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**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 103 - 15.12.12**

**Project Room, Crich, 10am**

Present: Messrs, J Markham (Chairman), I.M. Dougill, J Soper, M.C. Wright, G.C.G. Wilton; A. Smith.

**103.1 Apologies for absence:**

Mr. A.Thorpe, Miss L.Greaves

**103.2 Minutes of Meeting 102 (12.3.12)**

Agreed.

**103.3 Committee membership**

Mr.Dougill had decided not to continue as secretary. Mr.Thorpe was willing to take over.  
Agreed. No other changes in membership.

**103.4 Dates of next meetings:**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013, 2pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm

**103.5 Bandstand Area**

The area had attracted very considerable favourable comment. The area now presented a very positive initial impression to every entering visitor.

The Committee expressed its thanks to the team who made it happen and to the Subscriber Plus Fund and the individuals who jointly funded it.

Phase one was almost complete. The (existing) lamp did not yet work. Provision had been made for a second one round the corner. The final part of the (original) pedestrian barrier needed reinstating, and the temporary 21<sup>st</sup> century one removed. The light in the phone box needed connecting to the street light circuit. Ducting was thought to exist behind the wall.

**Actions: JDM to ask R.A.Sykes**

It was agreed that a replica non-functioning instrument be installed in the phone box, as the risk of theft of a 'real' one was considered significant.

**Action: MCW**

Phase two (£70,000) to complete the west side with further railings, gates and kerb from the phone box would await funding. Most items were in stock. The first small part (kerb from phone box up the hill) could be done for ca £6k.

**Action: MCW to ask D.Redmond**

**103.6 Next HLF application**

The memorial hall had not been supported, neither had any street or track enhancement projects. Environmental control without destroying the visual impact might be achieved on the existing Depots with sliding glass doors.

The next item was to be Depot extensions and upgrade by developing the entire area south and east of the Red Lion with a linked series of period facades fronting a restaurant and exhibition building. Rising up to three floors it would balance the Offices and Bank on the west side. Designs would be developed.

**Actions GCGW**

**103.7 Benches and Memorials**

The process set out in Mr.Thorpe's paper had been agreed, and supported by Mr. & Mrs.Quarmby, would be proceeded with.

**Action AT**

**103.8 Members' Accommodation**

The Board had decided to replace Field House with a new structure. The Committee, however, had recommended refurbishment.

**103.9 Relocation of the Indoor Play Area.**

The excavation by the Red Lion had been delayed by the planning process and could not now begin until winter 2013-14. The move is to release space for trams. The equipment would be relocated in a temporary sectional building known to be available, which would need to be carefully screened by period hoardings to preserve the appearance of Tramway Street.

**Action: JDM to review with RAS**

The Committee was not content with the relocation proposal, and recommended that the excavated area be reconsidered for more profitable use, i.e. to increase the visitor attraction.

**Action: JDM - Board**

**103.10 Storage facility**

Whilst a secure storage of our artefacts is needed, finance was not presently available.

**103.11 Town End area Inc. landscaping**

It was noted that no progress had been made following the excavation of the embankment in February 2010. A screening fence or wall was essential in providing an appropriate Tramway Environment for visitors waiting at the Tram Stop. Derby College might be able to install suitable foundations and brick wall in front of the bank. To be ca 5ft high, from the Trams Running Board to the steam tram water column. This would be a significant contribution to the 'Tramway Period' scene.

**Action: GCGW**

The Bundy Clock and fibre optic telecomms cable, both damaged and failed because of the above work, needed repairing.

**Action: JDM to review with RAS**

**103.12 Wakebridge.**

No developments.

**103.13 Glory Mine**

Several items had been acquired from Metrolink, and it was agreed that these should be used in creating a Second Generation tram stop and opening the area. It would be the subject of a 'Derwentwise' joint project lottery bid.

**Action: JDM/GCGW**

**103.14 Red Lion Ramp**

Being regularly inspected and maintained.

**103.15 Future Projects: Development Report**

A draft had been prepared by a previous chairman (see meeting 95). Paper and electronic copies were thought to exist. To be circulated to the Committee again.

**Actions: MCW electronic, JDM paper.**

**103.16 Any Other Business**

The committee noted with regret the replacement of the 'smoothway' across the Depot Yard, with tarmac, significantly spoiling the 'period' appearance, and that some of the surface contact studs had been removed. Whilst perfect for wheeled users, it proved too slippery for everyone else. The blue ridged bricks were the perfect substitute, but expensive. The committee wished for a programme of gradual tarmac replacement (with the blue bricks) to restore the Yard's appearance as soon as funds permitted.

**Action: JDM- RAS**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.50pm

Circulation: those present and apologising

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