

THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

Development Committee

Minutes of meeting 69 held on 27 April 2002 at 2.30 pm at Crich

Present

- A W Bond, D F Russell, I Musgrove, M C Wright, J Soper, J Miller.

Minutes of the previous meeting

- Accepted.

Permanent way

- Discussion was deferred.

Library

- JM advised that the removal and repositioning of the hansom cab sign was in hand.
- JM and JS advised that the project was progressing smoothly.
- The Bank and Tramway Offices stonework stored in Field House field (FHF) was in good condition. Simons Construction were content with this and with the new build stonework (Derbyshire sandstone).
- Security of the FHF stonework, (now that it was exposed to view whilst being sorted) was seen as Simons Construction responsibility. Any loss would be a nuisance.
- The "free issue" of stone from the quarry had been raised between Aggregate Industries and Simons Construction, to the embarrassment of the quarry manager. This was being resolved.
- IM had provided a paper questioning the clearances between the SE corner of the Library extension and passing tramcars, especially since the commissioning of Oporto 273 (now the widest operational vehicle). The measurements taken during meeting 62 on 8 April 2001 had been subject to clarification with RSPG2G. JS advised that the building design had been reduced by a further 200mm. JM advised that Simons Construction had a design and build contract and that such a detail was their responsibility. DFR asked if the clearance was now satisfactory. IM was unable to advise.

New entrance kiosk

- The quotation of £30k plus from Whitehouse was seen to lay in the glazing (at 20% of the cost).

Quarry road

- This item was left pending due to the "free stone" incident.
- Access to Glory Mine could probably be made in some 12 months time when the quarry work was finished.

Ashton shelter

There was no further information. C Heaton and D Frodsham were to be asked to reconsider the position. The Subscriber Plus Fund was only moderately supported.

Workshop

- Signs had been included in the budget.
- Roofing leaks appear to have been solved, but there had been no significant rain for nearly four weeks.
- Capping of the internal pillars had been completed.

Fire route gate

- JM provided a sketch of the proposed gate at the end of the access / fire route to the Workshop rear door. The Euston gates were considered to be too wide. A proprietary gate 6ft x 3ft wide could probably be obtained for £100-£150. JM would approach a local provider. R Baker could provide a stone wall extending from the stone workshop. The gate would be required to open out into the street.
- Consideration should be given to the provision of a sign such as "Crich Telephone Department".
- The paving at the north door of the extension was now completed.

Woodland walk

- The walk has been closed due to the activities of contractors moving spoil and building rubble through the area.
- The tipping area had been graded by the quarry staff. This had extended the potentially useful area of the Fleamarket and would in due course provide an alternative walking route.

- Karen Willis had expressed concern regarding the tipping of building rubble, questioning its relative acid/alkalinity and suggesting that the area had become a land-fill tip. JS advised that building waste was acid neutral.

Museum signage

- The overall image was still awaiting IJL
- JM was reluctant to spend money on the replacement of signs until the marketing image had been resolved.

Red Lion Alley

- Post holes for the hoarding had been dug, posts were on order, and were expected to be positioned in two to three weeks' time. Paving in stone flags for pedestrians would be laid on the north side of the cul-de-sac. Completion was probably by end of May in time for the visit from the DCMS (Baroness Blackstone).
- R Benton was applying to the Ian Allen Heritage Award, an adjudication was possible in June/July.
- Outside staff would concentrate on the Red Lion area.

Landscaping

- Landscaping behind the Red Lion was continuing. The shaping of banks, the provision of suitable growing medium and planting of ground cover plants would continue as weather and volunteer labour allowed.

Cast iron urinal

- The urinal was now usable, but access was restricted because of the incomplete hoarding and paving.
- JM was in discussion with the Events Manager regarding possible portable toilet requirements.

Disabled access

- The scaffold ramp at the south side would include steps down to the rear door area of the kitchen and had been included in the budget.

Sett laying

- JS suggested that as the ground workers were providing such good work, (they cared for the Museum and were interested in their work), could their period of employment be extended. He suggested that as they were adept at sett work, they could be employed on extending the settled area of the street south from the section breaker. It was considered that this would be for only a relatively short period (5 – 10 years) as any relaying of the permanent way at Town End would have an impact. It was considered worth putting in the forthcoming winter budget. An alternative suggestion was to extend the settled area north of the Bridge. AWB advised that we were not in a position to spend money and the Board would need to consider proposals. The principle, however, was acceptable.

Next meeting

- Sunday, 2 June 2002, 2.30 pm., Poplar House, agenda to be restricted to PW group item only.