

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 99 - 15.11.10)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 15th November 2010 at 10.00am.

Issue: 1

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

In attendance: Mr. Richard Robson.

99.1 Apologies for absence:

Mr. N. Sturgess

99.2 Minutes of Meeting 98 (09.08.10)

These were agreed as a true record, subject to Ian Dougill's apologies being added.

Jim Soper's appointment to the Committee has been reported to the Board.

The Board has agreed turning Craft Cottage into a Cobblers Shop and Andrew Willis is to contact Timpsons.

ACTION AW

Glynn Wilton suggested that we should approach the Prism Fund to protect and interpret the Bellis and Morcom engine. Glynn Wilton to approach a local engineer, 'Stan', to provide us with a quote.

ACTION
GW

The slippery wooden smooth way alongside depot is to be replaced by new appropriate material.

Glynn Wilton to investigate an Interpretation/Identification board regarding the street furniture around the Museum.

ACTION
GW

99.3 Bandstand area re-development (Richard Robson to report on proposed track re-laying)

Richard Robson explained the track work taking place in this area and the need to widen the tracks to provide the necessary clearances to meet legislation (860mm from side of tram to pole, for example). Currently, on the northbound track this would require moving the tram shelter and kerb line back, thus reducing the size of the park. It was therefore agreed that it would be preferable to excavate the embankment on the east side (phase 4 of the proposal) and move the track to provide all clearances in an easterly direction.

Richard Robson is also considering centre poles in this area. Glynn Wilton was supportive that we demonstrate centre poles which we currently do not have in the Museum.

Richard Robson will provide some various cross sections to assist with developing various options based on car widths and tramway legislation. The final design will need approval of the Railway Inspectorate.

ACTION
RR

Richard Robson said that having lasted 40 years the rail had sunk and also cracked in eight places between Stephenson Place and Bowes Lyon Bridge. The sinkage is wearing out the track. It needs to be excavated and a concrete base installed but this would require relaying of the setts over the top. This needs to be taken into account before any new setts are laid.

The track at Glory Mine has worn by 7-8mm and is also moving sideways as a result of thermal expansion. The track team will need 2 years notice before any work is undertaken there to prepare and refurbish the new track that needs to be laid.

Richard Robson said that he is expecting some rail from Blackpool on the basis that we are taking some of their heritage fleet and need something to stand them on. Development Committee are supportive of this.

Adrian Thorpe said that it had been useful to understand about the track-work that will be required. He thought that the Board needs to consider both track-work and Development Committee work together and programme combined projects over the next few years, thereby giving sufficient time for projects to be planned and prepared.

ACTION
BOARD

Richard Robson left the meeting at this point.

Allan Smith said that the cost of removing the stone from the woods (the Theatre) and building the wall around the Park would cost £40,000 (provided we have enough – if not the cost would be higher). It would cost a total of £55,000 if we were also to include York Stone paving.

Due to this high cost Allan Smith suggested a brick wall instead. It was agreed that a brick wall surrounding a Victorian park would be appropriate. Jim Soper said that we might have some in stock left over from the Red Lion. We could also replace York Stone with concrete paving slabs and this was also agreed as being appropriate for a 1930s period.

The sett gutter would not be necessary and tarmac could run to the kerb. There is no drainage/soak-away downhill until the depot crossover points. Drainage in the bandstand area would need to be investigated and provided if necessary to prevent puddles.

An extra street light is also included in the Plan. This is not in stock and would need to be purchased. A phone box would also need to be provided.

Self set trees would be removed and replaced with 5 new trees appropriate for a Victorian Park.

Traffic lights will not be included due to the operational problems that would be associated with them. White line markings will however be painted.

Allan Smith is going to finalise the cost of the full project and then Andrew Willis is going to speak to Derek Redmond to ensure that the Subscriber Plus Fund will pay for the project. Glynn Wilton mentioned that there is a brick laying course run by South East Derbyshire College and they may be able to build the wall for us. They may also be able to lay the pavement. Other colleges are likely to run similar courses. Allan Smith suggested we send such colleges the Plans for their advice and to see if they would be interested.

99.4 Development Report

Andrew Willis circulated the report and asked for comments prior to discussion at a future meeting.

ACTION
ALL

99.5 Town End area including Landscaping

Andrew Willis has asked Richard Sykes to price a 4ft fence in front of the embankment at Town End. Richard Sykes is to excavate and re-locate the Bundy Clock.

ACTION
AW

	With great reluctance, the Committee needs to investigate how best to clearly identify trip hazards at Town End. White lining was considered however this would be wholly inappropriate within the period street scene. With greater consideration at design stage, trip hazards such as this could have been 'designed out' of the scheme.	ACTION AW
99.6	<u>Ripley Police Station</u>	
	No progress due to lack of funding. Andrew Willis is to approach the local Chambers of Commerce in order to start a local fund. Glynn Wilton suggested contacting HLF again as they will have more money after 2012.	ACTION AW
99.7	<u>Red Lion Ramp</u>	
	At the previous meeting it was agreed to cost up for the ramp with wall or railings to the front, beer cellar and paved terrace. The kitchen extension and cast iron canopy could be considered at a later date and all works carried out must be designed to allow for this possibility. Allan Smith agreed to follow up costings for this next week.	ACTION AS
	There was debate about the appropriateness of a first floor extension to the sweet shop to extend the Tea Rooms seating area and also the provision of a new kitchen within the Red Lion itself.	
	Adrian Thorpe suggested we already have the additional seating area in the Red Lion. It just needs to be appropriately connected to the Tea Room terrace, and this should also be taken into account in designing the Red Lion ramp.	
99.8	<u>Toilet Facilities behind Sweet Shop</u>	
	The refurbishment is currently being implemented. There is continued concern about whether there will be sufficient Gents provision.	
	Adrian Thorpe asked that all tram crews are made aware of the code to access the Library in order for them to be able to use the toilet facilities in there.	ACTION AW
99.9	<u>Wakebridge</u>	
	No progress with regard to finger posts. Andrew Willis has reminded Richard Sykes.	
99.10	<u>Glory Mine</u>	
	As reported at previous meeting, picnic tables, shelter and camera obscura proposed. PDMS are also keen to present some of the mine shafts. Shale surfacing, decking and fencing also proposed.	
	Glynn Wilton said that we would need to ensure that everywhere is accessible for people in wheelchairs.	
	We have been unsuccessful in our application to the Aggregate Levy fund, however, there will be further opportunities as this fund donates annually.	
99.11	<u>Stone Workshop</u>	
	The scheme is taking place over the winter.	
99.12	<u>Woodland Walk</u>	
		ACTION GW

There is unattractive compacted stone in front of the storytelling chair which is disappointing given that the intention was to have a wooden boardwalk and an area for children to listen to the stories. Glynn Wilton is to follow this up with Richard Sykes.

It is unfortunate that there is no budget for the upkeep of the sculptures. Some may have to be removed such as the goat due to their deterioration. The resident sculptor is maintaining his own sculptures but not the others.

Glynn Wilton has ideas for the woodland walk such as musical instruments but funding is required to take this forward.

99.13 Storage Facility

£10,000 was requested in the budget however this was unsuccessful. The budget is going to be requested again next year.

ACTION GW

99.14 Benches and Memorials

Adrian Thorpe to resubmit. Andrew Willis has some comments to submit to Adrian Thorpe.

ACTION AW

Blackpool Depot Fund

Ian Dougill said that the depot facility for the Blackpool trams is critical as these will be arriving from late 2011. Ian Dougill asked Andrew Willis to do a paper to the Board. The Committee's preferred location for the building is where the new rail stillage area is.

ACTION AW

99.15 Projects for the Future

Glynn Wilton updated on his preferred location for the Anderson shelter and allotment in the vicinity of the children's playground. This was endorsed by the Committee.

Allan Smith said that we need to be aware that we will need to rebuild the street in the not too distant future. The track-work alone will cost £5 million.

Allan Smith requested that Andrew Willis approach the Board to get a definitive site plan drawn up. This would likely cost in region of £1,000. Malcolm Wright will speak to Richard Sykes to see what we already have and then raise at Board.

ACTION
AW/MW

99.16 Any Other Business

Malcolm Wright said that he would like to remove the poor specimen trees and hedging along the east side of the track along the street.

Adrian Thorpe suggested replanting with a few specimen street trees at appropriate intervals, however, not everyone was keen on this.

Allan Smith and Adrian Thorpe agreed to visit locations, as discussed during the meeting, after the meeting closed.

99.17 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th February 2011 at 10.30am.