local firm was doing a trial stretch of flush setts.

Action: JM

11. **Bandstand Railings:** The trespass guard, timber fence & metal railings (included in the summer budget) were an Adtranz possibility.

Action: JM

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12. Footpath to Wakebridge:

Progressing. The slurry lagoon had been filled in and signs erected. Signs needed to be checked for detail and period style. Action: JM→GBC, LPSW, RCH & GCGW

13. PDMHS & Wakebridge:

The long term use of the area needed review. An attraction was essential to tempt passengers to alight. Although logistically difficult, a refreshment stop was still appropriate. The area's presentation must be improved, with some tramway-related display? Action: ALL

14. Steam Tram Water Column:

Ready for reinstallation (close to its previous position). Action: JM

15. AOB:

a. Sign for the ice cream parlour (the old meter house). The design was of the right period style.

b. Tramway period shelter from Chesterfield. Thought to be 1930's structure, removal imminent, and Chesterfield Museum wished us to have it. Subject to inspection by Mr.Wilton it was agreed it would be appropriate to site it at the northbound Victoria Park stop. It could be an ADtranz project.

Action: AWB→GCGW, JM→ADtranz

c. Weather Protection for Access Tram passengers. Putting any shelter opposite the present tram shelter would not look right. Suggest one on the south wall of the print shop. To be reviewed with C.Heaton. Source of columns or period awning (in stock?) to be reviewed with R.Hall. Action: MCW→CH, JM→RCH

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Next meeting: Sunday 6th Sept, 10.30.

Circulation: Those present, Board, Mins Sec. ACSM, JS

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APPENDIX ONE

Potential projects for ADtranz:

1. Renovation and overhaul of Blackpool loco.
2. Refurbishment of Bellis & Morcom engine
3. Refurbishment of entrance hut.
4. Inspection, cleaning and painting of traction poles, including lifting of bases.
5. Repairing and repainting of Marylebone gates.
6. Repairing and repainting of bandstand.
7. Installing trespass guard at Bandstand, and fencing north of stop.
8. Installation of fence on quarry top.
9. Repairing and repainting cabmen's shelter and tidying up area.
10. Relaying of setts for disabled visitors.
11. Refurbishment of Field House.
12. Refurbishment of Field Cottage.
13. Replacement of septic tanks for FH & FC.
14. Repainting the Bowes-Lyon bridge.
15. Fitting out Red Lion interior.
16. Repairing & repainting Tea Rooms.
17. Construction of new permanent way wagon.
18. General repainting and refurbishment of Town End.

MCW