

The Tramway Museum Society

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Meeting 80 – 11.07. 2005)

Held at the National Tramway Museum Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 11th July 2005 at 2.30pm.

Issue: 1

Present; Messrs A.W. Bond (Chairman), I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. Smith, G.C.G. Wilton and M.C. Wright.

80.1 Minutes of Meeting 79

The minutes of meeting 79, held on 16th May 2005 had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.

80.2 Secretary to the Committee

It was agreed that Mr Adrian Thorpe be invited to be Secretary to the Committee.

80.3 Strategy Meeting

Mr Bond reported that the Board at the recent strategy meeting had requested him to provide by way of 'bullet points' the relevant items from previous reports. He thought that there could be relevant points, particularly from the Wells Report.

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80.4 Stone Workshop – HLF Application

Mr Bond reported that the application had been lodged but that it was unlikely that we would get confirmation before September that grant aid would be provided.

80.5 Access for the visually impaired

It was reported that David Worthington from the East Midlands Hub was to visit the Museum later that week. He would be sounded out about widening Dr Minion's brief.

Mr Wilton agreed to approach Andrew Frost and request a sculpture as part of this year's rent, which could be appreciated by the visually impaired visitors.

It was agreed that as part of a modernisation of the Assembly Rooms exhibition, the signage would be amended to assist the visually impaired.

80.6 Glory Mine

It was noted that the planting on the Glory Mine embankment, which had been promised by the Quarry operators, had not taken place. It was agreed that when a fence had been installed at the Glory Mine, to provide signs encouraging visitors to keep to the path. It was agreed not to surface the area at the Glory Mine used for turning trolley poles, in order not to encourage visitors to wish to alight from tramcars. If we were to encourage visitors to alight, a scheme was needed by September budget in order that works could be in place by spring 2006. Mr Wright was not in favour of allowing passenger to alight at the Glory Mine. Mr Bond requested Messrs Smith and Wright to prepare a paper on the subject in consultation with Mr Hulme for the September meeting of the Development Committee.

80.7 Entrance

Mr Smith introduced the 'Inside Out' proposals for a replacement building. Mr Bond enquired the likely cost and sought confirmation that it would be robust enough to cope with our needs. Mr Smith felt that the basic cost would be about £30,000, which would leave about £20,000 for finishes, barriers etc.

Mr Smith tabled his proposals and the requirements in respect of staff toilets, cleaning cupboard and the electrical installation, were discussed. It was highlighted that the replacement building needed to be completed before the existing premises were demolished. Consequently it might need to be built on the site of the existing toilets. We also needed to consider fencing, the exit gate and the need for a windbreak.

The existing building was 8m by 3m in size and the proposed one would be 13m by 5m including toilets. Mr Wilton suggested the inclusion of several flag poles in the

scheme. A site visit took place when various ideas were discussed with Mr Smith. These included 'turning the building round' to enable staff to see the queue and the car park. Mr Smith agreed to progress matters with 'Inside Out'.

80.8 Emporium

Mr Wright raised the issue of the toilets, which needed refurbishment. It was suggested that both the Ladies and the Gents toilets should be refurbished as a combined Ladies facility. Mr Smith felt that a cost of about £15,000 would be appropriate to refurbish the Ladies toilets and an additional cost of about £5,000 per cubicle if the existing 'gents' facilities were included.

After further discussion it was suggested that the Committee consider conversion of the toilets to provide a Ladies and a unisex disabled facility. Mr Bond requested Mr Smith to look at the proposal; to include ceramic tiled floors and part tiled walls.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4pm.