

# THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

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## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting no 98, held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 9th August 2010 at 10.00am.

Present; Messrs, A Willis (Chairman) I.M. Dougill (Secretary), A. K. Thorpe (Minutes Secretary), A. Smith, M.C. Wright, J Soper

98.1 Apologies for absence:

N. Sturgess, G.C.G. Wilton.

98.2 Minutes of Meeting 97 (28.4.10)

These were agreed without amendment.

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere:

a: Street interpretation (GCGW): no information.

b: Belliss & Morcom engine (GCGW) no information.

c: Non-slip smoothway: No information

d: Development Report draft three: MCW had not received any suggestions.

**Action: ALL**

e: Cobbler's shop: Timpsons is to be approached to establish a cobblers shop in the Craft Cottage.

**Action: AW**

98.3 Town End area including Landscaping

East side of terminus: A tall (6ft?) wooden fence was required, covered with period adverts, to assist in creating a sense of enclosure and hide the bank, which was crumbling. Opinion to be consulted regarding planning permission.

**Action: AW**

In carrying out the track work in February 2010, the conduits to the Tardis were damaged leaving it without power or telephone. The Bundy Clock had been loosened on its foundations and consequently did not work. Urgent attention required. The Committee was concerned that elements of detail such as these have been left unrepaired for such a long time.

**Action: AW to review with R.Sykes**

98.4 Ripley Police Station

The Committee reviewed the display prepared for the AGM and endorsed the proposal. Disabled access to the upper floor could be provided by a bridge from the car park road, although this is not very practical, being outside the ticket boundary and requiring a long walk to reach it. A complete lift (as in the Workshop) would be extremely expensive; a stairlift was considered more appropriate and cheaper. Another possibility might be a walkway along the back of the Red Lion. See 98.5 below.

98.5 Red Lion Ramp

The Committee was unaware of the result of Mr Wilton's discussion with the architect for the Stone Workshop. JS had already prepared a scheme, which because of the physical limitations of the area, was steeper than the recommended gradient, but which had previously received building regulations approval. MCW circulated copies of these proposals, which were previously considered at meeting 81 on 22 August 2005.

It was agreed to cost the ramp with wall and railings to the front, beer cellar and paved terrace. The kitchen extension and cast iron canopy would be a later addition but would be provided for

**Action AW and JS**

JS and AW agreed to arrange a pre-application meeting with the Council's Planning Department and Building Control to discuss this proposal.

**Action: AW, JS**

This project is already in the Board's 5 year plan.

98.6 Bandstand Area (subscriber plus)

Trustees of the Subscriber Plus Fund, currently at £45,000 are interested using it in developing the Bandstand Area as recommended in the Development Reports...

JS has produced a scheme for the whole of the bandstand area split into 4 phases. The scheme was endorsed, provided the southbound Compulsory tram stop remained the required distance from the interlacing and the double (tram) track footprint did not change.

Phase 1 concerned the west side only, with railings around the bandstand park, with gates and vehicle entrance, kerbing, 1930s paving stone pavements and telephone box. Railings, gates and kerbs are in stock. Scheme to be costed.

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**Action: AS**

After costing, the Subscriber Plus Fund (Derek Redmond) would be contacted

**Action: AW**

The Health and Safety Committee would be informed of the proposals when appropriate.

**Action: AW**

JS has produced a schedule of works. It was agreed it would be ideal to do phase 1 over the winter 2010-11.

**Action AW, JS, AS**

JS to send 3 copies of the drawing to AW.

**Action JS**

98.7 Toilet Facilities at Town End

Ladies' and Gents' facilities at Town End were both now complete, subject to door closures being fitted. MCW has the patterns for fingerpost signs to be cast for fitting to lamp posts. Three sets. Quotes for the signs to be obtained.

**Action: MCW**

The Stephenson Place toilets would be done over the coming winter. One cubicle with open access to cul-de-sac would be switchable to cover any loss of gents' facilities, should the Town End capacity be unavailable.

98.8 Wakebridge

No progress with regard to finger posts or barriers for the mining exhibits. There are two 21st Century street barriers at the south end which require removal.

**Action AW to review with R.Sykes**

98.9 Glory Mine

Picnic Tables, Shelter and Camera Obscura proposed. PDMS is also keen to present some of the mine shafts. Shaded surfacing, decking and fencing also proposed.

Application made to the Aggregate Levy Fund – awaiting outcome. To be considered at the meeting with the Council planners.

**Action AW JS**

98.10 Stone Workshop

No information. (GCGW)

98.11 Woodland Walk (GCGW)

Disappointment noted that some of the sculptures had not been looked after and needed significant attention.

98.12 Storage Facility

No information (GCGW)

98.13 Benches and Memorials

AT to resubmit. AW has some comments to submit to AT

**Action: AT**

98.14 Projects for the Future

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a: Blackpool Depot Fund - £3,000 already raised. Quote for 120ftx20ft 2 tracks £30,000 erected. Can be insulated. The building would be a store, not to be open to visitors, and not necessarily contain the latest trams from Blackpool.

**Action: AW**

b: A tram shelter from Thanet could become available. No information as to its condition or construction.

**Action: AW**

c: Two Manchester Metrolink tram stop ticket machines had been donated. Proposal required as to what to do with them.

**Action: GCGW**

98.15 Any Other Business

none

98.16 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 10am, Poplar House.

circulation: Those present, those apologising