

## THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 122, 28.6.19

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Present: M.C.Wright (Chairman); D.W.McEwen, J.Soper.

122.1 Apologies for absence: A.Thorpe, I Dougill, M.Galer, J.Brett, A.Smith.

122.2 Minutes of Meeting 121. The minutes of meeting 121 (8<sup>th</sup> March 2019) were approved.

122.3 Matters Arising: Actions outstanding from previous meetings:

a) The Bundy Clock. (11.9.15) A new door seal is in stock ready to fit.

**Action: DWMcE- MSG**

The clock is checked, adjusted (and wound up if necessary) by Outside Works.

This was part of the Duty Inspector's daily activities until its damage in 2010. It could be demonstrated during daily Guides' Tours. No progress.

**Action: MCW>NW**

Other Timeclocks: Three red timeclock cases and a clock of the 'insert card' type had been overhauled several years ago and were thought to be in Clay Cross. It would be valuable to install one at Town End for tram crews' use and replace the current timesheets to demonstrate a more appropriate and authentic system.

**Action: clock& case JB, timesheets MCW>NW**

b) Inspector's Hut: (11.9.15) It was agreed a 'street cabinet' such as the electric pillar by the Depot Gates would be appropriate. Suitable examples of street furniture had not yet been found.

**Action: ALL**

c) 'Gentlemen' and 'Ladies' finger signs: (11.9.15) Locations for the Gents' and Ladies' signs needs further consideration.

**Action: MSG**

d) Weather Vane, Barnett's Sweet Shop: (11.9.15). The vane had been removed and conserved. It would be replaced by a copy at some undefined time in the future. A company had been identified which could make a replica. A quotation would be sought.

**Action: DWMcE**

e) Wall Clock on Stephenson Building: (11.9.15) Replacement funded by the Jubilee fund. Winter project 17-18, now deferred indefinitely. This was disappointing, especially as the funding was available now and it would significantly improve the Tramway Period scene. Some parts of the original clock ornamentation had been found.

**Action: JB**

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

**Action: MSG**

g) Police Sentry Box, Town End. (11.9.15): The external bell was difficult to reinstate as the buried cable had been severed. A louder bell inside was unsuccessful. Needs painting and a new hinge

**Action: JB**

h) Victoria Park and Hyde Road: (12.12.16) The extra street lamp was complete. The lamp by the tram stop would be repaired when resources were available.

**Action: JB**

Repainting of the phone box was progressing well, but it would not be fitted with an instrument as at this location this was considered a security risk. (The handset in the Town End kiosk was removed damaged about five years ago and has not been replaced)

**Action: DWMcE**

**A suggestion had been received that Bandstand Curves, due for replacement in two years time, should be with RAILWAY track for ease of maintenance. This was totally against the Development Plan which envisaged a 1930's tarmac-and-setts street up to the single line.**

**An anonymous donor had already offered to fund this roadway once the track had been relaid in 'proper' tram rail.**

**Action MCW - Board**

i) Restricted Street Notice: (8.4.16) The sign be placed at Victoria Park at the end of the park railings going up the hill using one of the posts from Matlock Council. Red disc finial needed. (Commercially available).

**Action: MCW-JB**

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

**Action: MCW**

k) Eagle Press (and other) outside lights: (8.4.16) Investigations continue, most of the non-period wall lights do not need 'emergency' capability.

**Action: DWMcE/JB**

l) Stephenson Place hoarding. (19.8.17) Examples of typical early 20<sup>th</sup> century flyposting type adverts had been found. The Eagle press could not produce them.

**Action DWMcE**

m) 'Croydon Tramways' manhole covers. (19.5.17) The two acquired were in a Croydon Corporation depot on a pallet ready for collection. Transport to be arranged.

**Action: AS/JB**

n) Stench Pipe, Stephenson Place. (19.8.17) Repairs completed.

o) 'Steep Hill' sign. (19.8.17). The sign was to be installed at Victoria Park on the hill at the end of the pavement.

**Action: JB**

p) Woodland Walk and Wakebridge. (17.11.17) Funding for the Cabmen's shelter had yet to be obtained. The hands-on sculpture was proving popular with children. Access to the substation was being revised so the now disused historical switchgear (Lister Drive Liverpool) could be safely interpreted and viewed.

**Action: MSG**

q) Track Replacements: (19.8.17) Glory Mine Loop had been replaced but was not yet usable by all types of current collector.

Doubling the track to Wakebridge is in the plan for winter 19-20 but as yet unfunded.

r) Stephenson building wall furniture: (23.3.18) discussion deferred.

s) Tram stops. Passenger information at tram stops was being reviewed following the changes to the service. A thirties style typeface and diagrams were to be tried.

**Action: MCW**

- 122.4 New catering Facilities Should the plans for the new facilities be too expensive, it was suggested that a re-examination of Phase Two of the Red Lion be considered, and updated. This included new kitchens, repositioning of the staircase to make the upstairs into a conference room. A lift (not considered necessary in 1990) would need to be included. Copied of the drawings would be obtained and sent to the Museum.

**Action: JS**

- 122.5 AOB Carried forward:

Review of the Development Report (no.3) opposite the new Five Year Strategy.

Street development beyond Victoria Park towards Cabin;

Other projects which could enhance the Tramway Period Street.

**Action: All**

- 121.6 Date of Next Meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 10.30am, Poplar House.

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