

TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 54th meeting, 13.6.99 at Crich (postponed from April).

Present: A.W.Bond, D.F.Russell, M.C.Wright, J.Soper, J.Miller plus P.Biggs for items 9 & 10.

1. Apologies: none, all present.

2. Minutes of last meeting (24.1.99): Agreed.

Actions completed:

Assembly Rooms JHP plaque.

Indoor play area.

The Dingley Dell Relief Road (path to Wakebridge).

Belliss & Morcom nicely repainted.

Wash bay hoarding repairs.

Red Lion. Lion now in position. First floor windows installed. The scaffolding was now reduced in height. The dismantled scaffolding was stored on the Fleamarket. Topping-out ceremony held.

Quarry slurry cleared from Wakebridge.

Electrical activity in woods resolved.

Wheelchair route through depot yard completed with wood setts. The Committee complimented the team on its construction.

3. Lottery application: Deadline date is end August. Two schemes, for two different lottery funds. Under £0.5m is wash bay (workshop extension). Over £0.5m is Town End (TE remodelling & assembly rooms). Two members had offered to help but weren't able to commit enough time. May need to pay for help to meet the deadline.

Action: AWB

4. Landfill tax: a member had agreed to take this one on and is working towards the 8th August deadline for the Red Lion (completion and extension to kitchens). Bill Tolan's contact is in the area at the end of the month for a second source of finance for the Red Lion.

Action: AWB

5. Entrance building & top of street area: Drawings 27.1.99 building & 25.1.99 site included suggestions from KBH & IM. Access to street from car park (angles for large vehicles low loaders) looked difficult. Review with KBH & IM.

Action: JS & MCW

Triumphal Arch reinstatement agreed. A set of four to match car park layout, but no wind-vulnerable hanging board. Site inspection needed.

Action: JS & JM

Flagpole repositioning: its proposed move would make it too easily visible from the street. Now the trees have been trimmed it should remain where it was.

Top of street, 'unreserving' of tram stop: consider doing left side and finish off park using the railings due to be removed from in front of the Red Lion. To include setting and short extension of street. Will look odd doing just west side of 'road'. Recommend putting railings on street further up by Doncaster Stone instead.

Action: JM

5. Members' accommodation: Contributions from several members received, including Keith Chadbourne on building regulations. Appropriate now to do article for journal which would include the idea of sell over there, build over here, the two flats for members who want to live here, and the constraints of our charitable obligations.

Action: MCW to do article

The accommodation analysis is shown in appendix 1 and excludes the August Bank holiday weekend (+80-100 bed-nights).

The capacity of services (gas electricity water sewerage) needed checking.

Action: JS & JM

Sketch of FH field, dimensions to be added.

Action: MCW & DFR

An informal verbal approach to establish if planning permission might be granted for houses on the right in the Field between the two Houses was negative.

6. Bandstand Railings: Not found the railings yet. Still looking. Included in 5 above.

Action: JM investigating

7. PDMHS & use of octagon: Despite declared intentions, the Octagon was open for refreshments only for two or three (volunteer staffed) weekends. Could be better as a lead mining exhibition.

Action: AWB to review with AI

8. Access Tram queue weather protection: The Ashton shelter is a kit of incomplete parts. Will fit location on side of print shop, but needed repairs.

Action: JM to get a quote

9. Mobility Impaired Access: P.Biggs note (appendix 2)

1 entrance gradient: in the plans for front entrance remodelling.

2 Tea rooms ramp: covered by Red Lion extension.

3 Shelter in hand.

4 Access to gents: door in outside wall?

5. Elimination of step into Emporium: can be done by raising entire pavement at Stephenson Place. Might then give drainage problems (& flood shop?).

6 Dropped kerbs: some possibilities provided vintage street appearance was not compromised.

7 Exhibition Hall: entrance doors open only one way. The fitting of double hinges was agreed.

8 Door widening agreed

9 Signs agreed

10 More Exhibition exit signs agreed. Why is one door of the pair often left bolted?

10 Clay Cross inventory: being coordinated by JM covering Tramcar Conservation & Collections Management Committees.

Action: JM

11 Euston Gates: The NRM had offered twelve of the fourteen Euston Arch gates (letter nrm 7.6.99). The two biggest are on show at York. Thought to be in poor condition with bits missing. It was agreed to assess their potential (gates for Victoria Park?).

Action: DFR

12. Empire theatre, Longton facade: Offered on pallets, delivered free. All materials identified and marked; drawings available. Awaiting formalities from Council. Might be used as facade with accommodation behind. Would need professional construction because of the size of the individual components.

Action: JS to generate drawings

Action: JM to arrange delivery

13. Alhambra facade: In construction terms it had volunteer potential and would be an ideal follow on from the Red Lion. Although we had refused it before, it was agreed to accept delivery for the cost of transport (cc5502). It could be located by the Red Lion, possibly with accommodation behind. General arrangement drawing needed. Issues: Funding. Commitment to owner. Time scale.

Action: JS to generate drawing

Action: JM to fix owner & arrange delivery.

The Empire & Alhambra offered significant opportunities to enhance the street scene. Potential location and use of these facades to be reviewed.

Action: all

14 Toilet signpost Stephenson Place: Agreed to install, provided it is the correct period pattern.

Action: JM

15 AOB: Plans for Glory Mine deferred from last meeting. The PW Supt was seeking timely information on possible layouts for inclusion in the next PW review. A Landfill Tax grant of £30k could be had for survey & mine shaft capping. The committee had not yet developed detailed proposals.

Action: MCW to do draft paper based on 1967 & 1988 reports.

Next meeting: Sunday 10th October 10.30am Crich

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