

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 93 – 26.01.2009)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 26th January 2009 at 10.00am.

Issue: 1

Present: Messrs R.T. Pennyfather (Chairman), I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. Smith, R. Sykes, A. K. Thorpe and M.C. Wright,

93.1 Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Mr. G.C.G. Wilton.

93.2 Mr. A.W. Bond

The Committee recorded their sadness at the death of its founder Member, Winstan Bond. It was noted that he had not missed a single meeting of the Development Committee since its establishment. His vision had led to the creation of the Development Report which had guided the infrastructure of the Museum.

93.3 Presentation by Richard Sykes

Mr Pennyfather welcomed Mr. Sykes to the meeting. He was attending a meeting of the committee for the first time. He had taken on Board responsibility for Estates and indicated that he was developing a planned maintenance programme and a 3 year programme in terms of a Museum wide painting schedule. He hoped to be proactive, rather than reactive.

Mr Sykes suggested that a role of the Committee should be to look at identifying funding sources for new projects.

He was spending £4,000 of a £6,000 budget on The Eagle Press. The Committee had been offered the remainder for any related projects that it might be pursuing. Mr Dougill indicated a need to edge the flags around the rear of the Eagle Press, whilst Mr Pennyfather wished to see the building extended for use as a traffic office.

The need to replace the flag pole and trim the trees if it were to remain in its existing position was highlighted.

He indicated that he had a budget allocation of £2,500 for flooring work to the Bandstand.

He noted that approximately £9,000 is required to be budgeted to undertake tree works adjacent to the right of way in the Wakebridge area.

In response to a question from Mr Pennyfather, Mr Sykes reported that Rita's Team Room was in good condition and did not need to be replaced, although some adjacent trees needed to be trimmed.

It was agreed that trees along the street between The Red Lion and the Bowes Lion Bridge should be thinned, provided it did not make the street look too bare.

Mr Sykes had produced some guidance notes on CDM (Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007), which need to be taken into account in the implementation of any projects. Mr Wright enquired the benefit to our business needs of such procedures. Mr Sykes replied that this was limited, but was necessary to comply with the procedures to cover the overall interests of the Society.

Mr Smith asked if there was a record of regular inspection of the Street. Mr Sykes had not seen any record of this nature; however it was agreed that it was something that should be undertaken.

93.4 Minutes of Meeting 92 (17.11.08)

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting. It was confirmed that Adrian Thorpe's initial were AKT.

Mr Wright noted that every set of Development Committee minutes were available on the Society's computer server. He is also in the process of uploading associated papers and drawings.

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Mr Sykes did not feel able to join the committee until he had progressed his responsibilities for Estates. Other candidates had been suggested and it was agreed that Mr Pennyfather would approach Mr N. Sturgess to see if he would be interested in joining the Committee.

RTP

Mr Pennyfather suggested creating a role of a Volunteer Development Officer, whose role would involve working on and moving forward some of the Committees projects. It was agreed that this role should be progressed. Mr Pennyfather would speak to Mrs Rigg.

RTP

93.6 Town End Trackwork

The Board sought the views of the committee on the new layout. Mr Wright circulated a paper from meeting 58 when this subject was previously discussed and a note indicating a number of different options. These are attached to the minutes. Mr Pennyfather had received two suggestions of different track layouts, a scissors crossing and a triangle, including a track in front of the Assembly Rooms. Mr Wright said that the total cost of a scissors crossing would be in the region of £750,000. A triangle would also be very expensive.

Mr Wright said that anything other than replacing the existing layout would prove to be very expensive, particularly as it would probably also involve significant overhead works.

Mr Pennyfather said that he had had long discussions with Mr Wright and with Mr Shawcross over improving the operational layout, but their conclusions were that there was limited potential to change what we already had. Although it had disadvantages, they were fewer than the potential disadvantages of the other possible schemes.

Mr Sykes indicated that in terms of the time taken to make new points, the decision over a layout needed to be taken at the next Board meeting.

It was agreed that a joint Journal article should prepared by Messrs Pennyfather, Shawcross and Wright, explaining the discussions that had taken place regarding Town End.

RTP
JMS
MCW

The specification for this work would need to be prepared soon. The Committee request that the following were fully taken into account in preparing the specification:

- Appearance of the area within and opportunities to improve the street scene
- Surfacing and the use of setts (perhaps through surface treatment)
- Ensuring enough space for easy and safe visitor circulation; (particularly with consideration to busy days).

RTP

93.7 Ripley Police Station

Mr Dougill reported that Mr Sykes was arranging a meeting with 'Focus' the potential consultants. He was also looking at the possibility of using different consultants.

Mr Dougill noted that there is little in the Police Station. Therefore, we had the opportunity to make changes behind the facade. Mr Dougill said his favoured location would be north of the Red Lion. This would help to extend the enclosure of the street further north.

The alternative location was in the vicinity of the 'trams running board' at Town End. Mr Wright also noted the possibility of using the building to replace the Entrance Building.

It was suggested that a Town End location would require removal of the Ice Cream Kiosk, and that it might look out of place located immediately behind the Eagle Press, particularly given that it is a brick building, in an area that is predominantly of stone construction.

North of the Red Lion was the Committee's preferred location and it was agreed that this should be costed and investigated further.

GCGW

93.8 Red Lion Ramp

There was some discussion of a number of issues in this location; the ramp; the beer cellar, and kitchen facilities. Mr Pennyfather advocated a new kitchen block, to incorporate

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- a basement beer cellar. Mr Pennyfather agreed to speak to Messrs Moore, Watkins and Miss Isaacs regarding the current kitchen facilities. RTP
- 93.9 Bandstand Area
- There was the possibility of Subscriber Plus funding for this project. The purchase of a telephone box needed to be progressed. It was agreed that Mr Wright would speak to Mr Sykes to progress matters. It was agreed that the Museum would purchase a red one, as opposed to the Hull variety. MCW
- 93.10 Toilet Facilities at Town End
- Mr Smith had met with a building contractor. We would need to separately contract plumbers, electricians etc., as necessary. He was investigating the practicalities of amending the plumbing and water heating arrangements. Mr Pennyfather suggested the use of infra-red taps to save water.
- It was suggested that a suspended ceiling could be installed however this might prevent natural light into the building. If this proved to be the case, the ceiling would be painted black. Mr Smith agreed to liaise with Mr Sykes. AS
- The toilets should be bright and welcoming, making use of period fittings and incorporate a unisex disabled facility.
- 93.11 Wakebridge
- Mr Dougill said that he still needed to meet the PDMHS lawyer.
- 93.12 Glory Mine
- It had previously been agreed that picnic tables could be installed, but not buildings due to security and maintenance issues. However this could not take place until we were able to allow passengers to alight from tramcars.
- 93.13 Stone Workshop
- There was nothing to report in Mr Wilton's absence.
- 93.14 Woodland Walk
- It was agreed that modern signage on the tramway should not be used. Traditional signage should be maintained.
- Mr Wright was progressing the copies of other signs in his custody for use throughout the Village.
- 93.15 Storage Facility
- There was nothing to report in Mr Wilton's absence.
- 93.16 Any Other Business
- Benches and Memorials
- Mr Thorpe presented a draft report (attached with these minutes). It was agreed that this should be considered and discussed further at the next meeting.
- It was felt that standard cast iron ends, unique to the Museum and including the letters TMS would help to achieve a brand and a standard design for benches throughout the Tramway Village.
- Mr Thorpe agreed to prepare a draft 'memorials' policy for discussion at the next meeting.
- 93.17 Projects for the Future
- Mr Pennyfather requested comments on his 'ideas' paper. It was agreed that they should be scored and prioritised.
- We should also create a record of what the Committee had achieved in the past. What we have achieved and what we still need to achieve, including 3 or 4 of our top priorities, could form the basis of a Journal article. RTP

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93.18 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th March 10am. (To be confirmed.)