

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 92 – 17-11-08) *DRAFT*

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 17th November 2008 at 10.00am.

Issue: 1

Present: Messrs R.T.Pennyfather (Chairman), I.M. Dougill, A. Smith, G.C.G.Wilton, M.C.Wright, A. ^K~~D~~E. Thorpe (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies for absence: A.W Bond

92.1 Minutes of Meeting 91 (13.03.2008)

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Action

92.2 Membership of the Committee:

It was agreed to consider Membership of the Committee as Mr Bond would not be able to provide such an active role on the committee. It was agreed to enquire if Mr Sykes would be interested in joining the committee.

It was agreed that Mr Thorpe would extract a list of items that the Committee needed to address from the Society's 'Moving Forward' report. Mr Pennyfather was already compiling a list of items that the committee needed to achieve.

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92.3 Ripley Police Station:

The church in Ripley had offered the former Ripley Police Station to the Museum. It was felt likely that the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DDEP) would offer grant aid, whilst the Derbyshire Police were likely to offer part of their collection for display with appropriate financial support. It was felt that the police collection could be displayed on the ground floor whilst conference facilities could be provided on the first floor. The grant funding was likely to have to be spent by 2010, so the premises would need to be erected in the winter of 2009 / 2010.

It was likely to cost £1 million to take down the police station and to rebuild it at the Museum and to provide a community centre for the church. Consultants acting for the church and the Society had submitted separate grant applications to DDEP on behalf of both the Church and the Society. Whilst our application had been approved, it had been capped at £400,000 which was likely to be insufficient. At the date of the meeting, the Church's application had not been approved. Additional funding was likely to be required and the Board were likely to be requested to approve the appointment of consultants to seek additional funding elsewhere. An application needed to be submitted to DDEP 12th December 2008. This is prior to the next Board Meeting on 13th December 2008.

Mr Wilton suggested submitting an application on the basis that we would need to seek additional grant funding to proceed. This was agreed.

GCG
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The building was about the same size of the Yorkshire Penny Bank facade. It was felt that it could go behind The Eagle Press or north of the Red Lion although both locations would require a significant amount of earth removal which would be expensive.

92.4 The Bandstand Area:

Development of this area had received general support in an informal poll of the Subscriber Plus Fund although it could not be placed formally before members of the fund until proposals had been prepared. Mr Wilton agreed to formalise his existing note on the subject.

GCG
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It was agreed that we would purchase a K6 telephone box. A Hull box would be acceptable but red was preferred. The 1930's traffic lights which we had in stock, would be installed, as part of the scheme. We would need to decide whether the lights should work, and whether they should be controlled manually or automatically.

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Mr Wright had located Mr Soper's plans of the area.

92.5 The Woodland Walk

We had a definite offer of a genuine Anderson Shelter which was in very good condition. This would be installed on the Woodland Walk, but we need to be sure that digging it in would not cause deterioration. We could not get the body of Nottingham 92 out of Clay Cross at present, so we would have to wait for an opportunity to do so.

92.6 The Stone Workshop

Funding for this scheme was in place and architects were being selected.

The clock would need to be moved and Mr Wilton suggested relocating it onto the Workshop Extension, over the main entrance to the workshop viewing area. This was to be considered and discussed at the next meeting of the committee.

GCGW

92.7 Toilet Facilities at Town End

Mr Smith agreed to contact some local builders for quotations, with a view to undertaking the necessary work.

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92.8 First Aid Cabin

This was now in position.

92.9 Assembly Rooms Stone Arch

It was agreed that this was a lower priority project but that in the interim the First Aid Cabin should be painted a darker colour. We should investigate moving the project forward when builders were on site for The Stone Workshop or the Ripley Police Station.

92.10 Red Lion Ramp

An external lift had been suggested as an alternative to replacement of the ramp. However, it was agreed that there was no suitable location to install a lift. It was agreed that the existing ramp should remain but that it should be widened. Mr. Don McKillop had been looking at the potential to install a beer storage area under the ramp. It was agreed that Mr Smith would speak to Mr McKillop.

AS

92.11 Memorials

Mr Thorpe was to undertake a survey to establish where there was potential to install new benches around the museum. Suitable locations suggested were Town End, around the Red Lion Yard and along the street between the Bowes Lion Bridge and Town End.

A protocol needed to be established to determine how plaques were ordered for the obelisk - who decides the size of the plaque, style of bench etc. The benefactor should not have rights to establish where the location of the bench goes in order that the bench could be moved.

As an alternative to providing a bench in memory of a relative etc., it was felt that people should have the option of donating to the Subscriber Plus fund and placing a plaque on the obelisk.

There were currently three types of bench in the Museum:- park benches (with cast ends); garden benches (wooden ones); and, bar benches (with no back). It was suggested that we should investigate the option of developing a TMS casting that could be used on all our benches.

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Road Signs

Mr Wright was pursuing a number of options for road signs, particularly north of the bridge. All signs put up would be replicas. Originals would be stored as Tramway Memorabilia.

MCW

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It was also proposed to replace public convenience signs with 'Ladies' and 'Gents' signs.

92.13 Wakebridge

Mr Dougill was working with The Peak District Mines Historical Society (PDMHS) to draw up a Licence Agreement between the Society and the PDMHS.

IMD

The Camera Obscura and two cinema projectors were currently in Winston's Property and would need to be moved shortly. For the camera obscura, only the optical equipment was available so a new building would be required, thus putting back any likely construction.

92.14 Glory Mine

It was agreed that facilities here would not include buildings for security reasons, and that provision of any significant facilities would have to wait until the track layout was finalised.

Mr Wright suggested that we need a track layout at the Glory Mine to minimise wear and tear on vehicles. This could be achieved with the same layout as we had, but with right hand running. Trams would then only go around the loop if they were passing at Glory Mine.

Mr Pennyfather suggested a Y arrangement with a straight track from the cattle grid into the stub. Mr Wright had serious operational concerns over this layout from previous experience when we had a Y layout at Wakebridge.

92.15 Town End

Following discussion of a number of different possible arrangements it was agreed that Town End worked very well at the moment with the current arrangement, for both our trams and visitors. It was noted that the current layout could and has handled vast numbers of visitors in the past. Various options were discussed. Different members had differing views and it was agreed that the matter needed further consideration.

Whichever layout is agreed, it was agreed that the railings should be extended north and south of The Eagle Press towards the tram stops.

92.16 Any Other Business

None.

92.17 Date of Next Meeting

10 am Monday 26th January 2009 in the Project Room