

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

Development Committee

Minutes of meeting 63 held on 27 May 2001 at 10.30 am at Crich.

1 PRESENT:

A W Bond, D F Russell, I Musgrove, J Miller

2 APOLOGIES

M C Wright, J Soper

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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It was noted that it was useful, and important, to maintain continuity and frequency of meetings.

4 TOWN END DEVELOPMENT

Mr Miller had met John King of Nigel Rose Management who was producing up-to-date costings. New drawings had been produced. Unfortunately, they were not available at the meeting, it was thought that they were with R Thacker. It was noted that no version identification was made on the drawings. This was a definite hindrance.

Action: J Miller

The original proposals, exclusive of VAT was £697k. This had risen to £813k, despite inconsequential items having been removed. The overspend was seen to lay in

- building costs

- consequential works (not specified)

- higher standards required from ???

- underestimation of foundations work

- breaking into the existing Library without subsequent remedial work

The Library Department had not added any extras. Lessons from the Workshop project had been learned.

AWB advised that HLF was to be approached for extra financing (of £116k) via Nigel Rose Management.

Mr Bond had met Yvette Burrows of Resource at a conference and told her of the increase in cost and that we hoped to use their contribution for project funding to represent our 20% of the request to HLF. DCF had not been asked for extra finance. We were waiting the outcome of conversations between John King and Jason Waddy of HLF in respect of our request for additional funding. Reply required from Strategy Committee by Saturday, 2 June.

Regarding the planning application, Mr Miller reported that, contrary to his expectations, the planning authority expected the plans to be re-submitted, even though the original planning permission had not lapsed, as the alterations to the project were not considered to be of a sufficiently minor nature. There may yet be comments from our neighbour. The E facade of the existing Library may yet cause a problem regarding the addition of the new structure adjacent. (It was recalled that the Assembly Rooms had adjacent buildings when in Derby). Only the ground floor was involved in any envelope extension. Envelope does extend further back W. This was noted especially for any land clearance. The NW corner may cause concern, being close to the property boundary, major trees and the neighbouring garden. Same facade to the street. HLF required to see proposals for any future extension.

During the extension of the Library, consideration needed to be taken regarding health and safety arrangements for its continued operation, especially in respect of staff working in it.

5 ENTRANCE BUILDING and CAR PARK

5.1 NEW ENTRANCE KIOSK

L B Plastics had been approached regarding the provision of uPVC fittings for a conservatory style building for the entrance kiosk. They would advise on the following Tuesday. It appeared that they would sub-contract most of the work to an associate firm as they were only manufacturers of component materials. Amedega were said to

be responding. The basic design concept of an imposing, up-market free-standing conservatory was questioned. Conservatories required pre-existing buildings, but the providers investigated to date did not provide this, especially with the high toilet component required. It was thought that it would be advisable to approach an architect. This project had to be right, it had to survive at least 10 years. J Miller and A Bond would approach Derek Latham of Derby who had previously been used. The new entrance kiosk had to have, and it would have, flair and that DL could provide it. It was also noted that DL was on the E Midlands Lottery Panel.

Action: J Miller, A Bond

5.2 EXISTING ENTRANCE KIOSK

Mr A Sharpe had advised J Miller on the progress on keeping the kiosk in use for the remainder of the season. AS had retained the title board "National Tramway Museum" as it was perceived to be in good condition. However "Crich Tramway Village" had since been introduced. It was agreed that J Miller would obtain temporary signs similar to the "Crich Tramway Village" signs provided at the road entrance. J Miller reported that water ingress had already been noted with the temporary MDF cladding. This was thought to eliminate from the water-logged state of the original cladding directly into the untreated new cladding. Mr Sharpe's technique of using painted MDF was adequate for repelling external rain.

5.3 CTF HUT

Mr Bond asked if interwoven garden fencing, or similar, could be applied to the exterior in order to improve its appalling appearance, especially as the screening hedges had been reduced in height. It was agreed that the hut contained little of value, and what there was could be accommodated elsewhere without much inconvenience. Vandalism could result in fire damage to the neighbour's wooden buildings. It was agreed that the hut be cleared and demolished within 10 days, prior to the foundation stone laying ceremony on 8 June. (Demolition subsequently began three days later and the site was cleared by 23 June). Orange Communications had asked if the site of the CTF Hut could be used for an aerial site. Another site had been considered on the Fleamarket. Ian Longworth had earmarked the CTF site for car parking for Red Lion evening clientele.

Action: J Miller

5.4 ROAD ENTRANCE

Aggregate Industries had erected two large signs adjacent to those for the Museum without our permission. They were considerably more eye-catching than the new "Crich Tramway Village" signs. Both Tomlinson's and Tarmac's signs were considerably smaller. It was agreed that smaller signs be requested located further from those of the Museum. These would not be expected to reduce AI's commercial activities, whereas the existing one's certainly would affect the Museum's.

Action: J Miller

6 ASHTON SHELTER

It was emphasised that although a quotation had been received, there was no finance available.

7 RED LION

Ian Longworth and Ann Clayton had been in discussion regarding the use of the first floor. It was reported that they were in agreement in all respects except for disabled access. IJL had undertaken to pass the sketch plans of A Isaacs to J Miller for the production of proper drawings and costings. It was agreed that IJL would be left to organise details in consultation with Alison Isaacs, Ann Clayton, the architect and any other interested parties and to advise the Development Committee. It was agreed that Nigel Rose Management's database would be used to update costings.

The Board had taken the view that IJL had arranged, in principle, to spend £75k. It was agreed that IJL must discuss with J Soper, the Strategy Committee and others.

Action: J Miller, J Soper with I J Longworth

The question of J Soper retaining interest in the Red Lion was raised. It was agreed that he continued but in the provision of drawings. Quantity surveying, using modern costings, would now be provided by Nigel Rose Management, who would also provide a checking facility to J Soper.

Action: J Miller, J Soper with I J Longworth, Alison Isaacs, Anne Clayton, Nigel Rose

Current estimates were based on figures taken by J Miller from J Soper's original figures, but these could now be significantly out of date. J Miller's submission of costings to D Frodsham were not produced to withstand cherry-picking techniques without there being a risk of vital features being left out.

8 WOODLAND WALK

Mr Musgrove reported that the former quarryman's accommodation had been demolished by the newly-formed Young Members' Group without incident.

It was agreed that developments within a land use policy, which improved the appearance of the land yet enabled storage to continue, be developed between himself and Mr Miller. This would include the reclamation for public use of the view of the Derwent Valley from the Fleamarket.

Mr Miller's suggestion that gates (formerly at the entrance to Dutton's Yard) be provided at the entrance to Dingley Dell in order to improve screening.

It was agreed that the provision of Eurobins (commercial size wheely bins) behind the Cafe would
replace the less than adequate steel coffin into which waste was placed,
reduce the movement of such waste in public areas,
reduce the pressure of use on the refuse skip in Dingley Dell and
improve the productivity of staff.

Action: I Musgrove, J Miller

9 MUSEUM SIGNAGE

Mr Wright was to talk about the education report by East Midlands Museum Service to various people. This was still outstanding. Mr Soper said that many signs now required repainting. Mr Miller advised that these and new signs needed to reflect the new marketing image (e.g. The Tramway Village at Crich or similar). This depended on Mr Longworth's deliberations.

Action: M C Wright, J Miller

10 OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was noted that actions were still outstanding from previous meetings

10.1 MEMBERS' ACCOMMODATION

Sketch of Field House field, dimensions to be added to drawings (Mtg. 60, item 10 - 4 February 2001)

Action: M Wright, D Russell

Appropriate 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 (Mtg55, item 6 - 10 October 99)

It was felt appropriate, considering all the other initiatives, to defer the article for the Journal to the July (2000) issue (Mtg. 56, item 6 - 28 November 99)

Action: M Wright

10.2 DOUBLE TRACK & GLORY

Identifying which of the rail and points stock was unserviceable was in progress (Mtg. 59, items 11/12 - 22 October 00)

Action: D Russell to review with consultant

10.3 STANLEY SWIFT AIR BRICK COLLECTION

What do we do with this? Keep a few for use, say two dozen, and store them securely. Offer the rest to another museum via EMMS. (Mtg. 60, item 14 - 4 Feb 01)

Action: J Soper, A Bond

Subsequently, it was advised that R Thacker and G Wilton had tried to find interest from other museums but so far without success.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that this had been another productive meeting.

12 NEXT MEETING

Sunday 22 July 2001, 10.30 at Crich

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