

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 90 - 07.01.08)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 7th January 2008 at 10.00am.

Issue: 1

Present: Messrs B Pennyfather (Chairman), A.W Bond, I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. Smith, A. K. Thorpe, G.C.G. Wilton and M.C. Wright.

90.1 Apologies for absence:

None.

90.2 Minutes of Meeting 89 (12.11.07)

Agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Issues relating to the quarry would be put on next Agenda since there had been no progress since the last meeting.

90.3 Red Lion Ramp:

Mr Pennyfather reiterated the need for a ramp to the first floor of the Red Lion along with a small cool storage area. Mr Smith said that having regard to our existing structures, the gradient would be steeper than required by DDA regulations. Account also had to be taken of our employees currently servicing the Red Lion by the rear ramp.

It was agreed that given the existing structures, we would not be able to provide a gradient that met DDA requirements. Therefore, we should make improvements to the existing arrangements. These should include a new, wider ramp that looks more aesthetically pleasing and possibly a porch at The Red Lion entrance, either inside or outside the existing building.

The best structure was thought to be concrete walls with slabs across to create the deck, with hand rails secured to the concrete walls. It was agreed that the steps off the ramp should remain. The rear ramp should also be made permanent using a similar structure.

It was agreed that this work should be done at the end of this season.

ACTION: AS and RTP to prepare a paper, and to ensure that budget was in place.

90.4 Bandstand Area including Entrance Ramp:

Mr Wright reiterated that the principle of this is in the Development Report. Mr Wilton said that we needed to decide a layout. Mr Wilton said that he would go through some 1930's photographs with a view to identifying suitable layouts and street furniture and prepare a follow up paper. Mr Wright mentioned some possible templates from Liverpool.

Mr Smith reiterated the need for a survey. Mr Pennyfather said that this could be done as soon as we had a brief prepared. The Board had approved this with the possibility of Wakebridge and Glory Mine following.

Mr Pennyfather said that this was an ideal 'tick over' project. Mr Wilton said that we should write an article for The Journal and ask for volunteers. The phone box and kerb line to the

west could be done almost immediately. There was some discussion over sourcing railings and Mr Wilton agreed to speak to Ms Barrett to find contacts for some items that he thought might become available.

It was agreed that a budget needed to be requested for this project.

Mr Pennyfather suggested that we should still develop the park area around the bandstand. He would speak to Mr Blythe regarding changing the location used by market stalls at events.

ACTION: GCW to prepare Journal articles and to further develop the paper. RTP to seek budget. AS to prepare brief for survey

90.5 Toilet Facilities at Town End:

It was agreed that Mr Smith's proposal should be worked up. A high quality result should be sought, particularly given the high quality of our competition. This should include new facilities, flooring, ventilation and possible heating. The 'disabled' facility should be located so as to create a dog leg screen to hide the urinals.

In addition it was agreed that the screens at the entrances were rotten and may also need replacing.

ACTION: AS to finalise the draft drawings and proposals.

90.6 First Aid Room:

Further information regarding costs were to be sought from Mrs Barber. Mr Smith was to seek a second quote.

ACTION: RTP to follow up with RB. AS to seek quotation.

90.7 Wakebridge:

It was agreed that issues regarding track work were out of this Committee's hands. Mr Smith reported that he was meeting the contractors that day.

There was some discussion over the provision of a fence at Wakebridge around some of the larger equipment. It was also agreed that interpretation equipment would be useful.

Other issues would need to be considered once the track work had been completed.

ACTION: AS/MCW

90.8 Glory Mine

It was reiterated that we could not proceed this until we had considered the track layout. This could not be done whilst work was in progress at Wakebridge.

Mr Wright said that the Committee needed to finalise plans for Glory Mine towards the end of the year. Mr Wright said he thought the track had another 5 years life left, but trackwork was not an exact science.

ACTION: RTP to include on future Agenda

90.9 Stone Workshop

Mr Wilton said that the Derbyshire Museums Development Officer had offered help with the application to the HLF but this had delayed submission. The application needed to be submitted by the end of March. The construction work would need to be undertaken over a winter period.

Mr Pennyfather asked if we had an up to date floor plan. Mr Wilton said that there will be two single rooms, with the upstairs room linked to the workshop viewing gallery. There would be toilet facilities on the ground floor, ramped access and fire exit upstairs.

Mr Wright mentioned that the drainage would need to be organised so as to avoid flooding of the ground floor.

ACTION: GCW to submit the application

90.10 Storage Facility

Mr Wilton will request the budget for the buildings already discussed. The storage area is the preferred area subject to Planning Permission. BTCV volunteers may be able to level the ground and prepare a floor.

ACTION: GCW to prepare a paper for the board.

90.11 Memorial Benches

Mr Pennyfather had spoken to Mr Brian Longworth and Mr Hulme. The Committee needed to draft a policy of the sort of benches that were suitable. An alternative to benches might be creating a memorial garden near to bandstand.

The policy needed to include a 'shopping list' of memorial street furniture.

ACTION: AT to put together a paper for next meeting and also to look at street furniture and find out what we already have from Glynn/survey. AWB to put together a list looking at alternatives to benches.

90.12 Any Other Business

Road Signs and Allotment project both ongoing.

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 10th March 2008, 10am