

**THE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY**  
**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING No.124**  
**FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2021**

**Present:**

A J Willis, Chairman;  
D W McEwen;  
A Smith;  
R Walker;  
D Webb;  
Miss K Watts;  
Dr M S Galer;  
G Wigglesworth.

**Apologies:**

M C Wright;  
A Thorpe;  
D G Hanger.

**Committee changes**

It was with regret that the deaths of I M Dougill and J Soper were recorded.  
R Walker, D Webb and D G Hanger had joined the Committee.  
Miss L Waters and J Brett had left the employ of the Society. Miss K Watts is the new Curator and G Wigglesworth the new Engineering Manager.

**124.1 The minutes of meeting 123 were approved.**

**124.2 Matters Arising (Actions outstanding from previous meetings)**

124.2.1: The Bundy Clock.

KW to investigate returning the clock to working order and setting out a procedure for winding the clock mechanism. Agreed not to proceed with the repair of the printing mechanism. It was thought that the bell would ring if the drivers' key is inserted and turned.

Action KW

124.2.2 Other Time Clocks

Agreed that if the Bundy Clock is repaired there is no need for another time clock at Town End

Minute closed

124.2.3 Inspectors' Hut

The need for an Inspectors' hut is not proven.

Minute closed

124.2.4 Weathervane on Sweet Shop

DWMcE had a contact for producing a replica of the tramcar on top of the weathervane. He would obtain a quote. The original was thought to be in the Archive. KW to search

Action DWMcE/KW

124.2.5 Wall Clock on Stephenson Building

The clock was thought to be at Clay Cross but condition unknown. KW to investigate and report back.

Action KW

124.2.6 Exhibition Hall Clock

Agreed to leave Exhibition Hall Clock in non-working state and review at a later date.

124.2.7 Police Call Box

It was thought that this item and the K1 phone box (Pagoda) were being dealt with by the Collections Management Committee.

124.2.8 Victoria Park Northbound Tram Stop

Street lamp to be repaired.

Action GW

#### 124.2.9 Restricted Street Notice/Steep Hill Sign

It was thought that the Steep Hill sign was more appropriate than the Restricted Street sign. Volunteers could paint and Facilities to erect.

Action GW

#### 124.2.10 Trams Running Board

Now superseded by similar notices at Admissions.

KW agreed to consider displaying the trams information boards removed from trams in service each day, rather than have them left in the Workshop where the public cannot view them.

Action KW

#### 124.2.11 Eagle Press and Other Security Lights

GW to source and cost suitable period style security lights.

Action GW

#### 124.2.12 Stephenson Place Hoarding

MSG confirmed that Eagle Press can produce period style paper notices. Replica advertisements could be used and varnished.

Action MSG/KW

#### 124.2.13 Croydon Tramways manhole Covers

AS will arrange collection

Action AS

#### 124.2.14 Wakebridge Sub-Station

GW advised that Neil White was working on a plan to open, with interpretation, the sub-station to visitors next season.

#### 124.2.15 Track Replacement

Agreed that this was a subject for Board discussion based on track replacement schedule.

Minute closed

#### 124.2.16 Tram Stops

MCW to progress

Action MCW

#### 124.2.17 Wall Post Box

Enamel plate replaced by DWMcE.

Minute closed

#### 124.2.18 Street Development Beyond Victoria Park

Any development beyond Victoria Park would be covered by the Board's 5/10 year Strategy and is therefore no longer a subject for this Committee.

Minute closed

### 124.3 Development Report No. 3

Agreed to defer revision/rewrite. Should form part of the Board 5/10 year Strategy document.

### 124.4 Terms of Reference

A proposed updated version was circulated for future discussion.

Action All

### 124.5 Café Project

AW explained that the concept document (already circulated) sets out the current thinking for a replacement café and access block. The concept envisaged building the new facility broadly on the foundation of the existing café building and retaining the terrace. The scaffolding and plywood ramps would be replaced by an access building with stairs and a lift as proposed for the previous café replacement project.

The Committee reviewed the plans of the previous project to understand the location and layout of the new facility together with the provision of a storage facility behind the Red Lion.

It was agreed that the new café building could:

- 1) Be of a pre-formed construction;
- 2) Have a predominately glass frontage;
- 3) Be sufficient to cater for 100 covers;
- 4) Have two uni-sex toilet cubicles for public use plus a staff toilet; and
- 5) Include a manager's office.

The kitchen should be equipped to service a fast-food menu based on that introduced during the Covid pandemic, although this could be modified following visitor feed-back. The food offer must include

vegan/vegetarian food and the service would revert to using crockery and metal cutlery requiring adequate pot-washing facilities.

A cold room and a freezer room would be included preferably in the café building but otherwise in the adjacent storage facility.

AW/MSG to ask Miss Isaacs for her views on the proposed café layout and the necessary kitchen equipment. Wherever possible existing equipment to be re-used.

AW will invite Miss Isaacs to the next Development Committee meeting.

#### **124.6 Amber Rock Resort**

No further information was available concerning this project.

#### **124.7 Other Projects**

124.7.1 Depot Gates and Bowes-Lyon Bridge.

GW has quotes for re-painting. To be considered at a future meeting. Funding required. Subscriber Plus Fund to be approached.

Action AW

124.7.2 Marylebone Gates.

DWMcE currently fettling and painting.

#### **124.8 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 17 November at 11am, venue to be advised.