

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (MEETING 117 –17.11.17)

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Friday 17th November 2017 at 10.30am.

Present: M.C.Wright (Chairman); J Soper; J.Brett, M.Galer, D.W.McEwen, A.Watkins, L.Waters, and L.Smith..

117.1 Apologies for absence: A.Thorpe, I Dougill

117.2 Minutes of Meeting 116 The minutes of meeting 116 (Friday 4th August) were approved with a minor date amendment.

117.3 Matters Arising: Actions outstanding from previous meetings:

a) The Bundy Clock. (11.9.15) The mechanism is with the Derby clocksmiths. The case has been refurbished inside and out.

Action: LW

b) Inspector's Hut: (11.9.15) Apart from the cast iron ones at Blackpool (none of which survives), only characterless wooden sheds had been found. Further prettier examples are being sought.

Action: MCW

c) 'Gentlemen' and 'Ladies' finger signs: (11.9.1 The locations for the Gents' and Ladies' signs needs further consideration.

Action: MSG and LW

d) Weather Vane, Barnett's Sweet Shop: (11.9.15). The vane was life expired, and would be conserved and replaced by a copy at some undefined time in the future.

Action: LW

e) Wall Clock on Stephenson Building: (11.9.15) Funded by the Jubilee fund. Winter project 17-18, now deferred until 18-19. This was disappointing, especially as the funding was available now.

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, 2018-19.

Action: LW

g) Police Sentry Box, Town End. (11.9.15): The outside bell and flashing light can now be reinstated, so the phone can be heard from outside the box.

Action: JB

h) Walkarounds: Had been completed and the documentation was in progress.

Action: DWMcE

i) Victoria Park and Hyde Road: Subscriber Plus Fund: A low wall to stop the embankment from encroaching onto the pavement, the extra street lamp and repair of the light by the tram stop were in the 17-18 Winter programme. Pictures of the lamp (before it was broken) would be sought.

Action: MCW/JB

A correct pattern 'extra' street lamp was required. Commercially available sources would be investigated.

Action: DWMcE to source, JB to obtain

j) The MacRae Police Box. (8.4.16). There had been no response from the offeror. Item closed.

k) 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

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

Action: MCW

m) 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 (total six) and would also be changed. DWMcE would locate suitable types and suppliers for JB.

Action: DWMcE/JB

n) Buggy Park. Was to be set into the bank to improve circulation space. Winter17-18 project.

Action: JB

o) Village Hall Project. The plans had been shared with R&C and events. JS was ready to apply for planning permission and building regulations as soon as required.

Actions: MCW to ask Board.

p) Stephenson Place hoarding. Examples of typical early 20th century adverts had been found which could be produced by the Eagle press.

Action DWMcE

q) 'Croydon Tramways' manhole covers. Two had been acquired and were in a Croydon Corporation depot on a pallet ready for collection. They were significantly heavier than anticipated, and would require lifting equipment to unload them at the Museum

Action: AS/JB

r) Stench Pipe, Stephenson Place. Repairs will be made this winter.

Action: JB

s) Bus from the Mike Sutcliffe Collection. Proceeding, but difficult. One possible location for the bus garage had been identified: an add-on to the west side of the Grand Exhibition Hall.

t) 'Steep Hill' sign. The complete cast 'Steep Hill' signpost, presumed to have been taken to Clay Cross has not yet been found.

Action: JB

117.4 Double track to Wakebridge. All the original rail laid in the mid 1960's (two thirds of the line to Wakebridge) would be replaced on the same alignment by the year end.

117.5 Woodland Walk and Wakebridge. The funding application was in progress to improve amenities at Wakebridge and the woodland walk, e.g. repair of Cabmen's Shelter and opening the Octagon with an interpretive display, and more sculptures, and to interpret the adit and mineshafts at Glory Mine. The adit would be difficult to use because of its stability and location. The high level area alongside Cabin crossing (north end of Top Bank) would be fenced and opened once the grass had established itself (good viewpoint/photograph location).

Action: MSG, LS

117.6 Layout of Glory Mine: Replacement of the track would be required soon, and schemes were under discussion with the Traffic Department as to the best layout having regard for the Development Committee's proposals for a 'second generation' tram stop. A left hand running loop was intended with the same capacity as Wakebridge, alighting and boarding points respectively on each side of the loop and a two-car reversing stub. It was thought an advantage to retain the siding. Surface would be tarmac or (if easier) setts. A bird hide and the camera obscure could be considered.

Action: LS, MCW/N.White/LW

- 117.8 Depot Refurbishment: Appearance. After extensive research, new doors of a more typical design, (for example as used at Gateshead & Newcastle) had been identified. The swept path of the trams and the very limited clearances had made the project extremely difficult. As the financial incentives were no longer attractive, there would be no solar panels, but more translucent panels (with uv filters) would be fitted in the roof. Lighting would be by LEDs. The doors would be painted heritage green.
- 117.9 Displaced Artefacts: Paxman generator and rotary converter. They would be stored safely off site. Referred to the Collections Management Committee. The now redundant and isolated period switchgear would remain in place. The room would be used for Workshop purposes, as the replacement electrical equipment was extremely small by comparison and had no live terminals.
- 117.10 Area beside Red Lion There had been several schemes, for this key area, but the site is narrow, tapering and needs an expensive extension to the retaining wall. Ideas for the next meeting.

Action: All

Carried forward:

Review of the Development Report (no.3) opposite the Five Year Strategy.
Street development beyond Victoria Park towards Cabin;
Other projects which could enhance the Tramway Period Street.

Action: All

117.13 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 23rd March, 2018, 10.30am.

Circulation:

Those present & apologising
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Appendices: none