

**THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 112 –8.4.16)**

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 2.pm

Present: M.C.Wright (Chairman); J Soper; J.Brett; A.Smith, D.McEwen, M.Galer

112.1 Apologies for absence:

A.Thorpe; L.Waters (report attached, appendix one); I.Dougill.

112.2 Minutes of Meeting 111

The minutes of meeting 111 were approved.

112.3 Matters Arising

Actions outstanding from previous meetings:

a) The Bundy Clock, See appendix one.

**Action: LW**

b) Inspector's Hut: Pictures of tramway period structures had been found, to be reviewed with N.White. Most were simple wooden huts with little character

**Action: MCW**

c) 'Gentlemen' and 'Ladies' finger signs: It was agreed that these (damaged) signs be repaired and reinstated on appropriate traction poles.

**Action: MCW- to obtain quotes**

d) Weather Vane (Barnett's sweet shop): The vane was life expired, would be replaced when workshop capacity was available, and the original conserved.

**Action: LW**

e) Wall Clock: See appendix one

**Action: LW**

f) Exhibition Hall clock: see appendix one.

**Action: LW**

g) Police Sentry Box (Town End): Investigations indicated failed cables. Excavation would be needed for a new telephone line, but the power cable is repairable.

**Action: JB**

h) Paint schemes: Research outstanding. Most recent reference found was meeting 96, January 2010, item 4a. Research is continuing. The usual colours for the period were brown. maroon, and green, relieved with cream highlighting.

**Action: MCW**

12.4 Assembly Rooms: Scaffolding erected. Repair work had yet to begin.

**Action: JB.**

112.5 Walkarounds: To be resumed. The record sheets already completed were being added to the new Street Furniture spreadsheets, an example of which was circulated. See appendix one.

**Action: DWMcE**

112.6 Post Box: The Post Office had a quote of £1050 from Romec, their approved contractor to repair the Box's internals. As the Box belongs to the Museum, the Subscriber Plus fund might finance it.

**Action: DWMcE (Post Office) and MCW (D. Redmond)**

112.7 Victoria Park: Subscriber Plus Fund: The specification would be amended and new quotations would be obtained for the work to be done winter 2016/17.

**Action: JS and JB**

The MacRae Police Box. The Board had agreed in principle, provided an appropriate agreement was concluded. As it was not TMS property, the Subscriber Plus Fund was not appropriate, but the Jubilee Fund could be. (see appendix two)

**Action: MCW –D.Redmond**

Restricted Street Notices: Quotes for the 'restricted street' notices would be sought from a local aluminium foundries near Buxton ready for the rest of phase 1 Victoria Park.

**Action: MCW**

- 112.8 'Trams Running' Board. The Traffic Department wished replicate the information displayed inside Admissions by replacing the board destroyed by a previous General Manager. Suitable 'period' designs had been identified.

**Action: MCW & N.White**

- 112.9 Beer Cellar (ex Craft Cottage). Meeting arranged regarding insulation.

**Action: JB**

- 112.10 Exhibition complex at Cabin; Item closed.

- 112.11 Red Lion Beer Garden. Detailed drawings and costings would be prepared, and reviewed with the R&C manager and R.Pennyfather.

**Action: JS and AS**

- 112.12 R&C Area. A prerequisite of any development of the R&C area required excavation to track level so that buildings would complement the Red Lion and enhance the Tramway Street.

- 112.13 Vintage School. Needed to be considered opposite the "Five Year Strategy (2014-2019)." See below.

- 112.14 New Items

a) Eagle Press: a new 21<sup>st</sup> century light had been fitted directly under the period one above the doorway, and quite out of keeping with the Tramway Period Street. Required by law, a more 'period-looking' light would be sought. The lights on the Burnley Offices and Learning Centre are also of an inappropriate pattern. See also Appendix one.

**Action: JB**

b) Committee membership. It was suggested that Andrew Watkins be invited to join the Committee in view of his interest in street development.

**Action: MCW**

c) Town End queue signs: It was noted that the two small enamel signs "Form Queue This Side" and "Form Queue Other Side" were missing from the shelter. It was thought they had been removed when their suspension brackets corroded through. Their whereabouts were unknown. Replicas could be sourced, provided a suitable pattern could be found.

**Action: LW**

- 112.16 Carried forward for the next meeting:

Review of the Development Report (no.3) opposite the Five Year Strategy. Copies of the latter were provided after the meeting, the former is on the TMS server in the Development Committee folder.

**Action All**

Wakebridge;

Glory Mine: 'second generation' tram stop?

Street development beyond Victoria Park towards Cabin;

Other projects which could enhance the Tramway Period Street.

**Action: All**

- 112.13 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 2pm, at the Museum.

Circulation:

Those present & apologising

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## APPENDIX ONE

Development Committee Report from Laura Waters, Curator:

### **Clocks:**

I have been in contact with Smith of Derby, who have been making clocks for more than 150 years. I have arranged for Peter Sully, who covers our area, to come for a site visit, to inspect the Bundy Clock, the large clock in the exhibition hall, and to discuss having a new clock made to do on the street and replace the old one which used to be on the Stephenson building. He will be visiting hopefully w/c 18<sup>th</sup> April or the following week. He was going to confirm a date to me by next week.

I have asked him to have a look at providing us an idea of cost, time, resources required for a) repairing the Bundy clock so it will operate correctly,

b) restore and if possible get the clock working in the exhibition hall, and

c) the options for having a new clock made, which would be double faced and back lit, and would be on a bracket

### **Street Furniture Inventory Database**

I've been working on creating the database for all of the information that we recorded when doing the walkouts. It is on the Company shared drive, in the folder called '*street furniture\_street*'.

I've attached for information, that start of where I have currently got to with it. There will be two sheets in the excel file, one for non artifact items and one for historical artifacts (example circulated at the meeting).

I've taken all the information from the object condition forms that Duncan kindly wrote up and I've put in columns for when we will next inspect the item, plus one for any action taken.

Each item that we have recorded has a new identification number, which should be used whenever we are discussing or identifying that item in correspondence / reports. All the numbers start with the prefix TR\_ST which stands for Tramway Street.

When I've completed all the inputting, James, myself and Duncan will be able to work out which items require the most urgent attention, and which ones can be done relatively quickly, which ones need doing more urgently as they are ones seen by customers, and work can be planned accordingly.

Duncan already has a head start on this work, with everything that was achieved over the winter and what is now being done in regards to some of the lampposts etc.

What I could do with from Duncan is regular updates as to what work has been carried out, and when an item has been finished, so the database can be kept up to date with the correct information of the state of the items. (I have dropped Duncan an email to ask him for this)

### **Eagle Press Lighting**

If the subject comes up, I'm very much of the opinion that whilst we do need to conform to current standards and regulations, the track lighting that was put in there, plus the ridiculously bright strip light, was ill considered and if a little more thought had been put into it, we could have taken the opportunity to install some heritage looking lights, that fitted with the period style of display within the building.

There are more than a few companies we could have gone to, who could have supplied period fittings, but wired to modern standards.

<http://www.metcraftlighting.com/products/>

<http://www.urbancottageindustries.com/>

[http://www.jw-uk-ltd.co.uk/html/lanterns\\_spheres\\_.html](http://www.jw-uk-ltd.co.uk/html/lanterns_spheres_.html)

<http://www.hightechnologylighting.com/info/heritage+led+lighting>

## Appendix Two Jubilee Fund

The Fund was set up in 1998 to commemorate fifty years of tramcar preservation. It was “to help Develop the Tramway”, and intended to fund any tramway (capital) project in whole or in part, or to be used as ‘matching funding’ for grant applications. Not to be used for running costs.

References: Board minutes 14141, 14209, 14251 meetings 377.378, 379, and “The TMS Jubilee Fund” by Ian Yearsley, The Journal No.164, October 1998, pages 132 & 133.

As at 31.3.2015, the Fund stands at: £14,401 (source: Annual report, 2015).  
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