

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 88 – 23.07.2007)**ACTION**

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 23rd July 2007 at 11.00am.

Issue: 1

Present: Messrs ^{RT} B Pennyfather (Chairman), A.W Bond, I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. Smith, G.C.G.Wilton and M.C. Wright.

Apologies for absence: A. K. Thorpe.

88.1 Minutes of Meeting 87 (08.05.2007)

These were agreed as a true record.

88.2 Professional assistance

Mr Pennyfather stated that the committee needed personnel who could progress schemes proposed in the committee. In this regard he noted that a new member – Don McKillop was a Civil Engineer who had shown willingness to offer assistance to the Society.

88.2 Red Lion ramp

Mr Smith outlined the possibilities to get a new ramp. 'Key Clamp' could be used but the company would only wish to sell the equipment and would not wish to design a ramp. We needed a company who would design a ramp for us.

We could not put a permanent ramp in place until we knew what would happen on the adjacent site. When we knew the future of the Tea Rooms site we could design a permanent ramp solution. Mr Smith pointed out that if we went for a permanent ramp now, the restraining width was the veranda of the Tea Rooms, whilst the tea rooms gully would need re-siting. It might be possible to replace the existing ramp with a better quality one with the existing layout although it was noted that any cold store built underneath would be a permanent feature.

Mr Bond felt that a problem was that we did not know how the Red Lion would operate long term and hence we could not be certain what was required. He suggested that we work on the basis of a ten year life for any ramp. Mr Pennyfather agreed to speak to Miss Isaacs and Mr Moore regarding the requirements of the Retail and Catering Department. It was noted that Tramway Museum Services (R&C) Limited was a separate company and Mr Moore was to be requested to confirm that the TMS could spend money on a ramp to serve the Red Lion.

RTP

Mr Smith agreed to speak to Don McKillop for assistance.

88.3 Entrance ramp

It was noted that in view of the potential cost of works at Wakebridge, there would not be cash available in the order of £160,000. Mr Smith felt that we needed a full survey in order to decide how to proceed. There were two fixed points regarding levels and we had to work between them. We also had to consider the long term future of the quarry and make sure that we did not block options which could be available when the quarry operation ceased. Mr Wright confirmed that the services to the entrance had been designed to facilitate an extension northwards.

The minimum requirement would be a footpath, together with kerbs to the tramstop on the east of the track. It could be done in stages. Better drains would be required and water from the bridge would have to be caught before it flowed down any ramp. Soakaways were also required at the Bandstand to prevent the flow of water down the street. The long term strategy must be to get the mains drainage up to the bridge, as the presently only reached the Red Lion better survey of the entrance, together with Wakebridge and Glory Mine was required. Mr Smith would ask Mike Thorne to seek quotations. Mr Wright would make budget provision.

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It was also suggested that the wooden gates be upgraded to aid security.

Mr Wilton suggested that any upgrade of the area should include traffic lights north of the bridge, by the Bandstand.

Mr Smith agreed to provide a basic plan of action for the entrance ramp.

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88.4 Toilet facilities at Town End

Mr Smith agreed to prepare sketches for a unisex disabled toilet after discussions with Mr Wilton.

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GCGW

88.5 Options for Glory Mine

Discussion was deferred until the next following meeting.

88.6 Wakebridge

Mr Wright indicated that the Board had seen his draft specification for the replacement of the trackwork at Wakebridge and that he was talking to contractors regarding both the specification and the necessary castings. The specification provided for a concrete raft although the siding would be on sleepers, the north point being moved slightly north and ducting for lighting. At present the whole layout was laid on ballast.

Edgar Allen could supply the castings, but Mr Wright had not received any prices, although he hoped to have them by the next following Board meeting. Edgar Allen were to be asked to provide all the castings and design the layout; then a contractor would be asked to build it. (Mr Wright informed the meeting that only Edgar Allen could supply the castings.) The work would release two right hand points for use on the depot fan.

The objective was to have the track usable fully by Easter and to keep the existing levels at each end of the work. The contract would include the reinstatement of all the surfaces and steps. Mr Wright felt that it was still questionable whether it could be achieved this winter due to the lead in times. Mr Smith would assist with the contractual side of matters.

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Mr Smith outlined various options for the method of carrying out the work. Mr Wright indicated that components represented about 40% of the cost of the scheme. To get a maintenance free solution would be more expensive, but a lower cost solution would incur higher maintenance costs. Both solutions needed to be considered. Having a 'partner', rather than tendering the scheme was also discussed Mr Smith would outline to Mr Wright, the advantages and problems of each option.

Mr Pennyfather agreed that Messrs Smith and Wright should discuss the options for progressing the scheme with Mr Moore outside the meeting. (Mr Moore was understood to be present at the Museum on the day of the meeting.)

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88.7 The Stone Workshop

It was understood that a progress meeting was to be held with the HLF in September.

88.8 Provision of a Storage Facility

Mr Wilton indicated that the two external containers at Clay Cross would be used for the storage of less valuable items, with the more valuable items in the premises. Storage at the Museum was to be rationalised and this was working well. He indicated that Mr Smith had given him various leads for temporary buildings.

88.9 The Woodland Walk

The BTCV had started edging paths on the Woodland Walks but had stopped temporarily following floods at their premises.

88.10 Date of Next Meeting:

The chairman would propose suitable dates outside the meeting.