

Minutes of the Development Committee Meeting no.108, held on 22nd July 2015 at the Museum

Present:

Ian Dougill, Duncan McEwen (President), James Brett, Laura Waters, Allan Smith, Malcolm Wright

Acting Chair and secretary: Mike Galer

Apologies: Adrian Thorpe (secretary), Jim Soper

Action Points from previous meeting:

- 1) The phase 1 walk-round/survey will occur on Tuesday the 23rd June 9 to 11am with, LW, MSG, JB and DMcE
- 2) DMcE to start researching the possibility of an Inspectors Hut.
- 3) James Brett to continue working with Historic England and the condition Survey of the Derby Assembly Rooms
- 4) DMcE to pursue the Post Office further about the outstanding issues with the pillar box
- 5) Re-read 2012 Development Committee report
- 6) MSG to email Derek Redmond about subscriber plus
- 7) Next meeting **Wednesday July the 22nd 10.00am**

Minutes:

Walkrounds (action point 1 from previous meeting) LW

Phased walk-rounds/survey for the street furniture. LW explained process and current progress (3 walk-rounds at that point). Marylebone gates area, assembly rooms and ice-cream parlour and the 3rd side of track to depot gates. Photography and notes. "Object condition reports" (example given). Discussed priority ratings and importance. Weighing up the various history of objects, what has happened in the past etc. flagging up budget issues, H&S issues and so on.

Action: continue with walkrounds.

Q&A's:

Q: MW asked LW how does walkrounds fit in with the 'inventory' i.e. Glynn's work?

A: most of Glynn's work started elsewhere, but the current work includes Bob Hall's work which was quite comprehensive.

A side conversation commenced: there has been new traction poles installed over the last year – but there is concern that poles without finials will be filling with water and ultimately rusting from within thus causing all sort of problems and risks.

Action: Mr Brett to review with Mr.Bird

Q: was there a ruling on colours (DMcE to MW)?

A: reference to an earlier committee report.

Action: MCW to research

Q: Bundy clock near Police Box – how is it going?

A: Mike Smith was looking at it, but on long term sick – may need to look for help elsewhere [update 11.9.2015 Mr Smith now back at work on phased return, 1 day a week].

Q: What are the plans to do the work? (AS)

A: some of the work is simple, i.e. volunteer painting and so on within the 'normal' Outside Works team area of concern, or could be done during the winter as part of winter-working weekends and other methods. Some is more complex and needs extra budget, specialist external contractors and so on. Some might need external funding and work within outside partners.

Action: Inspector's Hunt (DMcE), action point 2 from previous meeting.

Duncan discussed this notion and talked about photographs he had seen and particularly Church Street in Manchester. MW commented there are lots of period examples. Need spec from Traffic department before proceeding.

Action: determine Traffic department's needs and write specification

Survey of the Derby Assembly Rooms (action point 3 from last meeting) LW & JB

Some interest to the tender and some visits soon from prospective candidates. Out for tender 1st August.

Action: will report more next meeting.

Pillar Box (action point 4 from last meeting) DMcE)

Outstanding issues with the pillar box. We are not allowed to touch it. Duncan still dealing.

Action: DMcE carry on dealing!

Derek Redmond, subscribers plus (action point 6 from last meeting)

Action: MSG to review with Mr.Redmond

Other discussions: the following were discussed briefly

- Phase 2 of the bandstand
- Fencing beyond the tram stop/Victoria Park
- Discussed committee involvement in new depot/conservation centre
- Rationalisation
- Grand Union Junction buried in car-park
- 2012 Development Committee report: read it!

Action Points:

- 1) Carry on with phased walkrounds with, LW, MSG, JB and DMcE
- 2) Consider traction poles without finials rusting from within
- 3) DMcE to continue researching the possibility of an Inspectors Hut.
- 4) James Brett to report on the progress of the condition Survey of the Derby Assembly Rooms
- 5) DMcE to pursue the Post Office further about the outstanding issues with the pillar box
- 6) Re-read 2012 Development Committee report
- 7) MSG to email Derek Redmond about subscriber plus
- 8) Next meeting Friday September the 11th 10.30am**

Circulation: those present, those apologising, TMS Sec.

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