THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 95 - 29.06.09)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 29th June 2009 at 10.00am.

Issue: 1

Present; Messrs, I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. K. Thorpe (Minutes Secretary), A. Smith, N. Sturgess, G.C.G. Wilton.

95.1 Apologies for absence:

R.T. Pennyfather (Chairman), M.C. Wright (due to Traffic Department (Inspector) commitments.

95.2 Minutes of Meeting 94 (16.3.09)

These were agreed as a true record.

95.3 Town End Trackwork and Surrounding Area

It was reported that the Board had agreed that the Town End track work scheduled for winter 2009/2010 will take place south of The Eagle Press. The existing layout will be replicated.

The foundations and rail used would be such as to retain the option of placing setts in the future. A tarmac top surface will be provided initially. This will allow enable either 'ground workers' or volunteer labour to be used at a future date.

The Board had requested that The Development Committee consider the options available to tidy up, reinforce and bring into use the bank that lies east of Town End terminus and to the west of the main entrance road to the Museum. This was in order that works to this area could be undertaken at the same time as the Town End track works.

There followed a site visit when the area was inspected from numerous angles with regard to trees, levels, potential access points and means of access together with uses for the area.

It was considered that a brick retaining wall would be required east of Town End.

It was agreed that Mr. Smith would draft a number of options for Mr. Pennyfather to present to the Board. A final option would be required to be chosen in time for the work to proceed over winter 2009/2010.

ACTIO NAS/R

95.4 Ripley Police Station

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.5 Red Lion Ramp

Mr Smith said that in order to proceed this we need to get a scaffolding company to provide a design to meet our requirements. It was agreed that he would organise this.

ACTIO NAS

95.6 Bandstand Area (including area to the north of Bowes Lyon Bridge)

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.7 Toilet Facilities at Town End

Mr Smith reported that the total cost for work to the Gents Assembly Rooms toilet would be £11,760 excluding plumbing. A total cost of £16,000 was estimated. This included clearing out the whole of the inside, improving ventilation, new hand-driers, installation of a disabled toilet in accordance with Regulations, two new cubicles, a new store room, new floor and wall tiles.

It was agreed that Mr Pennyfather would take this to the Board with a recommendation to proceed over winter 2009/2010.

ACTIO NRTP

95.8 Wakebridge

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It was noted that there was still some outside works to be completed, but the Committee were not aware of the timescale or programme of planned works.

95.9 Glory Mine

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.10 Stone Workshop

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.11 Woodland Walk

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.12 Storage Facility

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

95.13 Benches and Memorials

It was agreed that any further comments on the draft policy should be provided to Mr Thorpe by mid July in order that Mr Pennyfather could be present it to a future meeting of Board.

ACTIO NALL

95.14 Projects for the Future

It was agreed that comments on the schedule should be provided to Mr Smith.

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95.15 Any Other Business

Mr Dougill commented on the fact that new doors had been fitted to the workshop which were green and that the depot fan railings were being painted blue. He felt that this was not representative of a municipal tram operator which would have had a standard colour scheme and would have painted their entire infrastructure the same colour. Mr Dougill asked Messrs Sturgess and Thorpe to draft a policy on design rules and colour schemes to be used throughout the period street scene and the wider village.

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It was reported that at least one application has been received for the Development Officer post.

95.16 Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged for early September.