

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 115 –19.5.17)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Friday 19th May 2017 at 10.30am.

Present: M.C.Wright (Chairman); J Soper; J.Brett, A.Smith, M.Galer, and I.Dougill.

115.1 Apologies for absence: A.Thorpe; L.Waters, D.W.McEwen.

115.2 Minutes of Meeting 114 The minutes of meeting 114 (Friday 7th April) were approved.

115.3 Matters Arising: Actions outstanding from previous meetings:

a) The Bundy Clock. (11.9.15) Overhaul of the mechanism (quote £995).

Action: JB/LW

(In the Chairman's opinion all it needs is levelling, nothing more, but not easy to do.)

b) Inspector's Hut: (11.9.15) Pictures of tramway period structures had been found, and been reviewed with N.White. Most were simple wooden huts with little character. Further examples to be sought.

Action: MCW

c) 'Gentlemen' and 'Ladies' finger signs: (11.9.15): Signs collected from Leander, Dove Holes. Intended locations to be checked after the meeting.

Action: MCW & JB

d) Weather Vane, Barnett's Sweet Shop: (11.9.15). The vane was life expired, and would be conserved and replaced by a copy. When?

Action: LW

e) Wall Clock on Stephenson Building: (11.9.15) Funded by the Jubilee fund. Winter project.

Action: LW/JB

f) Exhibition Hall clock: (11.9.15) A quote had been received for £1,999 to put it in working order. Winter project.

Action: LW

g) Police Sentry Box, Town End. (11.9.15): The outside bell and flashing light can now be reinstated.

Action: JB

h) Committee membership. Mr. Andrew Watkins had accepted the invitation to join the Committee and expected to be at the next meeting.

i) Walkarounds: To be resumed.

Action: DWMcE

j) Post Box: (11.9.15) Funding agreed. Awaiting Post Office action.

k) Victoria Park and Hyde Road: Subscriber Plus Fund: The location and fixing of the 'Hyde Road' signs was still being reviewed. It was agreed that a low wall and/or railings would improve the appearance and stop the embankment from encroaching onto the pavement. To be included in the winter work, as would the new street light opposite.

Action: MCW/MSG

l) The MacRae Police Box. (8.4.16). The Board had agreed, located as planned (minute 19023), provided an appropriate agreement with the owner was concluded, using the Jubilee Fund.

Action: LW

m) Restricted Street Notices: (8.4.16) Discussions with the castings manufacturer (Leander) had identified a suitable post and finial for the 'restricted street' sign and a price would be sought.

Action: MCW

n) 'Trams Running' Board. (8.4.16) Specification outstanding.

Action: MCW

o) Eagle Press outside light: (8.4.16) Potential sources of 'period' (but compliant) fittings had been identified (see appendix one, meeting 112). The lights on the Burnley Offices and Learning Centre are also of an inappropriate pattern and would also be changed.

Action: JB

p) Buggy Park. Was to be set into the bank to improve circulation space. Winter project.

Action: JB

115.4 Village Hall Project.

Jim Soper had incorporated all the suggested improvements to produce 'Scheme C'. In addition, Alan provided some proposals for a combined Admissions- Sales- Village Hall on the Admissions car park location.

After careful consideration of the relative merits of both schemes, it was agreed that a 'village hall' alongside the track offered the most advantages in the development of the 'Tramway Period Street'.

This scheme was expected to cost ca £320k +vat. EXCLUDING the bringing of services to the building (water to fire brigade standard, power, comms, sewerage, the repositioning of traction poles, and any consequential earthworks in the car park and trackside.

The proposal would be presented to the next Trustees' meeting.

Action: MCW (narrative) MSG (drawings)

The Chairman thanked Messrs Soper and Smith for their efforts.

(Chairman's Note: the Committee has NOT considered the business case for the project)

115.5 Stephenson Place hoarding. Currently unadorned (a consequence of the theft of some and safe removal of other) posters and enamel adverts, a suggestion had been made that a member of the Committee could take over responsibility for affixing fresh posters, including the practice of 'flyposting'. Typical early 20th century adverts could be produced by the Eagle Press. To be investigated.

Action DWMcE

115.6 Any Other Business.

a) Croydon Manhole covers: An opportunity had arisen to acquire a couple of 'Croydon Corporation Tramways' manhole covers. It was agreed to take advantage of the offer.

Action: AS

b) Microbrewery: An offer had been made to build a microbrewery on site. Whilst a potential attraction if it was in an appropriate period building (by the Red Lion?), there would have to be a clear business case. Refer to Strategy Group.

Action: MCW

c) Bus from the Mike Sutcliffe Collection. Separate funding was being sought to display the vehicle in a suitable setting. It was agreed the best location would be a 'bus garage', placed alongside the Red Lion. The excavated area, whilst too small for the Hall, could be sufficient for the bus, the Tower Wagon (CWJ 410), and an interpretive display, but probably not the Leeds recovery truck as well. It would allow the bus to be easily demonstrated on Tramway Street.

Action: MCW to review with fundraiser.

d) 'Steep Hill' sign A complete cast 'Steep Hill' signpost which been in store for years, and which was last seen when the Stephenson Workshop was cleared out, would be suitable for Hyde Road. It was presumed to have been taken to Clay Cross. To be looked for on a

convenient visit.

Action: JB

Carried forward for the next meeting:

Review of the Development Report (no.3) opposite the Five Year Strategy.
MCW to recirculate.

Action All

Wakebridge;

Glory Mine: 'second generation' tram stop?, interpreting the mineshafts?

Street development beyond Victoria Park towards Cabin;

Other projects which could enhance the Tramway Period Street.

Action: All

113.17 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 4th August 2017, 10.30am, Lecture Room.

Circulation:

Those present & apologising

A.P.Watkins

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Appendices: none