

TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 56th meeting, 28.11.99 at Crich

Present: A.W.Bond, D.F.Russell (from item 12), M.C.Wright, J.Soper, J.Miller.

1. Apologies: none, all present.
2. Minutes of last meeting (10.10..99): Agreed.

3. Lottery application:

There had been several proposals for Town End track, including a reversing triangle. Work on collating proposals (having due regard for typical street appearance, operating practices, H&S considerations and cost), was in hand.

Actions: MCW looking in records & collating views; and JM establishing location of mains and availability of track/points from our stocks.

AWB & JS going to see MGC expert on environmental controls in December. Both schemes will need complementary funding from the Designation Challenge Fund. A letter received from the HLF indicates another site meeting with Dr.S.Davies (adviser to HLF on museum strategy), regional manager and the new grants officer. This is effectively a repeat of the presentation of last year.

Action: AWB

4. Landfill tax: Application to the Derby Environmental Trust £188,000 for full completion including fitting out both floors had been turned down on grounds of not a new project. This appeared unreasonable and surprising based on the application criteria. Being pursued.

Action: AWB & DJHS & D.Anderson

Other work agreed in winter budget was connections for drains and services & doors, prices for six etched windows (up to £1,000 each). The stained glass portions were being made by JS.

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. The review with KBH, CH & IM outstanding. Will be a landfill tax application.

Action: JS & MCW

It was noted that the entrance building was getting very life expired, needing frequent repainting as it rots away.

Action: JS

6. Members' accommodation:

It was felt appropriate, considering all the other initiatives, to defer the article for the Journal to the July issue.

Action: MCW

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

Action: JS & JM

Sketch of FH field, dimensions to be added.

Action: MCW & DFR

7. Depot Discovery doors

In budget. Pressure impregnated softwood preferred.

Action: JM

8. Woodland Walk

The full presentation had been received. Of the £30k, the NTM commitment was a maximum of £1500 of the first stage of £3,000 (which was in the winter budget). ALL the rest would be from outside grant sources. The ZERO requirement for further NTM funding was stressed.

The project needed to understand the implications of double track to Wakebridge.

Action: MCW to review with IM & LPSW

9. Access Tram queue weather protection:

The Ashton shelter. Contractor pricing the job. Estimate awaited.

Action: JM

10. Mobility Impaired Access & H&S Actions:

Railings mesh fitted. Small ramp to shop (no railings needed round it). The ramp forms a good reason to put up the awning.

Action: JM

11. Clay Cross inventory:

In progress. The resource implications were very significant. The majority of items are engineering spares. Mechanical handling needed to look into the piles. Was it worth doing in great detail? Some items had been identified (conduit point, change pit, surface contact studs, atmospheric tube).

Action: AWB & JM

12. Euston Gates:

DFR to get restoration costings. No immediate prospect of doing anything with them. Lifting equipment needed to move & transport (20t). Could be stored upright in fleamarket. Security risk? Agreed to acquire them.

Action: DFR & JM

13. Empire theatre, Longton facade:

Delivery not occurred despite discussion with transporter.

Action: JS to generate drawings

Action: JM still trying to arrange delivery

14. Alhambra facade: To be dealt with after Empire above.

Action: JS to generate drawing

Action: JM to arrange delivery.

15 Toilet signposting: Four sets ordered.

Action: JM

16 Plans for Glory Mine:

Most of the track would need replacement in 6-8 years time. A three car loop, three car stub and siding was preferred. Would require the acquisition of land in the field behind. Not a financial priority. Consider fencing our land from the public footpath and notice to ask users to keep to the path. Get the mineshafts capped through landfill tax. See action 5 above.

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

17. Double track to Wakebridge: Double track was cheaper than Cannon Hilling and left the Grand Union option open. RMR to be asked to survey. Data on clearances, track spacing etc. to be established.

Action: MCW to review with JMD & RMR

18. AOB:

Fixing of tram rail to sleepers. Problems fixing tram rail to concrete railway sleepers. Concrete had been used for longevity. A better 35G rail/sleeper interface could be had with wooden sleepers which was the preferred option for bandstand curve replacement, since the right type of concrete sleepers (F10) were not available. Engineering practicality. No curatorial or historical implications since all the reserved track is non typical.

Next meeting: Sunday 30th January 2000. 10.30am Crich

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