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DIRECTOR'S BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1962.

Present: Mr. T. B. Le Cren - Chairman

Mr. J. E. Bown

Mr. D. J. Crabb

Mr. G. W. Dixon

Mr. N. N. Ferguson

Mr. R. M. Fishenden

Dr. J. E. M. Johnston

Mr. D. C. Wall - Secretary

Also present: Mr. J. H. Bicknell - for item 6(a)

Mr. G. D. Clegg - Building Section

Mr. P. I. Kent - for item 6(a)

Mr. J. K. Thornton - S.W.O.

Mr. W. F. Wood - for item 5

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1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December, 1961, were accepted.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Building 182 (Min.2)

The Chairman reported that he had examined the building with Mr. Fishenden and agreed that it be refurbished at an estimated cost of £300 for use by the Motor Club.

Building 443.24 (DIDO) - Changerooms for high activity cell (Min.7)

The Chairman reported that a number of economies and adjustments had been effected which reduced the estimated total cost from £8,000 to £6,100 and recommended that the revised scheme be accepted.

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The Committee approved the scheme at a cost of £6,100 excluding fees.

3. Motor-Generator Set Housing - BC(62)3

The Committee gave siting approval for a small building to house a 250 KW Motor-generator set and its associated equipment at the rear of Building 152.

Mr. Clegg was asked to ensure that the bases laid down for such structures were not too substantial for the limited use required of them. As the building would not be required after mid-1963, it was agreed that it should be included in the Lands and Accommodation schedule of buildings for demolition.

4. Review of Harwell Buildings - BC(62)2

The Chairman reported that the paper "Review of Harwell Buildings" had been presented to the Harwell Council and was going to the R.G.M.B. The point was taken by the Council that although the early stages of the programme should be fairly firm, the latter stages were somewhat tentative. No provision had been made for the high flux reactor, as, if this was ever approved, it would probably be necessary to import additional labour for its construction and there would probably be special arrangements for financing it. If it should arise it would, however, necessitate a rephrasing of the building programme.

The Committee then considered and discussed BC(62)2, being a report prepared by the Chief Architect answering certain questions raised by the Chairman and making general observations on the ways of carrying out the Harwell Building Programme in a speedy and economic manner.

The Chairman read a minute from the Director on the paper which emphasised the importance of early planning. Each building should have a

project officer or building sponsor (a) to formulate technical requirements, (b) to see that they are met, and (c) to keep in close touch with building progress (which might affect scientific planning). Any change suggested by the Architect to make his design and the methods of erection easier should be approved by the project officer.

The Director thought that in several buildings insufficient attention had been paid to acoustic insulation.

He presumed that there was good liaison between S.W.O. and the Works Engineering Group, particularly on services and maintenance.

5. Building 775.17 - Active Workshop for Reactor Area - BC(62)4

Mr. Wood presented a paper seeking approval for the construction of an active workshop in the Reactor Area at a token estimate of cost of £20,000. The project had been approved in principle at the Harwell Council.

In view of the fact that a token estimate only had been prepared for the scheme, the Committee agreed that the working party under Mr. Fishenden should first examine the functional requirements of the scheme: once these had been agreed, S.W.O. could then prepare the project (preliminary rough) estimate which would form the basis of the working party's examination of costs.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Conversion of Building 401.1 - BC(61)27
Modifications to Building 9.3

DJC Mr. Clegg reported that the cost of modifying building 9.3 for use by the Production Group, Engineering Division, for routine non-destructive testing was estimated to be £825 and not £2,000, the original token estimate.

(b) Extension to East End of Hangar 9, Main Workshop

Mr. Clegg reported that costs on the scheme, approved in November, 1960 at an estimated cost of £3,500, had risen by £660 due to an increase in contract rates. In addition the client wished to extend his requirements, by the enclosure of an open area at an additional cost of £300.

TBLcC The Chairman said that the £660 must be accepted but was not sure whether an extension of the hangar was justifiable. He would obtain the views of the Chief Engineer on the scheme as a whole in view of the time that had elapsed since the scheme was approved.

(c) Advanced Ceramics Building

Mr. Thornton reported that the token estimate for this scheme was about £450,000.

TBLcC The Chairman agreed to discuss the scheme with Mr. Grainger.

(d) New Bus Park

The Committee noted two sketch plans for the new bus park prepared by S.W.O.

The next meeting will be held on 6th February, 1962, at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Room, Cockcroft Hall.

D. C. Wall
Secretary

Finance Branch,
Building 329.

11th January, 1962.

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