

THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 123, 18.1019

Held at the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, on Friday 18th October 2019.

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

123.1 Apologies for absence: J.Brett, who had provided comprehensive notes instead.
Not present: A.Thorpe who had decided not to continue and A.Smith.

123.2 Minutes of Meeting 122. The minutes of meeting 122 (28th June 2019) were approved.

123.3 Matters Arising: Actions outstanding from previous meetings:

a) The Bundy Clock. (11.9.15) A new door seal was fitted. 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. . Having worked perfectly for most of the season, it stopped this week and will need specialist attention.

Action: Curator and 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: no-one available

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 were unnecessary, existing signage is considered adequate.

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.

Action: no-one available

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: no-one available

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: as e above

g) Police Sentry Box, Town End. (11.9.15): The external bell had been reinstated and has proved successful.
Box needs painting and a new top door hinge. The two remaining hinges are showing signs of extreme distress.

Action: JB

h) Victoria Park and Hyde Road: (12.12.16) The extra street lamp was complete and working. The lamp by the tram stop could be repaired once the cable to it had been identified and when resources were available.
Repainting of the phone box was complete.

Bandstand curves would be replaced this winter (19-20), funded from reserves.
Traction poles in the area need refurbishing (at £700 per pole). **Unfunded.**

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 which will be painted when volunteer resources permit.

Red disc finial needed. (Commercially available).

Action: MCW finial

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

Action: MCW

k) Eagle Press (and other) outside lights: (8.4.16) Suitable lights procured, awaiting electrical resource.

Action: DWMcE/JB

l) Stephenson Place hoarding. (19.8.17) Enamel 'OXO' sign affixed. Flyposting examples are due to be obtained from an outside source.

Action: MSG

m) 'Croydon Tramways' manhole covers. (19.5.17) The two acquired were in a Croydon Corporation depot on a pallet ready for collection. In the absence of A.Smith there was no further information.

Action: AS

n): Steep Hill' sign. (19.8.17). After painting by volunteers, the sign was to be installed at Victoria Park on the hill at the end of the pavement at the same time as the Restricted Street sign..

Action: JB

o) Woodland Walk and Wakebridge. (17.11.17) Funding for the Cabmen's shelter had yet to be obtained. Access to the substation was being revised so the now disused historical switchgear (Lister Drive Liverpool) could be safely interpreted and viewed. Volunteer assistance will be needed.

Action: MSG

p) Track Replacements: (19.8.17) Glory Mine Loop had been replaced and was usable by all types of current collector by mid June. Surfaces at the stops need completing to reduce trip hazards, particularly for crews turning trolleys.

Doubling the track to Wakebridge is in the plan for winter 20-21 but as yet unfunded.

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

r): Tram stops. Passenger information at tram stops. A thirties style typeface and diagrams were to be tried. However, the member of the traffic staff offering the ideas has yet to produce them.

Action: MCW

s) New catering Facilities No further input from the Committee required.

123.4 Wall post box. This had been refurbished. Wording on thereplacement enamel plate was agreed. *"Not in use, the nearest post box is across the street by the tram stop".*

Action: DWMcE

123.5 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

123.6 Date of Next Meeting: Friday 21st February 2020, 10.30am, Poplar House.

Circulation: Those present & apologising, TMS hon sec