

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 100 - 14.02.11)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Monday 14th February 2011 at 10.00am.

Present: Messrs, A Willis (Chairman), A. K. Thorpe (Minutes Secretary), J Soper, M.C. Wright

100.1 Apologies for absence:

I.M. Dougill (Secretary); G.C.G. Wilton.

100.2 Not present:

Mr. N. Sturgess, A. Smith.

100.3 Minutes of Meeting 99 (15. 11.10)

The depot location was discussed. Although it could go where the rail storage area is this may not be practical in terms of access for unloading. MCW confirmed that the culverts at Cabin Crossing have been cleared out.

With regard to 99.3 clarification is required from Richard Robson as to whether the Legislation referred to is actually Legislation.

ACTION
AW

100.4 Matters Arising

100.4.1 Craft Cottage

AW said that he had written to Timpsons on 20th January 2011 enclosing some supporting information and is currently awaiting a reply.

100.4.2 Belliss & Morcom set (PRISM Fund)

David Senior agreed to keep AW informed as it is likely that the PRISM fund may still be a source of funding. It was suggested that GCW should prepare a project plan.

ACTION
GCW

100.4.3 Street Furniture interpretation

GCW had informed AT that the Education Department were doing some work on this. AW to speak to Education Department.

ACTION
AW

100.4.4 Draft Development Report

AT has made some comments and will circulate them electronically. AT will also develop the Action Plan between now and next meeting.

ACTION AT

100.4.5 Town End area inc. Landscaping

AW has spoken to Richard Sykes about the Fence and is awaiting prices. MCW said that the Bundy Clock still does not work. There has been no progress at Town End since February 2010 and it looks in a very poor state in a place where people stand waiting for trams. JS said there are two lamps on either side of the Assembly Rooms which are in a poor state. AW to prepare a note to Richard Sykes stating that Development Committee require this area to be completed and tidied up by Easter.

ACTION
AW

100.4.6 Stone Workshop

JS said that the architect stated that the bay window on the front of the Stone Workshop was not in-keeping with the character of the building. MCW disagreed. JS said that we need to ask what the building will look like once completed. MCW said that the building needs to look period 1910 with shop fronts. AT was concerned that Development Committee appear not to have seen the designs for the Stone Workshop given its prominence in the Street.

100.4.7 Wakebridge (signage)

We have £1,500 funding to do some signage work. AW has prepared some suggestions (covering the whole museum). AW produced a quote from FastSigns but the committee considered the quote to be too high. MCW has some prototype signs from which copies could be made for the new toilet arrangement at Stephenson Place/Town End and this may also be progressed with this funding. AW wondered whether Andrew Frost could assist. MCW suggested painted aluminium signs and will get some quotes. It was discussed that it would be best if they were double sided and demonstrated some ownership (eg Crich Tramways). AW would seek further quotes.

100.4.8 Storage Facility

It was reported that GCW had previously mentioned that there was some funding in the budget for racking at Clay Cross. It was discussed that there is a need for an additional storage facility at Crich.

100.5 Ripley Police Station

AW reported that Laura Greaves was preparing a preliminary application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £750,000 which will be submitted soon.

100.6 Red Lion Ramp

Unfortunately in AS's absence this item could not be progressed.

ACTION
AW

100.7 Bandstand area Re-development

Unfortunately in AS's absence this item could not be progressed. However, JS said that in order to do the work during winter 2011/12 we need to be going out to Tender in July. Costs need to be finalised by the end February so that AW can speak to Derek Redmond about Subscriber Plus funding. AW would ask AS for costings for the revised plan using brick instead of stone by end February 2011.

ACTION
AW/AS

100.8 Glory Mine

This project is currently on hold until funding can be secured and will be revisited at the next meeting.

100.9 Woodland Walk

The woodland walk is still looking a mess. It is of concern that there is not a specific revenue budget to maintain this area given that boardwalks, sculptures etc have an ongoing revenue cost. It was recommended that the goat be removed. AW to follow this up with a view to ensuring that the woodland walk is tidied up before Easter. AT to carry out site visit.

ACTION
AW/AT

100.10 Benches and Memorials

AW to provide some comments to AT.

100.11 Blackpool Depot Fund

AW said that he had been asked to change the name of the Blackpool Depot Fund as it may not be used exclusively for Blackpool trams.

It was agreed that this be renamed 'Depot VII'. Board has agreed in principle that this project will go ahead but there is uncertainty about how it will be funded; the subscriber fund now stood at about £7,000 and the remainder could be made up from bequests.

AW reported that the Planning Authority have visited and informally advised that they have no problem with either the Depot or the Ripley Police Station. JS agreed to prepare the drawings for planning consent in due course.

ACTION JS

100.12 Projects for the Future

The Committee was still awaiting further information from GCW regarding the Anderson Shelter and Tram Body. It was felt that the Allotment needs further consideration, particularly with regard to on-going upkeep.

100.13 Any Other Business

AW agreed to ask GCW what his plans were for the PCC exhibition in depot VI.

Regarding the Depot Environment there was some discussion as to whether this falls under the terms of reference of this Committee and it was felt that it did. This will form an Agenda item at the next meeting and it was requested that GCW brings with him some thoughts as to what could be done. This would form the basis of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund later this year. MCW also suggested that an industry museum standard with regard to conserving tramcars should be sought.

ACTION
GCW

The verge between the footpath and street has not been maintained and is overgrown. This needs action before Easter. AW to flag this up to Richard Sykes.

ACTION
AW

MCW spoke to Richard Sykes about the site layout plan raised by AS at the last meeting but RS was not aware that such a plan existed. MCW to raise this at the next Board meeting because it is agreed that a site layout plan is required.

ACTION
MCW

100.14 Date of Next Meetingⁱ

Monday 6th June 2011 at 10.00am.

ⁱ AJW/devcomm100/feb2011